

Environmental Checklist

File No. Non-Project

Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "*does not apply.*"

IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (Part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: A text revision to the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 5 "Capital Facilities and Utilities", Policy CFU 3.6 "Limitations of Service Outside of the Urban Growth Boundary".
2. Name of applicant: City of Spokane
3. Address and phone number of applicant or contact person: City of Spokane – Department of Engineering Services, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., 2nd Floor, Spokane, WA 99201, (509) 625-6700.
4. Date checklist prepared: October 29, 2010
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Spokane - Department of Planning Services
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): The proposed amendments to CFU 3.6 are proposed to be included in the City's 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle. The amendments will be before the City Plan Commission and City Council in 2011.
7.
 - a. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. No.
 - b. Do you own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal? If yes, explain. Not applicable, non-project action.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to his proposal. A draft and final EIS were prepared for the City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2001.
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. Other Comprehensive Plan Amendments will be considered at the same time as the proposed amendment to CFU 3.6.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment requires approval of the City Plan Commission, Spokane City Council, and the Mayor.
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. The proposal is for a text revision of Comprehensive Plan Policy CFU 3.6 "Limitations of Service Outside of the Urban Growth Boundary" and is necessary to clarify the intent of the policy in the administration of sewer and water utility service outside of the Urban Growth Boundary.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information to a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit application related to this checklist. City of Spokane's sewer and water service areas

13. Does the proposed action lie within the Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)? The General Sewer Service Area? The Priority Sewer Service Area? The City of Spokane? (See: Spokane County's ASA Overlay Zone Atlas for boundaries.) Yes, all of the above.

14. The following questions supplement Part A.

a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) / Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)

(1) Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste, installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains). Describe the type of system, the amount of material to be disposed of through the system and the types of material likely to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities). Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

(2) Will any chemicals (especially organic solvents or petroleum fuels) be stored in aboveground or underground storage tanks? If so, what types and quantities of material will be stored? Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

(3) What protective measures will be taken to insure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater? This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

(4) Will any chemicals be stored, handled or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface or groundwater or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater? Not applicable, this is a non-project action. See above.

b. Stormwater

(1) What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)? The depth to groundwater is approximately 0 feet to 250 feet, depending on the location within the City of Spokane. The depth to bedrock ranges from approximately 0 feet to several hundred feet, depending on the location within the City of Spokane.

(2) Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts? Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one): *flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountains, other*. The City of Spokane contains flat, rolling, hilly and steep slope areas. The slopes range from 0 to greater than 30 percent.
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? The steepest slopes in the City of Spokane are in excess of 30 percent; please see the Steep Slopes and Geological Hazard areas maps of the City of Spokane.
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland. Please see the "Soil Survey, Spokane County Washington, 1968" for a list of soil classifications in the City of Spokane.
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. Yes, there are areas of unstable soils in the City of Spokane. Please reference the Geological Hazard Area maps of the City of Spokane.
- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill: There are no fills or grading proposed directly related to this proposal, this is a non-project action. Individual construction projects may involve cut and fill. These will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. Not applicable. This is a non-project action.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? This is a non-project action.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth, if any: This is a non-project action.

2. Air

- a. What type of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial, wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally

describe and give approximate quantities if known. This is a non-project action.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. No, this is a non-project action.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: There are no proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air directly related to this proposal, it is a non-project action.

3. Water

a. SURFACE:

- (1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. Yes, the Spokane River and Latah Creek are located in the City of Spokane. In addition, numerous streams and seasonal streams are located in the City; the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNS) has classified these streams under the Washington State Water Classification system. Finally, there are a number of ponds and wetlands in the City. Please see the maps of the DNR typed streams and Wetlands from the National Wetland Inventory at the City of Spokane for their locations.
- (2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. No, this is a non-project action.
- (3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from the surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. There is no fill or dredge material that is proposed to be placed or removed in relation to this proposal, this is a non-project action.
- (4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No, this proposal will not require surface water withdrawals or diversions, this is a non-project action.
- (5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? Yes, portions of the City of Spokane lie within the 100-year floodplain. If so, note location on the site plan. Please see the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Floodplain maps for a complete listing of sites within the 100-year floodplain.

(6) Does the proposal involve any discharge of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. No, this proposal does not involve any discharge of waste materials to surface waters. This is a non-project action.

b. GROUND:

(1) Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No, groundwater will not be withdrawn or discharged as a result of this proposal. This is a non-project action. Properties that are outside of the Urban Growth Boundary and are not allowed to connect to the City's water system may install water wells to serve their project.

(2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sanitary waste treatment facility. Describe the general size of the system, the number of houses to be served (if applicable) or the number of persons the system(s) are expected to serve. Not applicable, this is a non-project action. Properties that are outside of the Urban Growth Boundary and are not allowed to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system may install septic tanks.

c. WATER RUNOFF (INCLUDING STORMWATER):

(1) Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) and method of collection and disposal if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

(2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

d. PROPOSED MEASURES to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any.

The provisions of Spokane Municipal Code Section 17D.060 "Stormwater Facilities" regulates the disposal of stormwater and requires appropriate on-site treatment, storage and disposal. All newly constructed development projects in the City of Spokane are reviewed with respect to these regulations and required to build appropriate stormwater facilities.

4. Plants

a. Check or circle type of vegetation found on the site:

_____ Deciduous tree: *alder, maple, aspen, other.*

_____ Evergreen tree: *fir, cedar, pine, other.*

_____ Shrubs

_____ Grass

_____ Pasture

_____ Crop or grain

_____ Wet soil plants, *cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other.*

_____ Water plants: *water lilly, eelgrass, milfoil, other.*

_____ Other types of vegetation.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? No vegetation is proposed to be removed or altered as part of this proposal, this is a non-project action. Vegetation may be removed as a result of the construction of development projects.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site. The following species are endangered or threatened and may be located in the City of Spokane: Marsh Sandwort (Arenaria paludicola), Golden Painbrush (Castilleja levisecta), Water Howellia (Howellia aquiatilis), Bradshaw's Lomatium (Lomatium brashawii), Kincaid's Lupine (Lupinus sulphureus), Nelson's Checker-mallow (Sidalcea nelsoniana), and Ute Ladies'-tresses (Spiranthes diluvialis).

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

5. Animals

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other.

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other.

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other.

other:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

The following threatened or endangered species may be located in or near the City of Spokane:

Endangered Species:

NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG RANA PIPIENS

Amphibian

OREGON SPOTTED FROG	<i>RANA PRETIOSA</i>	Amphibian
SNOWY PLOVER	<i>CHARADRIUS ALEXANDRINUS</i>	Bird
SPOTTED OWL	<i>STRIX OCCIDENTALIS</i>	Bird
MARDON SKIPPER	<i>POLITES MARDON</i>	Butterfly
OREGON SILVERSPOT BUTTERFLY	<i>SPEYERIA ZERENE HIPPOLYTA</i>	Butterfly
COLUMBIAN WHITE-TAILED DEER	<i>ODOCOILEUS VIRGINIANUS LEUCURUS</i>	Mammal
FISHER	<i>MARTES PENNANTI</i>	Mammal
PYGMY RABBIT	<i>BRACHYLAGUS IDAHOENSIS</i>	Mammal
WESTERN POND TURTLE	<i>CLEMMYS MARMORATA</i>	Reptile

Threatened Species:

ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE	<i>BRANTA CANADENSIS LEUCOPAREIA</i>	Bird
BALD EAGLE	<i>HALIAEETUS LEUCOCEPHALUS</i>	Bird
FERRUGINOUS HAWK	<i>BUTEO REGALIS</i>	Bird
MARbled MURRELET	<i>BRACHYRAMPHUS MARMORATUS</i>	Bird
WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL	<i>SCIURUS GRISEUS</i>	Mammal

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. Yes, portions of the City of Spokane are located in migration routes.
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: The provisions of Spokane Municipal Code Section 17E.020 "Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas" contain development standards for the protection of animals listed as threatened, endangered and priority species. All new development projects in the City of Spokane are subject to these regulations.

6. Energy and natural resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. _____
Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- (1) Describe special emergency services that might be required. _____
Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- (2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- b. NOISE:
- (1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? _____
Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- (2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. _____
Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- (3) Proposed measure to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: _____
All development activity is subject to the noise limitations of WAC 173-60-040 and SMC10.08.020 that limits the audible decibel range at the receiving property line to 55 to 70 dBA and 45 to 60 dBA from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Not applicable, non-project action.
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe. Yes, portions of the City have been historically used for agricultural purposes.
- c. Describe any structures on the site. Not applicable, non-project action.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, which? There are no structures proposed to be demolished in conjunction with this proposal, this is a non-project action.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site All zones allowed in the City of Spokane are included in this proposal including residential, commercial, and industrial zones.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
The proposal encompasses the entire city limits, so all designations including agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional are included.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
Conservation, Natural, Intensive Urban, Urban and Rural.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area? If so, specify. Portions of the City of Spokane have been designated as a critical area. Please refer to the City of Spokane maps for: DNR streams, Wetlands, FEMA Flood zones, Riparian Habitat zones, Geologic Hazard Areas, Soils, Steep Slopes and Aquifers.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? The City of Spokane adopted a 20-year population projection of 58,600 people as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, 2001. These numbers were based on the Washington State Office of Financial Management projections for the 20-year population increase in Spokane County and an agreed allocation of the population to the City of Spokane including the City's Urban Growth Areas.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: The proposed text revision is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, 2001.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing. Not applicable, non-project action.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high-, middle- or low-income housing. Not applicable, non-project action.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: Not applicable, non-project action.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? Not applicable, non-project action.
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? Not applicable, non-project action.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: Not applicable, non-project action.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? Not applicable, this is non-project action.
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? The City of Spokane contains numerous formal and passive recreational opportunities including the network of City and neighborhood parks, conservation open space, public land, lands owned by agencies and private for profit companies. These lands are designated on the City's Comprehensive Plan as Open Space, Conservation Open Space, Potential Open Space, and Residential 4-10 on the land use map.
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. Not applicable, this is a non-project action. This proposal does not propose to sell or develop any lands owned by the City or other public agency.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe. Yes, there are districts and homes listed on the national, state and local historic registers within the City

of Spokane. These include but are not limited to Browne's Addition, Peaceful Valley, Corbin Park, Hillyard, and Nettleton's Addition.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic archaeological, scientific or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site. The City of Spokane contains numerous properties listed on local, state, and the national register of historic places. In addition, the City contains archaeological and cultural sites due to the habitation of this area by Native Americans.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any: Site excavation for development projects is subject to all state and federal standards for preservation of archaeological and cultural sites and the Native American Graves Protection Act.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. Please refer to the City of Spokane official roadway map. Numerous local access streets, collectors, principal arterials and highways such as State Route 395, SR 195, Highway 2 and 291 serve the City of Spokane.
- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? Yes, portions of the City of Spokane are served by public transit (Spokane Transit Authority).
- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air transportation? If so, generally describe. Not applicable, this is a non-project action.
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak would occur. Not applicable. This is a non-project action.

(Note: to assist in review and if known indicate vehicle trips during PM peak, AM Peak and Weekday (24 hours).)

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: Not applicable, this is a non-project action. Individual development projects are subject to concurrency certification under Spokane Municipal Code Section 17D.010. Impacts from the projects can be mitigated through roadway improvements, voluntary impacts fees and other measures.

15. Public services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. No, there is no direct need for an increase in public services due to the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Impacts to public services by an individual project will be evaluated and mitigated during the project level review and permitting process.
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any: New projects comprised of 3 housing units or more are evaluated for impacts public services under Spokane Municipal Code Section 17D.010, a concurrency certification process. Impacts to public systems can be mitigated at this stage by a variety of mechanisms including improvements to public street and utility systems, and voluntary impact fees.

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. There are no utilities proposed as a direct result of the proposal, this is a non-project action. The City of Spokane will provide water and sewer services for future development within the City's Sewer and Water Service Areas subject to the conditions of CFU 3.6. Property owners may be required to pay for extensions of those services to properties. Other utilities such as cable television, fiber optics, natural gas and high-speed internet access may be provided by a variety of private companies such as Avista, Qwest, AT&T, and Comcast Cable.

C. SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the agency must withdraw any determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: 10/29/2010

Signature: 

Please Print or Type:

Proponent: P. Mike Taylor, Director

Address: Department of Engineering Services

Phone: (509) 625-6700

808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, WA, 99201

Person completing form (if different from proponent): Kristen J. Becker, P.E.

Address: 808 West Spokane Falls

Phone: (509) 625-6392

Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201-3329

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: _____

Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:

- A. there are no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.
- B. probable significant adverse environmental impacts do exist for the current proposal and recommends a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance with conditions.
- C. there are probable significant adverse environmental impacts and recommends a Determination of Significance.

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(Do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposal would not directly increase discharge to water, emissions to air, the production and storage of toxic or hazardous substances or noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

There should not be a need to reduce or avoid impacts as none are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?

The proposed text amendment would not directly affect plant, animals or fish species. Direct impacts to these species will be a result of individual development projects.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are:

There should not be a need to reduce or avoid impacts as none are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

There should be no direct effect on the availability of energy or natural resources as a result of the proposed text amendment to CFU 3.6.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

There should not be a need to reduce or avoid impacts as none are anticipated as a result of this proposal. CFU 3.6 already contains provisions to allow sewer connections where ground water resources and the sole source aquifer will be protected.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, flood plains or prime farmlands?

There will be no direct effect on environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection as a result of this proposal.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

There should not be a need to reduce or avoid impacts as none are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed text amendment to CFU 3.6 is compatible with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Shoreline Master Program.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

There should not be a need to reduce or avoid shoreline impacts as none are anticipated as a result of this proposal.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

It is not anticipated that the proposal will increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. The proposed text amendment will clarify under what circumstances sewer and water mains can be extended outside of the UGA.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

Not applicable. Impacts to transportation or other public services and utilities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis during permit review for individual development projects.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The proposal should not conflict with local, state or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. The proposal is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the Growth Management Act.

C. SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the *agency* may withdraw any Determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: 10/29/2010

Signature: 

Please Print or Type:

Proponent: City of Spokane

Address: 808 West Spokane Falls

Phone: (509) 625-6700

Boulevard, Spokane, WA, 99201-3329

Person completing form (if different from proponent): Kristen J. Becker, P.E.

Address: 808 West Spokane Falls

Phone: (509) 625-6392

Boulevard, Spokane, WA 99201-3329

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: _____

Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:

- A. there are no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.
- B. probable significant adverse impacts do exist for the current proposal and recommends a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance with conditions.
- C. there are probable significant adverse environmental impacts and recommends a Determination of Significance.