CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND
CORRECTED STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
AND HEARING NOTICE

A previous version of this notice listed the wrong SEPA Public Comment Deadline. Written comments/appeals concerning the environmental analysis and SEPA determination must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Community Development no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 8, 2025, not Monday, March 17, 2025.

On **Thursday, May 22, 2025,** at or about 6:30 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Shoreline Master Program. The public hearing will take place in Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, WA. Persons wishing to testify to the Planning Commission may do so either by submitting oral testimony during the public hearing, or by submitting written comments to the City Clerk, 250 Madison Street, Suite 2, Port Townsend, WA 98368 or at ptpc@cityofpt.us. Written comments on the merits of the amendments must be received by 4:30PM on the day of the public hearing, May 22, 2025. Separate public notice of the subsequent City Council hearing will be provided in accordance with municipal code.

Public Accommodations for this meeting:

- **Join virtually at https://zoom.us/j/99902251731 enter the 9 digit Webinar ID 999 0225 1731**
- **Join by phone in listen-only mode – +12532158782,,99902251731#**
- **Live stream (listen only): https://cityofpt.us/citycouncil/page/agendasminutesvideos**
- **Submit public comment to be included in the meeting record to: https://publiccomment.fillout.com/cityofpt**
- **If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please attempt all methods listed above before reporting any issues to: clerksupport@cityofpt.us**

Proposal: Periodic Update to the Shoreline Master Program – The City of Port Townsend initiated amendments to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) to comply with state mandated updates to shoreline regulations.
Location: The proposed code amendments will apply throughout city limits in Port Townsend.

Proponent: City of Port Townsend
Planning and Community Development Department (PCD)
250 Madison Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Lead Agency: City of Port Townsend
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Determination of Non- Significance: The City of Port Townsend, as SEPA lead agency for this project, has determined that the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and issued a Determination of Non- Significance under the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (WAC 197-11-340). This determination was made after a review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City of Port Townsend which can be obtained from the address shown below.

The Environmental Checklist (Ex. A) adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed amendments. Subsequent project actions (e.g. construction/repair projects) may require further project-level under SEPA, Critical Areas (PTMC 19.05), or the Shorelines Master Program. No probable significant adverse impact on the environment has been identified from adoption of the proposed amendments to the Shoreline Master Program therefor a Determination of Non-significance is warranted.

SEPA Public Comment Deadline: Written comments/appeals concerning the environmental analysis and SEPA determination must be submitted to the Development Services Department no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, May 8, 2025. This comment period will be the only time to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project. Any appeal of a Threshold SEPA determination for Type V applications is heard by the City Council. Please address comments/appeals to the staff contact.

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