

CITY OF BUCKLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7 pm

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Buckley Planning Commission will conduct two public hearings, to consider recommendations to City Council, on **Monday, August 17, 2020, at 7 p.m.** The first hearing is to consider an update to the City's design review process and the second hearing is to consider adoption of an administrative variance provision in Buckley Municipal Code (BMC).

Due to COVID-19, **these August 17 hearings will be held by phone and online, not in-person.** To join the hearings by phone, **dial 253-215-8782 and enter Meeting ID 820 3512 4380.** To obtain the link to join the hearing online via Zoom, check the City of Buckley website home page starting the Thursday prior to the hearing or contact Buckley's Associate Planner at 360-761-7819 or elewis@cityofbuckley.com.

HEARING #1 – DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS UPDATE: To consider replacing the role of Buckley's Design Review Committee (DRC) with the Planning Commission, as well as (1) Updates to design review application submittal requirements; (2) Eliminating a requirement for applicants to be at design review meetings; (3) Clarifying and limiting the design reviewing body's input on application requirements; and (4) correcting code anomalies. These updates would require updates to Buckley's landscaping code, sign code, design review districts code, design guidelines, and BMC Title 20. These code changes are SEPA exempt per WAC 197-11-800(19).

HEARING #2 – ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE: To consider adoption of an administrative variance provision in Buckley's zoning code to be added to chapter 19.40 BMC. This new provision would allow the City's Planning Director, or their designated official, to be the decision-making authority for applications requesting small deviations, ranging from 10-25%, from quantifiable code standards for lot width, lot depth, setbacks, lot coverage, building height, projection into setbacks, and landscaping buffers. These administrative variances would be an administrative permit type under BMC Title 20. A SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued for this non-project action on July 1, 2020.

The public is invited to attend the hearings. All interested persons may provide oral or written comments or testimony at the hearing. Written comments should be delivered to Buckley City Hall at 933 Main Street or PO Box 1960, Buckley, WA 98321, or emailed to the contact below. The final decision-making body for this update is the Buckley City Council. Any person with standing may appeal the final decision.

QUESTIONS: All documents and evidence relied upon by the city, and applicable criteria, are available for examination and inspection, at no cost, in the Buckley Building and Planning Office located in the Buckley Multipurpose Center at 811 Main Street, Buckley, WA 98321, or via email. Requests for information may be directed to Evan Lewis, Associate Planner and the City's point of contact for these hearings, at 360-761-7819 or elewis@cityofbuckley.com.

Buckley does not discriminate on the basis of disabilities. If you need special accommodation, please contact City Hall within three business days prior to the public hearing at (360) 761-7801.