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Notice of Availability

including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date: June 23, 2022

Proposal name: Amendments to Skagit County Code 16.32 Water Pollution

Documents available: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/PollutionCode2022.htm>

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Contact Person: Jenn Rogers, Assistant Long Range Planner

Public hearing

body: Skagit County Board of County Commissioners

Public hearing

date: July 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Written comment

deadline: July 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

State law requires cities and counties who hold Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permits (Stormwater Permit) to implement a pollution source control program and adopt and make effective an ordinance that requires the application of source control Best Management Practices (BMPs) for pollution generating sources associated with existing land use and activities no later than August 1, 2022. The requirements for the source control program are met by using the source control BMPs in the 2019 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (Stormwater Manual).

The Stormwater Permit also requires Phase II Permittees to generate an inventory of publicly and privately owned institutional, commercial, and industrial sites which have the potential to generate pollutants to the County's stormwater system by August 1, 2022. The proposed code changes relevant to the enforcement of this requirement will only apply to sites within the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit area.

This proposal would amend Skagit County Code 16.32 Water Pollution to ensure compliance with C5.S.8 of the Stormwater Permit and allow staff to engage in a progressive enforcement process if a site refuses to comply. The proposed code changes included format and text changes designed to make the code more user friendly for both the public and staff.

SEPA Threshold Determination

Skagit County has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request and at the above listed website.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the publish date indicated in the table above. Written comments regarding this Determination of Nonsignificance must be submitted by the written comment deadline (above) and in the same manner as other comments. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

SEPA Responsible Official: Hal Hart, AICP, Director/Administrative Official,
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Signature 
Hal Hart, Director

Date of Decision: June 21, 2022

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdsccomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name ("Amendments to Skagit County Code 16.32 Water Pollution") in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services
Comments on "Amendments to Skagit County Code 16.32 Water Pollution"
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above, and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person. If you wish to provide verbal testimony, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.