

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE, ADOPTION OF  
EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND AVAILABILITY OF  
SEPA ADDENDUM

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NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING  
City of Port Townsend (LUP11-006)

On **Thursday, July 28, 2011**, at or about 6:30 p.m., the Planning Commission will be conducting an open-record hearing on proposed amendments to the Critical Areas regulations and Shoreline Master Program. The public hearing will take place in Council Chambers, City Hall, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend. All interested parties may appear at the hearing and provide oral or written testimony.

**Proposal:**     *2011 Amendments to Critical Areas Ordinance & Shoreline Master Program*  
The City of Port Townsend proposes amendments to Chapter 19.05 Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) of the Port Townsend Municipal Code and procedural amendments to the Development Regulations of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP).

Proposed revisions to the CAO are to make clarifications, improve consistency, add a definition for “infill”, provide additional guidance on what may constitute minor development, clarify overlap with other regulations, make updates consistent with recent revisions by the state, more equitably apply geologically hazardous buffers and setbacks for infill development and for single lots, whether platted or unplatted.

Proposed revisions to the SMP are to amend the SMP text consistent with the following: WAC 173-27-090(4) regarding the time limitation of shoreline permit approvals; RCW 90.58.080 4(b) regarding the schedule for reassessment; and Chapter 20.01 of the Port Townsend Municipal Code (PTMC) regarding appeals procedures.

**Location:**     The proposed code amendments will affect critical areas and shorelines jurisdiction throughout the Port Townsend Planning Area, Jefferson County, Washington.

**Proponent:**    City of Port Townsend  
Public Works Department  
250 Madison Street  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

**Dates:**         SEPA Comment period expires:             July 6, 2011  
Planning Commission Workshop:             July 14 at or about 6:30 p.m  
**Planning Commission Hearing:**             **July 28 at or about 6:30 p.m**

Location of Hearing:

Council Chambers  
City Hall  
540 Water Street, Port Townsend

**Determination of Non-Significance, Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents and Notice of Availability of SEPA Addendum:** The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of information on file with the lead agency. This document also serves as a notice of adoption of existing environmental documents and notice of availability of a formal SEPA document, an Addendum, pursuant to SEPA rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC). After independent review of the record, the SEPA Responsible Official at the Development Services Department (DSD) has determined that existing environmental documents, augmented by the SEPA Addendum, are appropriate for this proposal and provide adequate environmental review to satisfy the requirements of WAC 197-11-600. The following existing environmental documents are being adopted:

1. The Draft Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (an integrated SEPA/GMA (Growth Management Act) document) issued on January 10, 1996 (referred to herein as the Comprehensive Plan DEIS); and
2. The Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement issued on June 3, 1996 (referred to herein as the Comprehensive Plan FEIS).
3. The Final Determination of Non-Significance for the amendments to the Port Townsend Municipal Code, February 26, 1997.
4. Final Determination of Non-Significance for the Port Townsend Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update (LUP05-074) issued on August 30, 2005.

**SEPA Public Comment/Appeal Period:** This SEPA document is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and WAC 197-11-625. Written comments/appeals concerning the SEPA determination must be submitted to the Planning Department no later than **4:00 PM, July 6, 2011**. Please address comments to Judy Surber, Senior Planner, at the address below.

**GMA Notice:** This document serves as the 60-day notice of intent to amend the City of Port Townsend Municipal Code and Shoreline Master Program and is being circulated per WAC 365-195-620 to State agencies on the list provided by the Washington State Office of Community Development of agency representatives responsible for reviewing proposed amendments to development regulations and Shoreline Master Programs.

**Available Documents:** SEPA documentation and application materials are available for inspection at no cost at the City of Port Townsend in the Planning Department (Third Floor) at 250 Madison Street, Port Townsend. The staff report to be considered by the Planning Commission will be available for public review on July 21, 2011.

A statement of the amendment's consistency with the Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan (1996) and Port Townsend Municipal Code Title 17 (zoning), will be made prior to recommendation to the City Council.

**Location of Documents Available for Review:** City of Port Townsend  
Development Services Department  
250 Madison Street, Suite 3  
Port Townsend, WA 98368

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Director of Development Services Department

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