

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA) DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

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PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: Annual Code Cleanup Project
2020-2021

SEPA FILE NUMBER: SEPA-2020-00740

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

2020 Annual Municipal and Zoning Code Cleanup. The City ensures consistency between federal and state laws, the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. To maintain consistency, the Redmond Municipal and Zoning Codes are amended through a cleanup process once per year.

PROJECT LOCATION: citywide

SITE ADDRESS:

APPLICANT: Kim Dietz

LEAD AGENCY: City of Redmond

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the requirements of environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed through the City's regulations and Comprehensive Plan together with applicable State and Federal laws.

Additionally, the lead agency has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment as described under SEPA.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. **This information is available to the public on request.**

CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

PROJECT PLANNER NAME: Cathy Beam

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IMPORTANT DATES

COMMENT PERIOD

Depending upon the proposal, a comment period may not be required. An "X" is placed next to the applicable comment period provision.

There is no comment period for this DNS. Please see below for appeal provisions.

'X' This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2), and the lead agency will not make a decision on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments can be submitted to the Project Planner, via phone, fax (425)556-2400, email or in person at the Development Services Center located at 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, WA 98052. **Comments must be submitted by 09/23/2020.**

APPEAL PERIOD

You may appeal this determination to the City of Redmond Office of the City Clerk, Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th Street, P.O. Box 97010, Redmond, WA 98073-9710, **no later than 5:00 p.m. on 10/07/2020**, by submitting a completed City of Redmond Appeal Application Form available on the City's website at www.redmond.gov or at City Hall. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

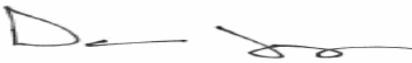
DATE OF DNS ISSUANCE: September 9, 2020

For more information about the project or SEPA procedures, please contact the project planner.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Carol V. Helland
Planning Director

SIGNATURE: 

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Dave Juarez
Public Works Director

SIGNATURE: 

Address: 15670 NE 85th Street Redmond, WA 98052

CITY OF REDMOND
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
NON-PROJECT ACTION
(Revised May 2018)

Purpose of the Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the City of Redmond identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply" and indicate the reason why the question "does not apply". It is not adequate to submit responses such as "N/A" or "does not apply"; without providing a reason why the specific section does not relate or cause an impact. Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later. If you need more space to write answers attach them and reference the question number.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the City can assist you.

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. When you submit this checklist the City may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Review Planner Name: Cathy Beam

Date of Review: 8/24/2020

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<p>7. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):</p> <p>Estimated for Type VI permit review beginning second quarter of 2020. Per RZC 21.76.050 Permit Types and Procedures - K. Type VI Review, the City's Technical Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council will review the amendments. The City Council is anticipated to take action on the amendments during the first quarter of 2021.</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>8. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain.</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>9. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared or will be prepared directly related to this proposal.</p> <p>No additional environmental information has been prepared nor is anticipated related to this proposals. The code amendment series is comprised of individual proposed amendments to the Municipal and Zoning Code. Each of these amendments provides an analysis of benefits, impacts, and risks for the City's consideration during formal review.</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>10. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain.</p> <p>No applications are pending regarding this non-project action.</p>	<p>CB</p>

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<p>11. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.</p> <p>This series will employ the Type VI permit review process, defined in RZC 21.76.050 Permit Types and Procedures - K. Type VI Review.</p>	<p>CB - Requires Planning Commission recommendation and City Council approval</p>
<p>12. 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.</p> <p>The proposal is a non-project action, involving amendments to the Redmond Municipal and Zoning Code as annual, minor corrections that a) provide clarity and conciseness; b) ensure accuracy between code sections and references; c) correct inadvertent errors, and d) account for newly amended policies, codes, and laws.</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>13. 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</p> <p>The amendments proposed in the annual cleanup series will address subsequent land use actions within the city. As amendments to the Municipal and Zoning Code, these would relate citywide based on the respective land use action.</p>	<p>CB - Amendments will apply citywide</p>

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<p>B. <u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u></p> <p>Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;">This is a non-project action and is not anticipated to directly increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise. A few of the proposed amendments included in this series provide update for consistency with state laws and standard City operations regarding stormwater and waste management. These are anticipated to provide positive environmental impacts.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:</p> <p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;">No measures are proposed to avoid or reduce impacts as no increases are anticipated as a result of this non-project action.</p> <p>2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?</p> <p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;">This non-project action, an annual series of amendments to address minor code corrections and updates, is anticipated to ultimately provide positive impact to plants, animals, fish, and marine life. Some amendments included in the series address stormwater and waste management code for consistency.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are:</p> <p style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 5px;">The above-mentioned amendments, by way of subsequent private and public development land use actions, are anticipated to provide increased measures toward protecting and conserving plants, animals, fish, and marine life. For example, amendments regarding pet waste will reduce the amount of fecal waste in runoff</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 20px;">CB</p>

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<p>3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?</p> <p>The amendments to the Municipal and Zoning Code in this non-project action are not anticipated to deplete energy or natural resources. As a non-project action, the amendments will not directly result in land use actions, and instead, will regulate subsequent actions during private and public development projects.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:</p> <p>The annual code cleanup series includes a few amendments to stormwater, waste management, and green building standards for consistency with federal and state laws. These are anticipated to provide minor chances whereby subsequent private and public development would employ operations and standards toward increased protection and consideration of energy and natural resources.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Similarly, the individual amendments proposed to stormwater, waste management, and green building provided within this code cleanup series are anticipated to have a positive impact on environmentally sensitive areas and areas designated for governmental protection. Subsequent private and public development projects will employ updated city regulations that reflect federal and state laws and operational standards in this regard.</p> <p>Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:</p> <p>A few of the amendments included in the code cleanup series would provide increased measures during subsequent land actions. For example, sections of code are proposed for alignment with the City's NPDES Municipal Stormwater permit - providing pollution prevention activities at businesses and other locations that have the potential to pollute Redmond's waters, including surface waters and groundwater.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>

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<p>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?</p> <p>As a non-project action, the amendments proposed via the annual code cleanup are not anticipated to affect land and shoreline uses.</p> <p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:</p> <p>No measures are included in the code cleanup series as it is a non-project action and does not involve land use actions. It does not increase nor decrease land nor shoreline uses.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
<p>6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?</p> <p>This non-project action - an annual cleanup series involving the Municipal and Zoning Code - is not anticipated to affect demands on transportation or public services and utilities. The amendment series addresses minor clarifications, corrections, and consistency with federal and state laws. No land use actions are proposed via these proposed amendment to code.</p> <p>Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:</p> <p>The amendments included in the annual code cleanup propose to clarify several portions of the Municipal and Zoning code. Several of these relate to transportation standards as clarifications limited to minor changes that enhance the understanding of current regulations, or as corrections where code in one portion of the RZC is amended to reflect a current standard such as in the RZC Appendix, the City Transportation Management Standard, or an approved functional plan.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>

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<p>7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.</p> <p>One of the primary goals of the annual code cleanup is to amend code for consistency with local, state, and federal laws as well as to requirements for the protection of the environment. For example, the series includes an amendment to parking for accessory dwelling units within one-quarter mile of transit stops (consistent with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6617). It is not anticipated that the proposed code cleanup series will result in new or maintain conflicts with laws and protections.</p>	<p>CB</p>

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.

Applicant Signature: *Kimberly S. Dietz*

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Name of Signee: **Kimberly S. Dietz**

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Position and Agency/Organization: **Senior Planner**

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Relationship of Signer to Project: **City Staff, Project Manager**

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Date Submitted: **August 25, 2020**