



**CITY OF SNOHOMISH  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES  
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)  
File #01-17**

**Date Issued:** January 13, 2017

**Proposal Name:** Fence Regulations Code Amendments (City file no. 01-17-SEPA)

**Proponent:** City of Snohomish Planning and Development Services  
116 Union Avenue  
Snohomish, WA 98290  
(360) 282-3173

**Lead Agency:** City of Snohomish

**Description of Proposal:** This is a non-project action that includes adoption of amendments to Title 14 relating to the regulation of fences and freestanding walls (retaining walls, rockeries). The intent of the amendments is to clarify language especially regarding location of fences in the right-of-way and permitting of freestanding walls.

**Threshold Determination:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. The requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plans adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist, applicable regulations, and other information on file with the City of Snohomish. This information is available for review at the Snohomish City Hall, 116 Union Avenue, Snohomish, WA 98290 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

**Written comments may be submitted to the lead agency to the attention of Brooke Eidem, at the address below. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2016.**

**SEPA Responsible Official:** Glen Pickus, AICP

**Position/Title:** Planning Director **Phone:** (360) 282-3173 **E-mail:** pickus@snohomishwa.gov

**Address:** City of Snohomish, 116 Union Avenue, Snohomish, WA 98290

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Glen Pickus, Planning Director

**APPEALS:**

Unless withdrawn or revised pursuant to comments received within the comment period above, this Determination of Non-Significance shall be final on February 16, 2016. Appeals of this SEPA threshold determination must be filed in writing with the City Clerk for the City of Snohomish by 5:00 p.m. on **January 31, 2017**. Appeals must be made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 14.75 SMC. A \$500 appeal fee must be filed with the appeal. Appeals must be in writing and received as original documents by the close of the appeal period. Fax, e-mail and similar forms of document transmission shall not be accepted and shall not be considered as meeting the filing requirements. Appeals must state the section of the SMC being appealed, the specific determination or mitigation being appealed and the form of relief requested.



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## STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) CHECKLIST

### PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS [\[help\]](#)

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

### USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NONPROJECT PROPOSALS [\[help\]](#)

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements - that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

Project #:	01-17-SEPA	
Date:	4/11/17	Staff Intake: <i>Kaled</i>



**A. BACKGROUND** [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:  
Fence regulations code amendment
  
2. Name of applicant:  
Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner for City of Snohomish
  
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:  
116 Union Ave  
Snohomish, WA 98290  
360-282-3173
  
4. Date checklist prepared:  
January 9, 2017
  
5. Agency requesting checklist:  
City of Snohomish
  
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):  
Planning Commission public hearing February 1, 2017.  
City Council public hearing/adoption March 7, 2017.
  
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.  
  
No.
  
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.  
  
None.
  
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.  
  
No.
  
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.  
  
None. This is a non-project action.



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- 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Non-project action. The proposal is to amend the land use development code section 14.240.060 SMC - Fence and Wall Regulations to clarify regulations for fences and retaining walls, including how to measure their height and when they are allowed in public rights-of-way. Related amendments are proposed in the Definitions chapter 14.100 SMC for internal consistency.

- 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The proposal is not site specific. The proposed amendments would be applicable city wide.

**B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

**1. Earth [\[help\]](#)**

- a. General description of the site (circle one):

Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.



- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

As a non-project action, no erosion reduction or control measures are proposed or required.

**2. Air [\[help\]](#)**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air are proposed or required.

**3. Water [\[help\]](#)**

- a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.



- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.



c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts are proposed or required.

**4. Plants [help]**

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.



- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

**5. Animals [\[help\]](#)**

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

All of western Washington is part of the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds.  
As a non-project action, the proposal will not affect migratory species.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to preserve or enhance wildlife are proposed or required.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

**6. Energy and natural resources [\[help\]](#)**

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.



- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control energy impacts are proposed or required.

**7. Environmental health [\[help\]](#)**

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are proposed or required.

- b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.



- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control noise impacts are proposed or required.

**8. Land and shoreline use [\[help\]](#)**

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

This non-project action has potential applicability to lands within the City's jurisdiction on which a range of land use activities may currently occur. Existing land uses will not be affected by the proposal.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The non-project proposal has potential applicability to all zoning classifications. Land use designations may be found on the City's adopted Land Use Designation Map.



- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

This non-project action has potential applicability to all Comprehensive Plan land use designations.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

This non-project action may be applicable to lands within any of the City's Shoreline Master Program designations.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control displacement impacts are proposed or required.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The proposed code amendments are not anticipated to affect compatibility between adjacent land uses and have been determined consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

As a non-project action, the proposal is not site specific. The proposed amendments are not anticipated to affect compatibility of land uses with commercial use of agricultural and forest lands. No measures are proposed or required.

**9. Housing [\[help\]](#)**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.



- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:  
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

**10. Aesthetics** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?  
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?  
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:  
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

**11. Light and glare** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?  
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?  
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?  
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:  
As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts are proposed or required.

**12. Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?  
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.



- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation are proposed or required.

**13. Historic and cultural preservation [help]**

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control impacts on objects, landmarks, or places identified as having historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance are proposed or required.

**14. Transportation [help]**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

This is a non-project action. It is not site specific. The City of Snohomish is adjacent to US-2 to the north, and is bisected by SR-9. No impacts to the existing street system are expected.



- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The City of Snohomish is served by Community Transit bus service.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control transportation impacts are proposed or required.

**15. Public services [\[help\]](#)**

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

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- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

As a non-project action, no measures to reduce or control impacts on public services are proposed or required.

**16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)**

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other \_\_\_\_\_

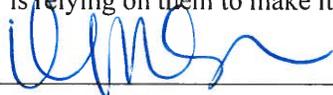
N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

N/A - the proposal is a non-project action and is not site specific.

**C. Signature [\[help\]](#)**

The information and answers provided in this Environmental Checklist (including Supplement for Non-project Actions, if applicable) are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 

Date Submitted: 1/9/17

Agency Evaluation completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**D. supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** [\[help\]](#)  
(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

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Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed amendment to Title 14 SMC is not expected to result in increased discharge to water, emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic hazardous substances, or production of noise. The non-project action will change development regulations, but the change is not expected to generate unmitigated adverse impacts.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

**No measures are proposed, because no adverse impacts are expected.**

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposed amendments are not likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life. The amendments do not expand the range of uses currently permitted in the city or relax regulations that protect plants, animals, fish, or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

**No mitigation measures are necessary for the non-project legislative action.**

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposal would not change the use of or adversely affect energy use or natural resources. Proposed code amendments would not increase the potential for impacts to natural resources, environmentally sensitive areas and endangered species habitats.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

**No mitigation measures are proposed, because no adverse impact is expected.**

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The proposal would not change the use of or adversely affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designation for government protection. Proposed code amendments would not increase the potential for impacts to sensitive areas.



Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

No mitigation measures are proposed, because no adverse impacts are expected. Critical area impacts and mitigation associated with development proposals are evaluated during project review according to best available science and substantive regulations of the SMC.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The non-project action is not expected to impact expected land uses. Thus, the action will not result in significant adverse land use impacts, or an increased likelihood that incompatible land conflicts will result. Shoreline areas are regulated under the City's Shoreline Master Program, which is not affected by the current proposal.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Compliance with applicable land use regulations and engineering standards, the SEPA process, and the City's land use review processes will minimize the potential for land use conflicts and ensure consistency with all existing land use plans.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

No increase in demands on transportation or public services and utilities is expected to result from the proposed legislative amendment.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

No measures are proposed because no adverse impacts are anticipated.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

No such conflict has been identified.