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Development Services

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

For **Title 20 Zoning Code Amendments**

Project No: PLCTA20240050

Date of Issuance:	October 22, 2024
Description of Proposal:	2024 Code Amendments to amend one section of Title 20 of the Puyallup Municipal Code regarding methadone clinics in the MX Mixed Use Zone chapter.
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 & Permitting Services Department, Planning Division 333 South Meridian Puyallup, WA 98371
SEPA Responsible Official:	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 September 23, 2024.
 - b) Proposed code amendments to Puyallup Municipal Code section 20.31.015.
- 2) City Council will consider these proposed code amendments at a public meeting on November 19, 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** – The proposed action will adopt an amendment to the zoning code to clarify that methadone clinics are prohibited in the MX Mixed Use Zone chapter. Allowances for methadone clinics were previously reviewed in 2016 and are permitted only in the MED Medical zone. An oversight resulted in this code section being silent as to whether methadone clinics are allowed or prohibited; this clean-up will clarify that the clinics are prohibited in these zones.

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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 this code amendment 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 November 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 November 15, 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

Planning Manager

City of Puyallup Responsible Official

Date

Attachments:

- SEPA Checklist/Non-Project action supplement