

Notice of Intent to Adopt Amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code

Notice is hereby given that City of Spokane Planning Services intends to propose amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) for recommendation by the Plan Commission and adoption by the City Council as part of its regular periodic maintenance of the SMC. Maintenance projects are conducted periodically; this is the fifth such effort over the past two decades. Phase 1 of the code clean up consists of minor amendments to the code such as corrections to cross references. A summary of the process, proposed changes, and the draft ordinance is available online <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2020-2021-unified-development-code-maintenance/>.

A Plan Commission hearing is anticipated December 9, 2020. Any person may submit questions or comments at this time, request to be added to a distribution list for notification and updates and participate when the hearing date and time are confirmed. The project lead contact information is below:

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Documents relating to this proposal are available for viewing online at <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/2020-2021-unified-development-code-maintenance/>

PROPOSAL: The Proposal is classified as “clean up,” likely taking place in three phases from 2020-2021. Phase I addresses minor changes and is intended to remove references to repealed SMC chapters or sections, redundant phrases, and other minor clean up actions such as typographical errors.

The specific SMC sections are: Chapter 04.13 Administrative Agencies and Procedures, Section 04.13.015 Design Review Board Purpose; Chapter 17C.110 Residential Zones, Section 17C.110.100; Residential Zones Primary Uses; Limited Uses (L) and Conditional Uses (CU); Chapter 17C.124, Section 17C.124.110 Downtown Zones; Limited Use Standards; Industrial Limitation; Chapter 17C.220, Land Use Standards, Section 17C.220.060 Off-site impacts, Noise; Chapter 17E.050 SEPA Article III, Section 17.050.080 Categorical Exemptions-Applicability, Chapter 17F.010, Construction Standards General Provisions, Section 17F.010.050 Notice of Hearing; Chapter 17F.040 Building Code, Section 17F.040.140 Awnings; Chapter 17G.040 Design Review Board Administration and Procedures, Section 17G.040.040 Design Review Criteria; Chapter 17G.060 Administration and Procedures, Section 17G.060.020 Administration; Chapter 17G.070 Planned Unit Developments, Section 17G.070.220 Vesting; Chapter 17G.080 Subdivisions, Section 17G.080.070 Subdivision Design Standards; Chapter 17H.010 Street Development Standards, Section 17H.010.240 Vertical Clearances; Chapter 17H.010 Street Development Standards, Section 17H.010.250 Horizontal Clearances.

SEPA: The proposed amendments are categorically exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(19)(a)(b).

Only persons submitting written comments and persons testifying at a hearing are likely to have standing to appeal the ultimate decision of the City Council.