CITY OF POULSBO

NOTICE OF APPLICATION and Optional DNS
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PMC 16.20 CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE UPDATE
Type IV Permit

Planning File: 2017 Draft Poulsbo Municipal Code Chapter 16.20 – Critical Areas Ordinance Update

Date of Application: April 7, 2017

Summary of Proposed Application:
The Growth Management Act of Washington (GMA) requires counties and cities to review and evaluate comprehensive plans and development regulations, and update them if necessary, according to a schedule established by RCW 36.70A.130. The City of Poulsbo adopted an updated comprehensive plan in December 2016, which provides a framework of goals and policies. The City's review of development regulations includes the City's Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO), found in Poulsbo Municipal Code 16.20. The CAO are regulations for the protection of critical areas in accordance with state requirements. Critical Areas include:

- Wetlands
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas
- Geologically Hazardous Areas
- Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas
- Frequently Flooded Areas

The City's CAO was last comprehensively updated in 2007. The intent of this current update is to revise the CAO as necessary to incorporate recent Best Available Science or new information since the last update (WAC 365-195-915), correction of code conflicts or internal inconsistencies, amendments to assist with ease of administration, or recommendations offered by the City's consultant critical areas biologists Grette Associates.

All documents related to the 2017 Critical Areas Ordinance Update are available for public review. The primary repository of all information related to the update is the City's website http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/planning/planning.htm
—where draft documents, meeting dates, updates on process, and official notices (notice of application, environmental review, public hearing notices, etc.), will be posted.

Amendments to the City of Poulsbo's Critical Areas Ordinance have been made throughout the document. The amendments are based upon 1) new Best Available Science provided by resource agencies; 2) recommendations by the City's consultant critical areas biologists; 3) amending corrections or conflicts; and 4) assist with ease of administration.

Draft amendments are represented as **bold underline** for additions and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions. The Draft Critical Areas Ordinance include proposed amendments in the following Sections:

Poulsbo Municipal Code Chapter 16.20

Section 100: General Provisions and Administration

Section 200: Wetlands

Section 300: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas

Section 400: Geologically Hazardous Areas

Section 500: Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas

Section 700: Special Reports

Critical Area Maps

Please find the proposed amendments and summary of changes at the following link http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/planning/planning.htm and hard copies are available at the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Environmental Review: The City of Poulsbo has reviewed the proposed amendments for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a determination of nonsignificance (DNS) for the proposed amendments. The Optional DNS process is being used as authorized by WAC 197-11-355 and the Poulsbo Municipal Code 16.04.115. This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposals. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for the proposed amendments may be obtained upon request.

Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Comments related to environmental review must be submitted by the date noted below to Poulsbo Planning Department, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, Washington 98370 or plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com.

Public Comment Period for Environmental Review Related Comments: Comments may be submitted on environmental related aspects of the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance Update and the comment period will remain open until **April 21, 2017**. The public may request notification of any hearings or meetings and request a copy of the decision once made.

Public Comment Methods: Interested citizens are encouraged to provide comments to the City on the Draft Critical Areas Ordinance by letter, email or fax. All comments will be forwarded to the Poulsbo Planning Commission and City Council. Written comments can be submitted by the following methods:

Mail: City of Poulsbo Planning and Economic Development Department
200 NE Moe Street
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Fax: (360) 697-8269
Email: plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com

Interested citizens are also encouraged to attend and provide verbal comments to the City at the Planning Commission and City Council workshops and public hearings. Workshops and hearings are held at Poulsbo City Hall, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, WA.

Sources of Information: The City's website, www.cityofpoulsbo.com is the primary clearinghouse for information related to the 2017 Critical Areas Ordinance Update. The City has posted all pertinent information regarding the development regulation update at its website, www.cityofpoulsbo.com at the following link:
http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/planning/planning.htm

Public Participation Plan: A public and agency participation plan has been developed for this application, and can be viewed at the City's website, under the link http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com/planning/planning.htm - a copy is also available at the Planning Department.

Date, Time and Place of Meetings and Hearings: The Planning Commission has scheduled public workshops on April 11, 18, 25, 2017; a public hearing is scheduled for May 16, 2017. The City Council has workshops scheduled for May 24 and 31, 2017 and a public hearing scheduled on June 7, 2017.

All meetings and hearings will be held at Poulsbo City Hall Council Chambers. Public notices for public hearing dates will be issued and published in the City's official newspaper and City's website.

The Planning Commission will make recommendations to the City Council. The City Council is the decision making authority for the draft ordinance. Hearing procedures are available from the Planning Department and City Clerk's office and are conducted based on Roberts Rules of Order.

Further Information: Please contact the Poulsbo Planning Department at (360) 394-9748, www.cityofpoulsbo.com or plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com for further information.