

CITY OF LA CENTER, WASHINGTON NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING

Amended Variance Criteria Code (File #: 2020-027-ZON/SEPA)

The La Center Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the amended variance criteria code (LCMC 18.260) The City of La Center proposes to adopt new criteria for reviewing variance applications. The existing code (LCMC 18.260) contains just two variance criteria requiring an applicant demonstrate there is an unusual circumstance and that granting the variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity. The City proposes new variance criteria ensure that an applicant's justification for requesting a variance adequately establishes that a special or unusual circumstance exists, that the need for a variance was not caused by an action of the applicant, and that the variance from standards is the minimum necessary and adequately mitigated.

The hearing will be held on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020 beginning at 6:30 PM**. Due to the ongoing public health threat posed by COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, the City has modified the hearing and public testimony procedures relating to this matter. **The hearing will be conducted online via GoToMeeting (a video conferencing service).** Participants do <u>not</u> need internet access and can connect by phone.

The public is encouraged to provide written or oral testimony. Directions for participating are included under the "Remote Hearing Attendance and Public Testimony" section below.

Action: The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council on the amended variance criteria.

<u>Location</u>: The amended variance criteria would apply to all properties in La Center requesting variances from standards in Title 18 (Development Code).

Approval Criteria: La Center Municipal Code Chapter 18.30 (Procedures).

The proposed file may be examined on the City's Recent Land Use page at http://www.ci.lacenter.wa.us/city_departments/pw_landuse.php; The city contact person



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and telephone number for any questions on this review is Sarah Dollar, Permit Technician, 360.263.7665.

Remote Hearing Attendance and Public Testimony:

- 1. Attending remotely and giving oral testimony. You can attend the hearing remotely and provide testimony by connecting to the hearing via phone or computer at 6:30 pm on November 10, 2020. Please see information below about how to testify remotely using the GoToMeeting online platform. Staff will provide you information on participating in the hearing.
- 2. **Submitting written testimony.** Testimony supplied via e-mail or in writing must be received by Community Development by noon on November 10, 2020.
 - a. Submitting via email. Please send an email to Sarah Dollar, at sdollar@ci.lacenter.wa.us with the case name and number and your testimony.
 - b. Submitting via U.S. Mail. Written testimony may be mailed to City of La Center, Re: Proposed ADU Code Public Hearing, 305 NW Pacific Highway, La Center, WA 98629. <u>Email is strongly preferred</u>.

Public Participation at the hearing

The City of La Center will be hosting the public hearing through the GoToMeeting platform online. The application allows computer, tablet and phone access. The links and phone numbers below are provided for individuals to join the online meeting.

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You can also dial in using your phone.

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