



SEPA

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

SUBMITTAL SUPPLEMENTAL

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WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

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 are unsure of the answer or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers 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 difficulty, 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 help 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.

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DATE: 3/1/17
REVIEWED BY: 99
PROJECT #: PRJ 2017-144
CASE #: SEP 2017-009
RELATED FILES:

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: **Yakima County Code (YCC) Title 19 - Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) corrections and revisions.**

2. Name of applicant: **Yakima County**

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared: **August 16, 2016**

5. Agency requesting checklist: **Yakima County**

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Planning Commission open record public hearing: November 19, 2013; the hearing may, as needed, be continued by the Planning Commission to November 20, 2013 for additional testimony. Deliberations will follow with findings and recommendation to the Board of Yakima County Commissioners. Board hearing(s) and deliberations are anticipated mid-Dec. 2013. Anticipated adoption prior to January 2014.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

Yes. This is a part of an ongoing review of Title 19. There is no set timetable for further code updates.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

SEP2007-052 was a Determination of Non-Significance for an update of the Yakima County Comprehensive Plan (*Plan 2015*) and SEP2013-031 was a Determination of Non-Significance for an adoption of YCC Title 19 – Unified Land Development Code.

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.

None known.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

**Threshold Determination issued by the Yakima County SEPA Responsible Official
Adoption of the proposed revisions to YCC Title 19 by the Yakima County Board of County Commissioners**

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. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The current *nonproject* action is for revisions to YCC Title 19, the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). The proposed revisions to Title 19 corrects referencing errors, clarifies existing language and corrects those items which conflict with other local and state regulations.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for 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 applications related to this checklist.

Title 19 applies throughout the unincorporated areas of Yakima County that lie within Yakima County jurisdiction.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

Does not apply

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Does not apply

- 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.

Yakima County contains many soil types, including prime farmland soils.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Unstable soils have been identified in various locations throughout Yakima County.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed.
Indicate source of fill.

Does not apply

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Does not apply

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Project actions will require review under the applicable codes.

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2. Air

- a. What types 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.

Individual projects may have specific impacts.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Conditions of approval for project actions will require compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations to mitigate potential impacts.

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.

Individual projects near surface water will need to meet the requirements of applicable codes such as the Critical Areas Ordinance or Shoreline Master Program.

- 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.

Does not apply

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected.
Indicate the source of fill material.

Does not apply

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Does not apply

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Portions of unincorporated Yakima County lie within the FEMA designated 100-year floodplain.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Does not apply

b. Ground:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water?
Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Does not apply

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Does not apply

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) 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.

Does not apply

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Individual project actions are required to meet all applicable standards, including stormwater management.

4. Plants

- a. Check or circle types 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 lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
☒ other types of vegetation

Various types of vegetation are found throughout Yakima County.

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Does not apply

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

**Yakima County contains several threatened or endangered species.
Project level review for proposals will ensure protection of these species.**

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

When applicable, individual projects that include land disturbing activities are required to revegetate with native species.

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or 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, shellfish, other:

Various species of animals are found throughout Yakima County.

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

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- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

There are potential migration routes along the streams and rivers within Yakima County.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Does not apply

6. Energy and natural resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Does not apply

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?

Does not apply

List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

Does not apply

7. Environmental health

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- 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.

Does not apply

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Does not apply

- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Does not apply

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Does not apply

- 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.

Does not apply

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Does not apply

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Yakima County contains a variety of developed and undeveloped lands.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

There are both drylands and irrigated lands in agricultural production.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Does not apply

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Does not apply

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Does not apply

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

There are various Shoreline Environments found throughout Yakima County.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Does not apply

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

Areas of Yakima County have been classified environmentally sensitive, such as wetlands, geologic hazards, floodplain, etc.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Does not apply

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Does not apply

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Does not apply

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Title 19 implements the Yakima County Comprehensive Plan (*Plan 2015*), which outlines goals, objectives and policies for land use within Yakima County.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Does not apply

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Does not apply

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Does not apply

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?

Does not apply

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Does not apply

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Does not apply

11. Light and glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Does not apply

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Does not apply

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Does not apply

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Does not apply

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

There are various venues for formal and informal recreation in Yakima County.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Does not apply

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Does not apply

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.

There are several sites within Yakima County listed on Federal and State Historic Registers.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

There are various pre-historic and historic sites within Yakima County.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

Does not apply

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.

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Does not apply

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Does not apply

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Does not apply

- 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).

Project specific actions may require the development of new transportation infrastructure.

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

Does not apply

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

Does not apply

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.

Individual projects may result in an increased need for public services.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Does not apply

16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

There are various utilities throughout Yakima County.


- 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.

Does not apply

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C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 
Date Submitted: 3-7-17

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 the 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?

Title 19 regulates land uses and ensures compatibility between adjacent land uses. There are no proposed zoning district boundary changes that would result in an increase in development potential. The current revisions are for the correction of inaccurate references, to correct those identified conflicts with other regulatory codes and to clarify existing language.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

Continued compliance with the Critical Area Ordinance (YCC Titles 16A and 16C), Shoreline Master Program (YCC Titles 16D), and the State Environmental Policy Act (YCC Title 16.04).

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?
This proposal is a revision to the Yakima County Code. It is not likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Individual projects will still require review under the applicable ordinances that protect the environment.

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

Continued compliance with the Critical Area Ordinance (YCC Titles 16A and 16C), Shoreline Master Program (YCC Titles 16D), and the State Environmental Policy Act (YCC Title 16.04).

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?
This proposal is a revision to the Yakima County Code and will not deplete energy or natural resources. Individual projects will still require review under applicable ordinances.

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

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There are specific development standards that ensure protection of natural resources.

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, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

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The adoption of the proposed revisions to Title 19 - Unified Land Development Code is a non-project action that will not have a direct impact on these areas. Individual projects will require review under all applicable codes, including the Critical Area Ordinance (YCC Titles 16A and 16C), Shoreline Master Program (YCC Titles 16D), and the State Environmental Policy Act (YCC Title 16.04).

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

Project actions will require review under the applicable codes.

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 revisions to Title 19 have been drafted in compliance with the existing Critical Areas Ordinances and Shoreline Master Program. Allowed uses will meet the requirements of the CAO and SMP.

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

Project actions will require review under the applicable codes.

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

Title 19 permits land uses allowed within different zoning districts. The uses allowed in zoning districts are based on projected impacts to transportation, public services, and utilities. Individual projects will require separate review under the applicable ordinances.

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

Project actions will require review under the applicable codes.

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

Title 19 was written to increase conformity with local, state and Federal laws and requirements for the protection of the environment. Individual projects will require separate review under applicable ordinances.