



Planning & Development Services

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Notice of Availability

including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date: May 5, 2022

Proposal name: Amendments to Stormwater Management Standards, Skagit County Code 14.04, 14.18, 14.22, and 14.32

Documents available: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/StormwaterUpdate2022.htm>

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Contact Person: Jenn Rogers, Assistant Long Range Planer

Public hearing body: Skagit County Planning Commission

Public hearing date: May 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Written comment deadline: May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Proposal Description

The proposed changes relate to stormwater construction regulations in the unified development code, Title 14. Specifically, the proposal amends Chapter 14.04 Definitions, Chapter 14.18 Land Divisions, Chapter 14.32 Stormwater Management, and adds a new Chapter, 14.22 Land Clearing.

The amendments ensure continued compliance with the Skagit County NPDES permit and adopts the standards of the 2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington throughout unincorporated Skagit County. The amendments create a single threshold for residential development outside of the NPDES area and retains the current thresholds inside the NPDES area. Other changes include a 20 year review provision for new development intending to use existing regional facilities, permit application dates for adherence to the code, and additional incorporation of low impact development design concepts. The proposed Land Clearing code consolidates existing standards in order to integrate stormwater design considerations early in the review process.

SEPA Threshold Determination

Skagit County has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental

Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request and at the above listed website.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the publish date indicated in the table above. Written comments regarding this Determination of Nonsignificance must be submitted by the written comment deadline (above) and in the same manner as other comments. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

SEPA Responsible Official: Hal Hart, AICP, Director/Administrative Official,
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Signature _____
Hal Hart, Director

Date of Decision: [May 5, 2022]

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name (“Amendments to Stormwater Management Standards, Skagit County Code 14.04, 14.18, 14.22, and 14.32”) in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services
Comments on “Amendments to Stormwater Management Standards, Skagit County
Code 14.04, 14.18, 14.22, and 14.32”
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above, and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person. The Planning Commission is hosting the public hearing in the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

If you wish to provide testimony via the online meeting option, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. All requests must be received 24 hours prior to the Public Hearing Date referenced above. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

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