

**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
Clearing and Grading Regulations & SEPA Categorical Thresholds**

Project Name: Ordinance adopting new clearing and grading regulations in Chapter 14.60 CMC and amendments to the SEPA categorical thresholds in Chapter 16.10 CMC.

File Number: SEPA13-04

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Date of Issuance: July 26, 2013

Project Location: This is a non-project action that will be applicable to all clearing and grading activities and projects subject to SEPA review in the city.

Project Description: This is a non-project action to adopt a new clearing and grading ordinance in Chapter 14.60 CMC that would regulate clearing and grading activities within the City of Covington. Amendments include updates to the SEPA categorical thresholds in accordance with the new regulations adopted in WAC 197-11-800 for all zoning districts in the city. These provisions include changes to CMC 13.37 Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, 14.30 Permit Decision Types, 14.35 Permit Application Procedures, 14.60 Grading Permit, 14.105 Financial Guarantees, 16.10 State Environmental Policy Act, 18.55 Signs, 18.60 Development Standards-Grading and Mineral Extraction, and 18.85 Nonconformance, Temporary Uses, and Re-use of Facilities..

Documents Reviewed: City's Comprehensive Plan, Adopted December 2002, and as subsequently amended.

Responsible Official/ Lead Agency: Richard Hart, AICP Community Development Director
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X This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350. The comment period is 14 calendar days and ends August 9, at 5 PM.

Comments and Appeals Notice

Comments and appeals on this DNS may be submitted by first class mail or delivered to the responsible official at the above lead agency address. Any notice of appeals must be filed in writing, with the required filing fee paid in cash or check and received within 14 calendar days of the end of the comment period at Covington City Hall Offices, i.e. by August 23, 2013 at 5 PM. You must make specific factual objections, identify error, harm suffered, or identify anticipated

relief sought and raise specific issues in the statement of appeal. Contact the Community Development Department at Covington City Hall to read or to ask about the procedures for SEPA appeals.