



# CRITICAL AREA EXEMPTION

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All exempted activities shall use reasonable methods to avoid potential impacts to critical areas. To be exempt from PMC Chapter 16.20 does not give permission to degrade a critical area or ignore risk from natural hazards. Any incidental damage to, or alteration of, a critical area that is not a necessary outcome of the exempted activity may be considered a violation of Chapter 16.20 and subject to enforcement and restoration under PMC 16.20.150.

## PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:

Site Address:

Tax Assessor's ID:

Project Description:

Check all that are on or within 300 feet of the subject property (see Chapter 16.20 for definitions):

- Frequently flooded areas                       Fish and Wildlife Habitat Areas                       Wetlands  
 Critical aquifer recharge areas                       Geologically hazardous areas

A critical areas exemption is being requested for the following (see PMC 16.20.120):

- Emergency activities necessary to prevent an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare, or that pose an immediate risk of damage to private property and that require remedial or preventative action in a time frame too short to allow for compliance with the requirements of Chapter 16.20.
- Existing and ongoing (within the past 5 years) agricultural activities on lands containing critical areas.
- Normal and routine maintenance and operation of existing retention/detention facilities, biofilters and other stormwater management facilities, irrigation and drainage ditches.
- Structural alterations to buildings, permitted under the underlying zoning district, that do not alter the structural footprint or introduce new adverse impacts to a critical area (i.e. remodeling).
- Normal and routine maintenance or repair of existing utility structures within a ROW or existing utility corridor or easements.
- Installation, construction, replacement, operation or alteration in improved public road ROW of all electric facilities, lines, equipment or appurtenances.
- Forest practices conducted pursuant to RCW 76.09, except Class IV general and COHPs.
- Removal of danger or hazard trees where a threat to human life or property is demonstrated.
- The construction of pedestrian trails per PMC 16.20.120 I.
- Normal and routine maintenance of existing structures, landscaping and gardens.
- Interrupted Wetland and Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Area Buffers per PMC 16.20.120 K.
- Removal of noxious weeds per PMC 16.20.120 L.
- Watershed restoration projects that conform to the provisions of RCW 89.08.460.
- Fish enhancement projects that conform to the provisions of RCW 77.55.181.
- Site investigative work necessary for land use application submittals such as surveys, soil logs, percolation tests, and other related activities.

**APPLICANT:**

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Email:

I, the undersigned, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true and complete.

Applicant Name:

Date:

Applicant Signature:

**SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Critical Area Exemption Application Form

Site plan depicting the location of the proposed work in relation to the critical area(s).

**FOR STAFF USE ONLY:**

The above requested exemption is approved by the City of Poulsbo.

Approved By:

Date:

Signature:

Conditions of Approval:

