

## SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE

(WAC 197-11-960) Section 11.10.230(1)

### Environmental Checklist

File No.      **Beekkeeping Zoning Code**  
                 **Text Amendment**

#### **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.

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**A. BACKGROUND**

**EVALUATION FOR  
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1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

**Zoning Code Amendment to Chapters 14.300 (Definitions), 14.606 (Urban Residential Zones), 14.612 (Commercial Zones), 14.614 (Industrial Zones), 14.616 (Resource Lands), and 14.618 (Rural Zones) of the Spokane County Zoning Code providing for a comprehensive set of regulations relating to Beekeeping within Spokane County.**

2. Name of applicant: **Spokane County Building and Planning Department**

3. Address and phone number of applicant or contact person: **Corey Smith, Associate Planner, Spokane County Dept. of Building and Planning, 1026 W Broadway, Spokane, WA 99260, 509-477-7234**

4. Date checklist prepared: **April 25, 2011**

5. Agency requesting checklist: **Spokane County Building and Planning Department**

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

**Code update to be in effect by June 20, 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. **N/A**

- b. Do you own or have options on land nearby or adjacent to this proposal? If yes, explain. **N/A**

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to his proposal. **None - non-project action.**

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**

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

**Planning Commission Recommendation  
Board of County Commissioner's final approval/adoption**

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.

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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.  
**N/A (Code Amendments apply countywide)**
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.) **N/A - non-project action.**
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). **N/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? **N/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. **N/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

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groundwater or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater? **N/A - non-project action.**

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b. Stormwater

(1) What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)? **N/A - non-project action.**

2) Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts? **N/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*: **N/A - non-project action.**

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? **N/A - non-project action.**

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. **N/A - non-project action.**

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **N/A - non-project action.**

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill: **N/A - non-project action.**

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **N/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)? **N/A - non-project action.**

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