



SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
City of La Center Family Day Care Providers Code Update (File # 2023-011-ZON/SEPA)

Description of proposal: The City of La Center is updating its code provisions pertaining to family day care providers. The purposes of the code update are to permit family day care providers in residential dwellings in the City's residential and commercial zones in compliance with state law in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.450. Family day care providers would be subject to requirements:

- Providing proof that the immediately adjoining property owners were notified prior to obtaining a state license;
- Compliance with building, fire, and safety codes;
- Obtaining a business license from the City and a provider license from the State;
- Conforming with zoning standards (lot size, building setbacks, lot coverage);
- Providing parking and a passenger loading and unloading area; and
- Limiting hours of operation to 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Any person has the right to comment on this SEPA MDNS, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, and appeal the final decision on the code amendment. Written comments submitted by May 9, 2023 at 5:00 PM will be considered. Please send comments to the City of La Center, 210 E. 4th Street, La Center, WA 98629 or by email to Jessica Nash, Permit Technician at jnash@ci.lacenter.wa.us.

Application: City of La Center Family Day Care Providers Code Update (File # 2023-011-ZON/SEPA)

Proponent/applicant: City of La Center, contact: Ethan Spoo, Consulting Planner, 210 E 4th Street, La Center, WA 98629. Phone: (360) 263-7665.

Location of proposal: The update will apply to all commercial and residential zones in La Center.

Public Hearing: La Center Planning Commission public hearing, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be conducted in person at City Hall at 210 E. 4th Street and virtually using the City's GoToMeeting online platform.

Existing Environmental Documents relied upon: The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires that a review of the potential environmental impacts be conducted. City staff reviewed the proposal for compliance with applicable state requirements and city codes.

The following environmental documents were relied upon in the City's determination of an MDNS: SEPA Environmental Checklist dated, April 24, 2023. A complete copy of the code amendments and the SEPA Checklist associated with this determination are available by contacting Public Works Staff, Jessica Nash, Permit Technician, at 360-263-7665.

Statement of Determination: As lead agency under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules [Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code] the City of La Center must determine if there are potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with this proposal. The options include the following:

- Determination of Significance – (DS) The impact cannot be mitigated and therefore requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance – (MDNS) The impact can be mitigated through conditions of approval, or;
- Determination of Nonsignificance – (DNS) The impacts can be addressed by applying the city codes.

Approval Standards/Applicable Laws: LCMC 18.30.110 (Type IV process) and LCMC 18.120.050 (Approval Criteria).

Mitigation Measures: The review of the SEPA checklist associated with this proposed code amendment recommended the following mitigation measures:

- Noise and Air: Hours of operation will be limited from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. to reduce noise and emission impacts that may occur from vehicles accessing family day care providers.
- Land Use: Noticing to immediately adjoining property owners is required prior to obtaining a state license for family day care providers to avoid or reduce land use impacts.
- Transportation: Family day care providers are required to have an adequate passenger loading and unloading area to reduce impacts on local streets.

Responsible Official: Bryan Kast, Public Works Director

Date: April 24, 2023

Signature: _____



Issued: April 24, 2023



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Attached is a SEPA environmental Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) and associated environmental checklist issued pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules (WAC 197-11). The City (lead agency) completed evaluation of the environmental checklist as required by WAC 197-11. You may comment on this determination within fourteen (14) days of the issuance of this notice April 24, 2023. The lead agency will not act on this proposal until the close of the **14-day comment period, which ends May 9, 2022**.

Please address any correspondence to: Jessica Nash, Permit Technician
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