



Determination Of Environmental Nonsignificance

Mixed Use Centers Zoning and Code Amendments

SEPA File Number: SEP2008-40000116363

TO: All Departments and Agencies with Jurisdiction

SUBJECT: Determination of Environmental Nonsignificance

In accordance with WAC 197-11-340, a copy of the Determination of Nonsignificance for the proposed non-project action described below is transmitted:

Applicant: City of Tacoma Community and Economic Development Department
747 Market Street, Room 1036
Tacoma, WA 98402
(253) 591-5365

Proposal: The proposal is to adopt revised development regulations and to change zoning classifications within 16 designated mixed-use centers to encourage quality compact development at intensities envisioned for the mixed-use centers in the City's Comprehensive Plan. The proposed revisions will amend the Tacoma Municipal Code, Chapter 13.06 (Land Use Regulatory Code and the City's Official Zoning Map. The code revisions include changes to the use standards, building, design and development standards, parking and landscaping requirements, and allowable heights.

Copies of the complete text of the proposed revisions and maps depicting the area-wide rezones are available from the Community and Economic Development Department at the below address, and at all branches of the Tacoma Public Library. The revisions may also be viewed and downloaded at www.cityoftacoma.org/planning

Location: City of Tacoma

Lead Agency: City of Tacoma

City Contact: Donna Stenger/Brian Boudet
Community and Economic Development Department
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The lead agency for this proposal has preliminarily determined that it 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)(9c). This decision was made after review of a completed expanded environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

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This Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and WAC 197-11-210 et seq. and is intended to accomplish the objectives set forth in the SEPA/GMA integration rules. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2008. The Responsible Official will reconsider the DNS based on timely comments and may retain, modify, or, if significant adverse impacts are likely, withdraw the DNS. Unless modified by the City, this determination will become final on August 19, 2008.

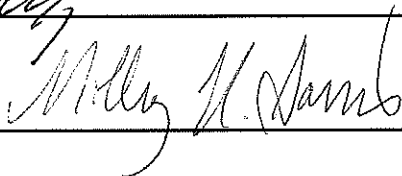
Appeals may be filed at the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Pierce County within 21 days after the final determination. Appeals to the Superior Court shall be taken in accordance with procedures and limitations set forth in RCW 43.21C.075. A copy of the appeal shall be filed with the Department of Public Works, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402.

The Puyallup Tribe is notified that this initiates the consultation process.

Responsible Official: Ryan Petty

Position/Title: Director, Tacoma Community and Economic Development Department

Signature:  _____

SEPA Officer Signature:  _____

Issue Date: July 9, 2008

Comment Deadline: 5:00 p.m., August 15, 2008

- c: Tacoma Community and Economic Development Department, Elton Gatewood, Reuben McKnight
- Tacoma Fire Department, Operations
- Tacoma Police Department, Operation Commander
- Tacoma Public Works Department, Building and Land Use Services, Charlie Solverson, Caroline Haynes-Castro
- Tacoma Public Works Department, Director's Office
- City of Federal Way, Greg Fewins, Senior Planner, P.O. Box 9718, Federal Way, WA 98063-9718
- City of Fife, Steve Worthington, Community Development, 5411 23rd Street East, Fife, WA 98424
- City of University Place, 3715 Bridgeport Way West - Suite B-2, University Place, WA 98466
- City of Fircrest, 115 Ramsdell Street, Fircrest, WA 98466
- Town of Ruston, 5117 North Winnifred Street, Tacoma, WA 98407
- City of Tacoma Neighborhood Council Chairs and contact persons
- Metro Parks, Marci Ludwig, 4702 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98405
- Pierce Transit, Land Use Review, Capital Development, PO Box 99070, Lakewood, WA 98499
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Bill Sullivan, Natural Resources Director, 1850 Alexander Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98421
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Raul Ramos, Land Use Director, 1850 Alexander Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98421
- Puyallup Tribe of Indians, David Duenos, Building Official, 1850 Alexander Avenue, Tacoma, WA. 98421
- Tacoma Public School District #10, Pete Wall, 3223 South Union Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98409
- Washington Department of Ecology, Peg Plummer, Environmental Review Section, P.O. Box 47703, Olympia, WA 98504-7703

File: Building and Land Use Services