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SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts, or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. *You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.* You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies and/or reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process, as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to *all parts of your proposal*, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal, and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first, but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans, and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for nonprojects) questions in Part B (Environmental Elements) that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
Revision to FWRC 19.115.090 (District Guidelines), adding a new section to the City Center core relating to view protection from public spaces.
2. Name of applicant:
City of Federal Way
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
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Contact: Keith Niven, Community Development Director
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4. Date checklist prepared:
25 January 2023
5. Agency requesting checklist:
City of Federal Way
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
Council adoption of proposed Code revisions in April 2023
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal?
If yes, explain.
No
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.
None
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.
None
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
Planning Commission recommendation and City Council approval.
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The proposed code amendments would create an allowance for Iconic Signs within the City Center of Federal Way. The iconic sign provision is intended to create a process whereby a proposed sign that does not meet the dimensional or other standards of the sign code, but, through design and artistic expression unrelated to its message, is culturally significant to the community or region, and is expected to serve a placemaking function either upon completion or with the passage of time.

The proposed amendments are attached as Attachment 1 to this Checklist.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The proposed amendments, if approved, would apply to the Federal Way City Center, specifically those properties under the red band (see Figure below).



B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site
(underline/circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____
The City has a variety of slopes from steep slopes on the western and eastern boundaries to more gentler slopes located in the interior of the city.
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

There are slopes steeper than 40% located within the city. The City Center portion of the City is relatively flat with slopes generally less than 10%.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.
There are a variety of soils located in the City. According to USDA's Web Soil survey, in order of prevalence, Alderwood gravelly sandy loam, 8 to 15% (21.5%), followed by Alderwood gravelly sandy loam, 0 to 8% (16.1%), followed by Everett-Alderwood gravelly sandy loams, 6 to 15% (10.4%), followed by Arents, Alderwood material, 0 to 6% (9.1%), followed by Arents, Alderwood material 6 to 15% (5.9%), followed by various other soil types at smaller quantities.
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.
There is evidence of recent and historic landslides occurring within the City in steeper-sloped areas. There is no evidence of unstable soils in the City Center area.
- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.
This is a non-project action. Any excavation, fill, and grading activities would be covered by the allowances, limitations and restrictions found in the Federal Way Revised Code.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
The proposed amendments do not alter the protection mechanisms currently in place in the Federal Way Revised Code.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
This is a non-project action. No revision is recommended to zoning designations or limits on impervious coverages.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
This is a non-project action. Erosion control measures are currently covered by the Federal Way Revised Code.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.
This is a non-project action and there are no project specific actions proposed at this time. Dust control and construction vehicle maintenance and servicing will be required during construction activities. New construction will be similar in terms of size and density to other urban uses currently allowed in each zone.
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
This is a non-project action.
Airborne emissions occur primarily from roadways and from exhaust from existing structures. Airborne emissions will not affect signs as they are non-occupied structures.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.
No measures are proposed in conjunction with this proposed code amendment. Future project specific actions will be subject to environmental review as required by the SEPA Rules, and will be evaluated in accordance with all plans, policies, rules, and regulations adopted as a basis for the exercise of substantive authority under SEPA to approve, condition or deny proposed actions.

3. Water

a. Surface Water

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.
The city of Federal Way has approximately 6.4 miles of Puget Sound shoreline. In addition, there are a number of lakes, streams and wetlands located in the city. There are no surface water bodies within the area proposed for this code amendment.
- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.
This is a non-project proposal. No construction will be directly related to this proposal.
- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.
Not applicable. This is a non-project action.
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
Not applicable. This is a non-project action.
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note the location on the site plan.
Not applicable. This is a non-project action
- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.
Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

b. Ground Water

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses, and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
This is a non-project action and includes proposed code amendments only. Nothing in the proposed amendments would influence where water is obtained.
- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.
This is a non-project action and includes code amendments only. Nothing in the proposed code amendments would allow connection to septic systems and none of the uses allowed from the proposed amendments would include chemical or agricultural discharges.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.
This is a non-project action and there are no site-specific proposals being considered at this time. The City of Federal Way has adopted the 2016 King County, Washington Surface Water Design Manual (KCSWDM), the 2016 Federal Way Addendum to the King County, Washington Surface Water Design Manual, the King County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Manual, and the latest edition of the LID

Technical Guidance Manual for Puget Sound. All runoff from projects stemming from these proposed code amendments will be required to comply with these adopted standards.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action proposing amendments to the city code. The proposed amendments will not increase the potential or risk for waste materials entering ground or surface waters.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:
None are proposed.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

This is a non-project action proposing amendments to the city code. The amount of clearing and vegetation removal is controlled by the Federal Way Revised Code and is not altered by this proposed code amendment.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

The City is unaware of any threatened or endangered plant species found within the City.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

This is a non-project action. Landscape requirements are identified in Title 19 of the Federal Way Revised Code. No revisions to those requirements are proposed with this code amendment.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

Noxious and invasive weeds are found throughout the City. The City complies with the State of Washington's and King County Noxious Weed Board's rules and recommendations for the control and eradication of listed noxious weeds.

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site, or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: _____

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: _____

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other _____

According to King County, 221 breeding and non-breeding bird species are common, uncommon, or usually seen on an annual basis in King County and there are approximately 70 mammals found in King County. The city is also home to fish bearing streams. No specific inventories were conducted for this Checklist preparation.

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Not applicable. This is a non-project action. However, there are no known threatened or endangered species known to be on or near this site.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Federal Way is located within the Pacific Flyway migration route utilized by waterfowl migrating north into Alaska and northern Canada.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

There are no provisions in the proposed code amendments to preserve or enhance wildlife.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

Invasive species may be present in the City. If existing, the City would comply with all State and County regulations for the control of such species.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

This is a non-project action. All construction will be subject to the Washington State Energy Code. Energy conservation measures would be incorporated into construction activities.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

The proposed code amendments do not include increasing building heights or property setbacks. The proposed code amendment might result in lower height buildings in some locations.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

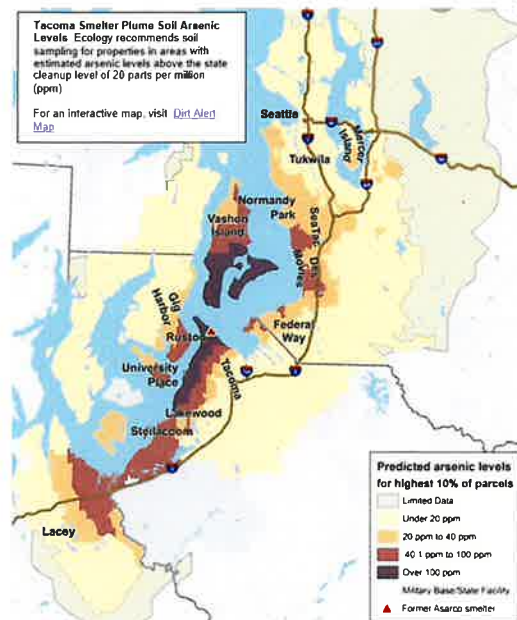
The proposed code amendments do not propose any additional conservation features from those uses currently allowed in each zone.

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

This is a non-project action and no site-specific proposals exists. However, a portion of the city has been impacted as being potentially impacted from the Tacoma Smelter Plume (see map below).



2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

This is a non-project action and no site-specific proposals exist.

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

This is a non-project action and no site-specific proposals exist.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

No special emergency services are anticipated.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

No mitigation measures are proposed with these proposed code amendments.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

The zones that would be affected with the adoption of this proposed amendment are located in the city where noise is generated by traffic, over-head airplane travel, construction and heavy equipment and other occupied land uses.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

This is a non-project action and no site-specific proposals exist. Following construction, the signs allowed by this proposed amendment will not emit noise.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Chapter 7.10 of the Federal Way Revised Code applies to all uses within the city. No other mitigation measures are proposed.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.
This is a non-project action and there is no site-specific project proposed.
- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or non-forest use?
The City does not have any agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance.
- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how.
Not Applicable
- c. Describe any structures on the site.
This is a non-project action and there is no site-specific project. The City Center is completely built and contains a variety of structures including housing, retail, hotel, and office.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
This proposed code amendment will not incent the demolition of existing structures within the affected area of the proposed code amendment.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
The area where this proposed code would be applied is the City Center Core (CC-C).
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
City Center Core.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
The proposed amendments would apply to a portion of the City that is not covered by the Shoreline program.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
There are no known critical areas within the area affected by this proposed code amendment.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
This is a non-project action relating to view protection.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
This is a non-project action and there are no direct displacements to consider with this action.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.
This is a non-project action, applicable only to the view protection, and no mitigation measures are proposed.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.
This proposed code amendment implements existing Goals and Policies in the Comprehensive Plan.
- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.
Not Applicable as there are no nearby agricultural or forest lands within the city.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
This amendment is to view protection only, there will be no new residential units created with this code amendment.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
The proposed code amendments will not result in the removal of any housing units.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.
None are proposed.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
This is a non-project action. The proposed code amendment would cap building heights in the identified area to protect public views of Mount Rainier.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
See Figure provided to Question 12.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.
The proposed code is intended to limit aesthetic impacts of blocking the public view of Mount Rainier.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
This is a non-project action. There are no proposed revisions to the City's current lighting regulations and guidelines.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
This is a non-project action. There are no proposed revisions to the City's current lighting regulations and guidelines.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
Off-site light sources could include I-5 and other major streets and existing developed properties in the City Center area.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.
This is a non-project action. No mitigation measures are proposed.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
The City of Federal Way Parks Department manages 23 neighborhood parks and six major facilities. The city also maintains 23 undeveloped open spaces and three trail systems for use by its residents, employees and visitors, defining a park system that exceeds 1,000 acres.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.
The proposed code amendments will not displace any existing recreational uses.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.

No mitigation measures are warranted.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.
The proposed code amendments represent a non-project action and there are no specific development proposals pending at this time. There are no known structures within the City Center that are 45+ years old.
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.
There is no evidence of Indian or historic occupation of the City Center area.
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.
The proposed code amendments are a non-project action. The City currently has an interlocal agreement with King County and the King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission to provide historic preservation services for the city and the procedures are provided in Federal Way Revised Code 19.285 (Protection and Preservation of Landmarks). No changes are proposed to the city's oversight of historic structures or properties. In addition, all non-exempt development projects are reviewed for SEPA compliance. Those reviews are shared with the tribes before permits are issued.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.
No additional measures are necessary.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
See Figure 1. The proposed view protection amendments will not alter access within the City Center area.
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
The city of Federal Way is served by public transit. Currently bus service is provided by King County Metro, Sound Transit and Pierce Transit. Light rail is expected to serve the city beginning in 2025. Distance to transit stops varies in the city.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?
This is a non-project action.
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
The proposed code amendments are a non-project action.
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
This is a non-project action and no site-specific proposals are being considered at this time.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?
This is a non-project action. The proposed amendments relate to view protection and do not generate trips.
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.
Not applicable. Federal Way is part of the Urban Growth Area of King County. There are no managed forests or agricultural areas in the city.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.
No mitigation measures are proposed.

15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.
This is a non-project action. The proposed code amendments do not add or remove allowed land uses from current zones in the city.
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.
No additional mitigation is warranted.

16. Utilities

- a. Underline/circle utilities currently available at the site:
 electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other _____
The City of Federal Way is served by Puget Sound Energy, Lakehaven Water & Sewer District, Tacoma Public Utilities, Comcast, CenturyLink, and numerous wireless carriers.
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.
This is a non-project action. Each development project resulting from the adoption of these proposed code amendments will propose utility improvements to serve their project. Requirements will vary by size and location of each project.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____

Printed Name of Signee: Keith Niven, AICP, CEcD

Position and Agency/Organization: Director, Community Development

Date Submitted: 25 January 2023

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions.)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed code amendments do not add or remove any currently-allowed land uses.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Noise emanating from any uses from the adoption of these proposed code amendments would be subject to the provisions of Federal Way Revised Code Chapter 7.10 (Noise).

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

No changes are proposed to property or critical area setbacks or allowed uses. The proposed view protection code might result in lower buildings within the identified affected area.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

No additional mitigation measures are necessary.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

No changes are proposed to property, building codes, or critical area setbacks or allowed uses.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

All new construction would be required to meet current energy codes. No other mitigation is warranted.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

No changes are proposed to property or critical area setbacks or allowed uses. Protections for critical areas are found in Federal Way Revised Code Title 14 (Environmental Policy) and Title 19 Chapter 19.145 (Environmentally Critical Areas).

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

No new provisions are necessary.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed amendments do not affect the critical area or shoreline regulations for the City. None of the proposed code amendments are expected to impact shoreline protections or use.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

No mitigation measures are proposed.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposed code amendments do not change the zones found within the city nor do they add or subtract from the land uses allowed in each zone.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

No monitoring or additional measures are warranted.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

There are no known conflicts in the proposed code amendments with state or federal regulations for environmental protection.