

City of Port Townsend
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENTS TO THE PORT TOWNSEND CRITICAL AREAS
ORDINANCE & SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM (LUP11-006)

On **Monday, August 15, 2011**, at or about 6:30 p.m., the Port Townsend City Council 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 and address new requirements for implementing the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) consistently with the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

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

Available Documents and Location of Documents: SEPA documentation, application materials and staff reports 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. 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.

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