



Notice of Application with Optional DNS and Planning Commission Public Hearing

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CANNABIS ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, TYPE IV

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:	P-11-16-23-01
Notice of Application:	November 28, 2023
Comments Due:	December 12, 2023
Summary of Proposal:	<p>Initiative-502 passed in 2012 with 52% of Poulsbo residents approving the legalization of recreational marijuana. Cities in Washington State can choose to prohibit or to designate appropriate zones for state-licensed cannabis businesses because Washington local governments have authority to enact legislation regulating land uses within their jurisdictions. In 2014, the Poulsbo City Council prohibited production, processing and retailing of marijuana.</p> <p>On April 5, 2023, as part of the city budget discussion and following an initial discussion in March, the City Council requested staff bring forward amendments to the zoning ordinance to allow cannabis retail in the City of Poulsbo. Staff proposes allowing retail cannabis in the C-2 zoning district along Viking Avenue.</p> <p>The primary statutes for recreational cannabis are codified in chapter 69.50 RCW, beginning with RCW 69.50.325; the medical cannabis statutes are located in chapter 69.51A RCW. The Liquor and Cannabis Board regulations for cannabis are found in chapter 314-55 WAC.</p>
Environmental Review:	<p>The City of Poulsbo has reviewed the proposed amendments 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. <i>This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed amendments.</i> 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 amendments and probable environmental impacts. Comments related to environmental review must be submitted by December 12, 2023.</p>
Public Comment Methods:	<p>Written comments may be mailed, e-mailed, or delivered to the City of Poulsbo. To ensure consideration, all written comments must be received prior to the closing of the public hearing. At the hearing, the public will have an opportunity to provide written and verbal testimony regarding the proposed project.</p>
Public Participation Plan:	<p>A public and agency participation plan has been developed for this review process and can be viewed at https://cityofpoulsbo.com/development-regulation-amendments-2/</p>

Draft Document:

The proposed amendments are represented as underline for proposed additions and ~~strikeouts~~ for deletions. The proposed amendments can be found online: <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/development-regulation-amendments-2/>

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Planning Commission Public Hearing

The Planning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for December 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm or soon thereafter. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council. Public Hearings are being held as a hybrid virtual/in-person at the web address and call-in number noted below and at City Hall Council Chambers, 200 NE Moe Street. This call-in number: 1 253 215 8782 and meeting id: 833 0383 5462 are provided for virtual attendance, in addition to this webinar link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83303835462>.

Further Information:

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

Examination of File:



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