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SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)



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NOTICE: SEPA Determination of Non-Significance for Landscaping Code Update

Project Description: This proposal is for the adoption of updates to Buckley's landscaping code in Buckley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 19.29. This would be a complete repeal and replacement of Buckley's landscaping code. These landscaping code updates both maintain, and in specific situations enhance, the intent of comprehensive plan policies to protect residential areas from impacts of adjacent non-residential uses. For commercial uses, some partially sight-obscuring visual relief buffer requirements would be scaled back while parking lot landscaping requirements would be expanded. These updates also improve the clarity, objectivity and practicality of certain landscaping requirements. The draft updated landscaping code is attached – both in near-final draft form and in track-changed form. A memo to Buckley City Council summarizing the proposed changes is also attached. This is a SEPA non-project action.

Project Location: City of Buckley. The City of Buckley is about four square miles (4 sq. mi.) within portions of Sections 33, 34, and 35 of Township 20, Range 2E, and portions of Sections 4, 10, and 11 of Township 19, Range 2E, and all of Sections 2 and 3 of Township 19, Range 2E.

Project Proponent: City of Buckley, PO Box 1960, 811 Main Street, Buckley, WA 98321

Lead Agency: City of Buckley, PO Box 1960, 811 Main Street, Buckley, WA 98321

Environmental Determination: The City of Buckley has determined that this proposal 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 on request.

Comment Period: 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 below. Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday September 17, 2020. If significant comments are received, the City may issue a revised SEPA determination. If the City issues a revised determination, the City will re-open a new comment period.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination and applicable State and City policies, regulations and procedures are available for public review at the City of Buckley, 811 Main Street, Buckley, Washington, 98321, or by contacting the Responsible Official below.

Appeals: The City of Buckley's environmental determination may be appealed by filing an application with the Responsible Official, noted below, within fourteen (14) days of the end of the final SEPA comment period pursuant to BMC 12.04.160 and the timing requirements set forth in Title 20 BMC.

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