



NOTICE

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Capital Facilities Chapter/Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan to Facilitate Updates to Residential Open Space Requirements **File No: 23-103073-UP & 23-103074-SE**

Description: The City of Federal Way proposes amendments to the Capital Facilities Chapter (element) of its Comprehensive Plan including, but not necessarily limited to, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan which is part of the Capital Facilities Chapter. The Comprehensive Plan amendment would allow related updates proposed to Federal Way Revised Code (FWRC) Titles 18 and 19 that amend residential open space requirements to improve their consistency and clarity and to implement Federal Way's Housing Action Plan; that related code amendment received a [SEPA DNS](#) on 5/12/23. The Comprehensive Plan amendment would include, but may not be limited to, updates to language about the existing method of calculating open space requirements to allow a related code amendment that changes the subdivision open space calculation method from a percent of gross land area basis to sq. ft/unit basis. The proposed comprehensive plan amendment may make possible other proposed residential open space code amendments associated with the DNS already issued 5/12/23.

This proposal is consistent with [FWRC 19.80.050\(3\)](#) which allows amendments of the Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Chapter (Element) outside of the annual docketing process when it occurs concurrently with adoption or amendments of the City Budget; that's the intended adoption path for this proposed comprehensive plan amendment.

Applicant: Federal Way Community Development Department – Planning Division

Lead Agency: City of Federal Way

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The city's Responsible Official has determined that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the city.

A completed environmental checklist and supporting documents are available for review at the City of Federal Way Community Development Department (Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Avenue South, Federal Way, WA 98003, 253-835-7000), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; and available via the contact above.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2023. Unless modified by the city, this determination will become final following the comment deadline. Any person aggrieved by the city's determination may file an appeal with the city within 21 days of the above comment deadline. You may appeal this determination to the Federal Way City Clerk (address above), no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 21, 2023, by a written letter stating the reason for the appeal of the determination. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

SEPA Responsible Official: Keith Niven

Title: Community Development Director/SEPA Responsible Official

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Date Issued: June 16, 2023

Signature: _____

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