



NOTICE OF SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE AND NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING FOR CODE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 18.45 CMC TREE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Covington Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for consideration of amendments to Chapter 18.45 Covington Municipal Code (CMC) Tree Preservation and Protection. The Planning Commission’s public hearing will take place on **Thursday February 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the Council Chambers at Covington City Hall, 16720 S.E. 271st Street, Covington, WA.**

The purpose of this public hearing is for the Planning Commission to receive comments from the public, both written and oral, regarding the proposed amendments and to forward a recommendation to the City Council. These amendments are a non-project proposal and will apply citywide. A hard copy of the application material prepared for these amendments by city staff is available at City Hall.

All persons desiring to comment may do so in writing by either emailing comments to publiccomment@covingtonwa.gov, or by mailing comments to the contact listed below (please be sure to include your name and mailing address), or by testifying at the public hearing on February 6, 2020. Please reference file no. SEPA19-11; LA19-0014.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that agenda information will be posted by the Friday prior to the above meeting at Covington City Hall, and on the city’s web site:

https://www.covingtonwa.gov/city_departments/executive/cityclerk/planningmeetings.php

For further information, please contact Ryan Harriman, EMPA, AICP, Planning Manager at rharriman@covingtonwa.gov or by phone at 253-480-2451.

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Proposal: Amendments to Chapter 18.45 Covington Municipal Code (CMC) Tree Preservation and Protection.

Application File Number: SEPA19-11; LA19-0014

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Date of Issuance: January 17, 2020

Project Location: This is a non-project action and contains proposed policies and regulations that are applied citywide.

Description of Proposal: The City is in the process of amending the Tree Preservation and Protection standards contained within Chapter 18.45 CMC.

Environmental Documents: Covington 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan; SEPA Environmental Checklist (dated 12/12/2019); and proposed amendments to Chapter 18.45 CMC.


Responsible Official/Lead Agency: City of Covington
Gina Estep, Community Development Director
16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100
Covington, WA 98042

SEPA Threshold Determination:

The City of Covington (lead agency for this proposal) has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment that cannot be mitigated through compliance with the conditions of the Covington Municipal Code and other applicable regulations. 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 on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public for reference online via Citizens Connect: permits.covingtonwa.gov/citizen. Search SEPA19-11, or on request at the offices of the City of Covington Community Development Department at 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, WA, or by contacting permitservices@covingtonwa.gov. There is no administrative appeal of a DNS associated with a legislative decision per CMC 16.10.210.

This SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340. Notice is hereby provided for the SEPA action for a non-project GMA Action. The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of publication of the notice of DNS, allowing time for public comment. The issuance of this DNS should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of this proposal as presented. The City of Covington reserves the right to approve or deny said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interest of the City and/or necessary for the general health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Email written comments for the SEPA DNS to publiccomment@covingtonwa.gov or mail comments to the Responsible Official at 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, WA 98042. Please reference file no. SEPA19-11; LA19-0014.

Signature of Responsible Official:  Date: 1.8.2020