



SEPA MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
Sign Code Update for Electronic Reader Boards
and Digital Video Displays (File #: 2021-017-ZON/SEPA)

Description of proposal: The City of La Center is updating its Sign Regulations contained in LCMC 8.60.060 to remove the prohibition on electronic reader boards and digital video displays in residential zones under very specific criteria including that they be located on properties of at least 10 acres used for a public or private school, limited in size to 16 square feet, turned off between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. each day, and located 150 feet from the nearest residence.

SEPA Determination: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City proposes to update Chapter 8.60 to allow electronic reader boards and digital video displays in residential zones on school properties of at least 10 acres. The City has filed a SEPA checklist describing the environmental impacts of the updates. Based on a review of the updated code, the City of La Center issued a **Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)** for this proposal pursuant to WAC 197-11-350 and the La Center Municipal Code (LCMC 18.310). An Environmental Impact Statement is not required under RCW 43.21c.031(1).

Any person has the right to comment on this SEPA DNS, receive notice of and participate in any hearings, and appeal the final decision on the code amendment. Written comments submitted by June 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM will be considered. Please send comments to the City of La Center, 305 N.W. Pacific Highway, La Center, WA 98629 or by email to Sarah Dollar, Permit Technician at sdollar@ci.lacenter.wa.us .

Application: City of La Center Sign Code Update for Electronic Reader Boards and Digital Video Displays (File #: 2021-017-ZON/SEPA).

Proponent/applicant: City of La Center, contact: Ethan Spoo, Consulting Planner, 305 NW Pacific Highway, La Center, WA 98629. Phone: (360)263-7665.

Location of proposal: The updated code will apply on school properties of at least 10 acres in residential zones within La Center.

Public Hearing: La Center Planning Commission meeting, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will be conducted virtually using the City's GoToMeeting online platform. See public hearing notice issued separately.

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 a DNS: SEPA Environmental Checklist dated, May 25, 2021. A complete copy of the code amendments and the SEPA Checklist associated with this determination are available by contacting Public Works Staff, Sarah Dollar, Permit Technician, at 360-263-7665 or by visiting the City's Planning Commission website at: https://www.ci.lacenter.wa.us/commissions/planning_commission.php .

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: La Center Municipal code Chapter 8.60 (Sign Regulations);section 18.30 (Procedures); Chapter 18.310 (Environmental Policy).

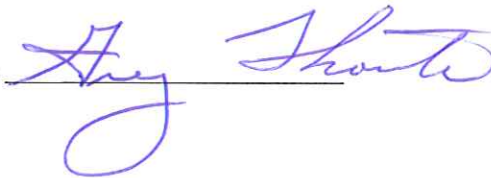
Mitigation Measures: The review of the SEPA checklist associated with this proposed code amendment identified the following mitigation measures.

- Land and Shoreline Use: To eliminate impacts on plant, animal, fish, and marine life, the code shall contain a provision prohibiting placement of electronic reader boards and digital video displays in wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat, and floodplain areas and associated buffers.

Responsible Official: Greg Thornton, Mayor

Date: May 25, 2021

Signature:



Issued: May 25, 2021



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Attached is an environmental Mitigated 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 MDNS publication date of May 25, 2021. The lead agency will not act on this proposal until the close of the **14-day comment period, which ends June 8, 2021.**

Please address any correspondence to:

ATTN: SEPA COMMENTS – Sign Code Update for Electronic
Reader Boards and Digital Video Displays
c/o Sarah Dollar, Permit Technician
City of La Center
305 NW Pacific Highway
La Center, WA 98629

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