



**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
Amendment to LCMC 15.05, Building and Specialty Codes**

Description of proposal: An ordinance amending LCMC 15.05 (Building and Specialty Codes) to be consistent with the 2015 State Building Code.

Proponent: City of La Center

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: This ordinance would apply throughout the municipal city limits.

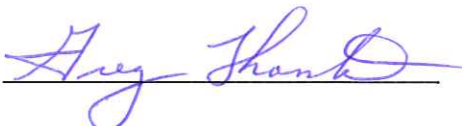
Lead agency: City of La Center

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 a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of publication, May 25, 2016.

Comments must be submitted by: **June 8, 2016**

Responsible Official: Greg Thornton
Position/Title: Mayor
Address: RE: SEPA COMMENTS – Building Code
City of La Center
305 NW Pacific Highway
La Center, WA 98629

Date: 5/19/16 Signature: 

The staff contact person and telephone number for any questions on this review is Naomi Hanson, Permit Specialist, (360) 263-7665.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST (WAC 197-11-960)

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals complete this checklist and the supplemental sheet for nonproject actions (Part D). The lead agency may exclude any question for the environmental elements (Part B) which they determine do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

An ordinance amending LCMC 15.05 (Building and Specialty Codes) - 2015 State Building Codes

2. Name of applicant:

Jeff Sarvis, Public Works Director, City of La Center

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

Jeff Sarvis, Public Works Director, City of La Center, 305 NW Pacific Highway, La Center, WA 98629. T/360-263-7665.

4. Date checklist prepared:

May 18, 2016

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of La Center, Washington

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

This ordinance is scheduled for adoption on June 22, 2016

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes. Building and Specialty Codes are updated to reflect State Building Codes every three years.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

None.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

None.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The City proposes to adopt the 2015 State Building Codes with minor amendments as allowed by state law.

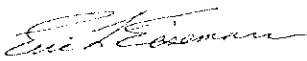
12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency,

you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

This ordinance shall apply to all construction within the municipal limits of La Center, Washington.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 

Date Submitted: May 18, 2016

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed ordinance would not have a direct impact on the environment. Excepting changes to the Energy Code, which provides for more efficient use of electricity, the code provisions should not affect construction techniques.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

There would be no direct impacts on the environment. There are no known indirect impacts.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The International Energy Efficiency Code, included as part this ordinance, should decrease energy consumption.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks,

wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains, or prime farmlands?

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

None.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed ordinance would affect how developments are constructed but would not affect what is constructed.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposed ordinance would not increase demand for infrastructure, and may decrease marginally demand for residential electricity. Impacts to transportation and other infrastructures are mitigated by other municipal code chapters.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The proposed ordinance would implement the State Building Code.



NOTICE OF
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposal has been determined to have no probable significant adverse impact on the environment, and that an environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). The public is encouraged to submit written comments on the proposal or the DNS to the Responsible Official no later than 4:30 PM on June 8, 2016.

DESCRIPTION: An ordinance amending LCMC 15.05 (Building and Specialty Codes) to be consistent with the 2015 State Building Code.

ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Greg Thornton, Mayor
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La Center, WA 98629

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PLEASE PUBLISH: No later than May 25, 2016