



NOTICE OF APPLICATION W/ OPTIONAL DNS and NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

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C-1 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL LIMITED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – FLEXIBLE USE

The public has the right to review contents of the official file for the proposal, provide written comments, participate in any public hearings, and request a copy of the final decision.

Planning File: C-1 Downtown Commercial Limited Zoning Code Amendment - Type IV Application

Notice of Application: June 28, 2019

Summary of Proposed Application: The City Council adopted amendments to the Poulsbo Municipal Code [Chapter 18.80](#), Commercial Zoning Districts, in 2018 (Ordinance 2018-20). Amendments were to all four of the Commercial zones and addressed the permitted use table, landscaping, design standards, and the creation of the downtown shopfront overlay.

In early 2019, Mayor Erickson requested the Economic Development Committee (EDC) review the mixed use/residential component of the amendments for the C-1 (downtown) zoning district. The EDC discussed options for residential uses in the C-1 district, as well as in the other commercial districts, at multiple meetings throughout the spring (2/27/19, 3/27/19, 4/12/19, 4/24/19). The EDC decided to focus on residential uses in the C-1 zone and at its 4/24/19 meeting requested that the full City Council hold a workshop to continue the discussion. A full City Council workshop was held on the topic on 6/19/19. Representatives from the private sector multi-family development have attended meetings to answer questions.

Within the C-1 [zoning district](#), but outside of the [shopfront overlay](#), the proposed amendment allows residential units on the first floor; provided that the first floor shall be constructed to commercial building and fire code standards and parking required at the applicable commercial ratio, to accommodate flexibility of use as both residential or commercial, as the market supports.

Environmental Review:

ENVIRONMENTAL (SEPA) REVIEW COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 12, 2019.

The City of Poulsbo has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a determination of nonsignificance (DNS) for this project. The Optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. ***This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project.*** 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 proposal 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.

Public Comment Methods:

Written comments may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the PED Department contact information indicated above. To ensure consideration, all written comments must be received prior to close of the public hearing. At the hearing, the public will have an opportunity to provide written and verbal testimony regarding the proposed project.

Public Participation Plan:

A public and agency participation plan has been developed for this review process, and can be viewed at the [City's website](#). A copy is also available at the Planning and Economic Development (PED) Department.

Draft Document:

The proposed amendments are represented as **bold underline** for proposed additions and ~~strikeouts~~ for deletions. The proposed amendments can be found online: <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/development-regulation-amendments/>

Planning Commission Public Hearing:

THE PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 23, 2019.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 7 pm at Poulsbo City Hall, Council Chambers, 200 NE Moe Street, Poulsbo, WA. All interested citizens and agencies are invited to provide written and verbal testimony to the Planning Commission regarding the proposed amendments. The Planning Commission will make recommendations to the City Council. City Council is the review and decision-making authority. Hearing procedures are available from the PED Department and City Clerk's office and are conducted based on Roberts Rules of Order.

Further Information:

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

Examination of File:

The complete document may be viewed at the PED Department, Poulsbo City Hall, 200 NE Moe Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Project documents are also available online here: <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/development-regulation-amendments/>

All interested people are invited to attend the Planning Commission Public Hearing. If you are unable to attend, your written comments, received no later than the date and time scheduled for the hearing, will be given careful consideration by the Planning Commission and made a part of the record. Testimony will be allowed on the proposal.

The following procedural rules have been established for public hearings to allow a fair and orderly hearing:

1. The length of time given to individuals speaking for or against a proposal may be determined by the Planning Commission prior to the application being considered;
2. A speaker representing each side of the issue is encouraged.

THE CITY OF POULSBO STRIVES TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE MEETINGS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. PLEASE CONTACT THE POULSBO PED DEPARTMENT AT 360-394-9748 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING IF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS MEETING.

