

Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of SEPA Determination City of Spokane

Notice is hereby given that the Spokane City Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, beginning at 4:00 PM online via the WebEx Meetings software. This hearing or portions thereof may be continued at the discretion of the Plan Commission. The proposal concerns amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code (SMC): 17F.070.470 – Construction Standards, Existing Building and Conservation Code, Compliance with Order; and, 17F.070.490 – Construction Standards, Existing Building and Conservation Code, Enforcement. Public testimony will be taken at the hearing from interested persons. Any person may submit written comments on the proposed actions or call for additional information:

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HOW TO ATTEND THE MEETING: Due to the need for social distancing and because City Hall remains closed to the public, the Hearing will be held online via the WebEx Platform. Attendees may also call in by phone to hear and testify. Interested persons can contact staff at the contact info above to request connection information. Additionally, connection details will be provided online at the following address at least one week in advance:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/commissions/plan-commission/>

SEPA: The proposed amendments are categorically exempt from SEPA.

Documents relating to this text amendment are available for viewing at:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/alternative-to-substandard-building-demolition/>

Applicant: This is a City-sponsored proposal.

Location: Proposed amendments are applicable within the City of Spokane.

Proposal: The proposed amendments provide an alternative to demolition orders by the Building Official as a part of the substandard building process in the City of Spokane. The intent is to facilitate mitigation of safety hazards and nuisance conditions, aimed at the rehabilitation and re-use of substandard, abandoned, unfit, and/or nuisance properties. The proposed amendments would be implemented as part of the Building Official hearing process – an administrative hearing process for substandard, abandoned, unfit, and nuisance properties. When appropriate, the Building Official could refer a property to City Legal staff to petition Superior Court to appoint a Receiver as the responsible party for a substandard and unfit property. This alternative could be implemented following exhaustion of all appropriate administrative remedies, including standard code enforcement processes, Building Official administrative hearing(s) and related appeals processes. Once referred, the case would follow Superior Court protocol.

Only the applicant, persons submitting written comments and persons testifying at a hearing may appeal the decision of the Plan Commission and City Council.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) INFORMATION: The City of Spokane is committed to providing equal access to its facilities, programs and services for persons with

disabilities. The Spokane City Council Chamber in the lower level of Spokane City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., is wheelchair accessible and also is equipped with an infrared assistive listening system for persons with hearing loss. Headsets may be checked out (upon presentation of picture I.D.) at the City Cable 5 Production Booth located on the First Floor of the Municipal Building, directly above the Chase Gallery or through the meeting organizer. Individuals requesting reasonable accommodations or further information may call, write, or email Human Resources at 509.625.6363, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99201; or msteinolfson@spokanecity.org. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact Human Resources through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1. Please contact us forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting date.

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