

**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
ISSUED BY
CITY OF WENATCHEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Description of proposal:

Amendments to the Wenatchee City Code Title 10 specifically:

- Amendments to Chapter 10.50 Signs to allow a single digital billboard up to 300 square feet in area and 30-feet-tall between 5th Street and Springwater Avenue.
- Amendments to Chapter 10.72.050 Nonconforming signs to allow a new digital billboard.

Proponent: City of Wenatchee

Location of proposal: Wenatchee Urban Growth Area

Lead Agency: City of Wenatchee Community Development Department

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. 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 lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on this DNS.

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 below. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on August 8, 2024.

Responsible Official: Glen DeVries, AICP

Phone: 509.888.3252

Position Title: Community Development Director

Contact Person: Stephen Neuenschwander

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Position Title: Assistant Director

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Wenatchee, WA 98801

Date: July 25, 2024

Signature:



SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

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.

Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the [Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions \(Part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [Find help answering background questions](#)

1. **Name of proposed project, if applicable:** Limited Amendments to Title 10 Zoning
2. **Name of applicant:** City of Wenatchee
3. **Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:**

301 Yakima St, Suite 100, Wenatchee, WA 98801

(509) 888-3285

Contact person: Stephen Neuenschwander, Assitant Director, Community Development Department
4. **Date checklist prepared:** July 24, 2024
5. **Agency requesting checklist:** City of Wenatchee
6. **Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):** A public hearing with the Planning Commission is scheduled for August 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM. A public hearing with the City Council is scheduled for September 12, 2024 at 5:15 PM. The City Council is expected to consider adopting an Ordinance following the public hearing on September 12.
7. **Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.** Development regulations are amended as needed.
8. **List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.** None known
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.**

No
10. **List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.**

City of Wenatchee Planning Commission recommendation
City of Wenatchee City Council approval by ordinance

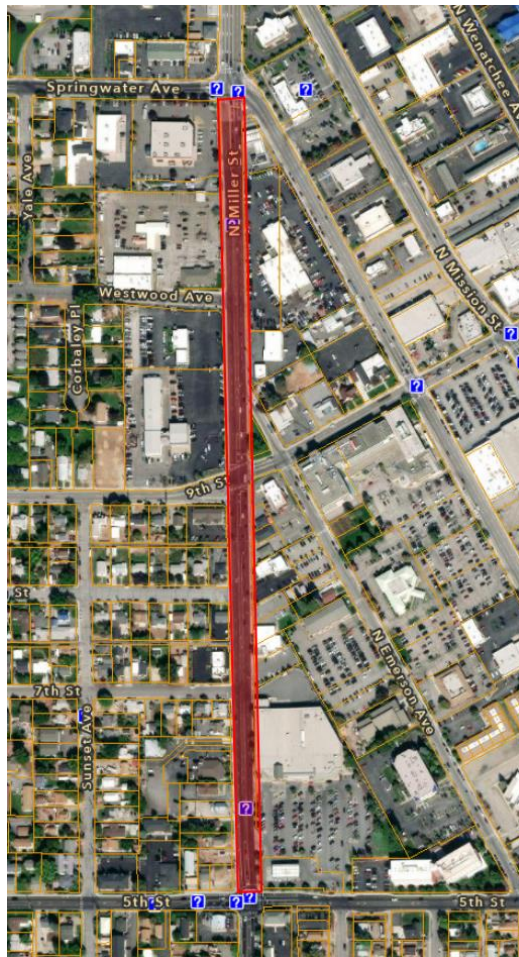
11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

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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.

The proposed non-project actions affects a limited area within the City of Wenatchee along Miller Street between 5th Street and Springwater Avenue. If approved and permitted, the single digital billboard would



be located on one of the parcels along this corridor.

B. Environmental Elements

None of the Environmental Elements listed in this section were determined to substantively contribute to the review of this non-project proposal.

C. Signature [Find help about who should sign](#)

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.



Type name of signee: Stephen Neuenschwander

Position and agency/organization: Assistant Director, Community Development Department,
City of Wenatchee

Date submitted: 7/25/2024

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet](#)

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section 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?

The proposed amendments to development codes would not be expected to result in developments that increase any of the listed items.

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: n/a

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

The proposed amendments to development codes would not be expected to result in developments that impact the listed items any more than the current codes and design guidelines.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:** n/a

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

The proposed amendments to development codes would not be expected to result in developments that deplete energy or natural resources.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:** n/a

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?

The proposed amendments to development codes would not be expected to result in developments that use or affect any of the listed items at a level greater than what would be allowed without the proposed development code amendments.

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:** n/a

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 amendments to development codes would be expected to result in developments that are at least as consistent with the Wenatchee Urban Area Comprehensive Plan and the City of Wenatchee Shoreline Master Program as existing standards.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:** n/a

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

The proposed amendments to development codes would not be expected to result in developments that generate higher demands on transportation or public services and utilities than developments that could be permitted under the current codes and design guidelines. Public service system demands as a consequence of development would be evaluated at the time of application submittal and must meet adopted level of service standards.

- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:** n/a

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or

requirements for the protection of the environment.

No known conflicts.