

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 required by RCW 90.58.080(4) Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review. A summary of the process, draft review checklist, and the draft amendment proposal is available online [Spokane Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update](#)

Two virtual technical team and open houses are scheduled for December 1, 2020; 10:00-11:00 AM and 2:00 - 3:00 PM. These will be joint meetings with the Dept of Ecology and City of Spokane to outline the scope of the Periodic Review, agency roles, proposal highlights, and time for questions.

The webex meeting link will be posted with an agenda on the project page the week of November 23 or can be sent upon request via email to the addresses below, and available online with the agenda. A Plan Commission workshop is anticipated January 13, 2021. Plan Commission hearings are anticipated in late February and City Council in late March to April, affording additional opportunities for public comment. Any person may submit questions or comments at this time or request to be added to a distribution list for notification and updates. 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/shoreline-master-program-periodic-update/>

PROPOSAL: The Proposal for the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review is a requirement to ensure compliance with several years of legislative changes to RCW 90.58 and solely constitutes the Scope of this proposal. The Periodic Review is not an update to the Shoreline Master Program or the City Comprehensive Plan - that is a future undertaking based on the State schedule for updates to both documents. The City of Spokane has reviewed the Periodic Review Checklist provided by Washington State Dept of Ecology and identified those sections of the Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) requiring amendment for compliance and those sections of SMC that are in compliance, documenting findings of adequacy. The City is also able to identify optional additional SMC sections to update in conjunction with this Review. A preliminary draft of the City's Periodic Checklist and identified amendments for compliance are available online: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/shoreline-master-program-periodic-update/>

Public participation and approval processes will be joint and coordinated with Dept of Ecology under the provisions of WAC 173-26-104. The joint review process consolidates the local and state public comment periods, shortening the approval process.

SEPA: The proposed amendments are subject to SEPA review and Dept of Ecology review, which is pending document drafting and public comment.

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.