



CITY OF PUYALLUP

Development Services

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Preliminary **DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

For **Title 20 Zoning Code Amendments**

Project No: PLCTA20240050

Date of Issuance:	May 22, 2024
Description of Proposal:	2024 Code Amendments to amend five sections of Title 20 of the Puyallup Municipal Code regarding outdoor storage, multi-family setbacks, building façade treatment, and daycare parking ratios.
Location of Proposal:	This is a non-project SEPA determination (not site specific). Proposed updates to the Puyallup Municipal Code will affect properties throughout the city.
Proponent:	City of Puyallup – Development Services Department, Planning Division 333 South Meridian Puyallup, WA 98371
SEPA Responsible Official:	Meredith Neal, Development & Permitting Services Director
Contact Person	Katie Baker, AICP, Planning Manager Development Services Department, Planning Division 333 S. Meridian Puyallup, WA 98371 (253) 435-3604 kbaker@puyallupwa.gov
Approvals Required:	Amendments to the city's Municipal Code take effect upon adoption by the City of Puyallup City Council.

A. PROJECT SPECIFIC MATERIALS (INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE – WAC 197-11-635):

- 1) The subject Threshold Determination herein and associated environmental findings are based upon review of the following documents submitted by the applicant and official responses from the city in regard to the underlying permit(s). These documents are incorporated by reference, in accordance with WAC 197-11-635, and are available for public review on [the City's online permit portal](#).
 - a) SEPA Checklist/Non-Project Action Checklist, completed by the Planning Division. Dated April 24, 2024.
 - b) Proposed code amendments to Puyallup Municipal Code sections 20.20.040, 20.25.0215, 20.25.040, 20.26.300, and 20.55.010.
- 2) City Council will consider these proposed code amendments at a public meeting on June 4, 2024.
- 3) A summary of the code amendments proposed, including key environmental issues addressed and associated findings made during the threshold determination process are as follows:
 - a) **PMC Title 20 Zoning** – Five sections of the city's zoning regulations are being updated to streamline and clarify standards that commonly lead to misunderstanding by applicants or needed interpretations by staff. These amendments are procedural, clarifying regulations for outdoor storage on vacant lots, setbacks in two multi-family zones, building façade treatment, and daycare parking ratios. These regulations address the impacts of new development in residential and commercial zones, and therefore do not require additional mitigation.

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Upon review of applicable documentation, the Responsible Official of the lead agency does not anticipate that any of the proposed updated regulations in the zoning code amendments included in this action would be expected to result in a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Given their intent to clarify existing regulations, the proposed amendments should maintain or increase environmental protection. This determination assumes subsequent case-by-case SEPA review, on a project-specific basis where required, of any development permits that may occur throughout the city and to which these code amendments would apply.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This finding is made pursuant to RCW 43.21C, PMC 21.04.120 and WAC 197-11 after reviewing a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. The Responsible Official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal. This information is available to the public on request.

COMMENTS

Comments on this preliminary DNS must be submitted within 14 days or by **3:00 p.m.** on June 5, 2024 to the Responsible Official at City of Puyallup Development Services Center. Comments will be accepted by mail or (preferably) by email.

- Please mail to: Development Services Department, Attn: Michelle Hannah, 333 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371.
- To submit comments electronically, please send via E-mail to: Planning@PuyallupWA.gov; or contact the case planner below.
- Katie Baker, Planning Manager at (253) 435-3604 or kbaker@PuyallupWA.gov.



APPEALS

Consistent with WAC 197-11-545 regarding commenting parties and agencies, an appeal of the subject DNS may be filed via a written request with the SEPA Responsible Official by applicable parties and agencies within 10 days of expiration of the comment period or by **3:00 pm** on June 17, 2024.

Appeals will be accepted by mail, or (preferably) by email. Please call the case planner listed below prior to submission of an appeal to make arrangements for submittal of the appeal documents.

- Please mail to: Development Services Department, Attn: Michelle Hannah, 333 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371.
- To submit an appeal electronically, please send via E-mail to: Planning@PuyallupWA.gov and PermitCenter@PuyallupWA.gov, and/or contact the case planner below.
- Katie Baker, Planning Manager at (253) 435-3604 or kbaker@PuyallupWA.gov.

Prior to submittal and payment of the \$650.00 appeal fee, consult PMC 21.04.205 regarding SEPA Appeals or contact the SEPA Responsible Official at Planning@PuyallupWA.gov or (253) 864-4165 to ask about the appeal procedures. Be prepared to make specific factual reasons, rationale, and/or the basis for the appeal. This determination will become final if no formal appeals are filed and/or reconsideration requests are made by the expiration date listed above.

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Katie Baker, AICP	May 20, 2024
Planning Manager	Date
	
Meredith Neal	May 20, 2024
Interim Director, Development & Permitting Services	Date
City of Puyallup Responsible Official	

Attachments:

- SEPA Checklist/Non-Project action supplement