



Walla Walla County Community Development Department

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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING AND WALLA WALLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Informational Public Meeting

Walla Walla County will be holding an informational open house public meeting for the following Comprehensive Plan and development regulation amendment proposals.

Development Regulations amendments relating to floodplain development. The County is considering amendments to Walla Walla County Code Chapter 18.12, Flood Damage Prevention in order to comply with ordinance deficiencies noted by the Department of Ecology and updated procedural requirements. These amendments are required for the County to maintain eligibility under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). These amendments will affect development within all special flood hazard areas in unincorporated Walla Walla County.

Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. The State updated its guidelines for SMP's in 2003. The County is updating its SMP to be consistent with the new State requirements and reflect current information about Walla Walla County's shorelines. The updated SMP will regulate new development within and adjacent to the following shorelines in unincorporated Walla Walla County: the Walla Walla River, Bennington Lake, the Touchet River, lower Yellowhawk Creek, Mill Creek, the Columbia River and the Snake River.

This meeting is open to the public and is a question and answer session; it is not a public hearing. No oral testimony will be taken, and no decisions will be made at this meeting. Staff and consultants will be available to answer questions; this is for public informational purposes only.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING INFORMATION

County Public Health and Legislative Building
314 West Main Street
2nd floor - Room 213
Walla Walla, WA

April 6, 2016 from 6:00 – 6:45 PM

Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will be conducting public hearings on the following Comprehensive Plan and development regulation amendments (same items as listed above for informational public meeting).

- **Amendments to Walla Walla County Code Chapter 18.12, Flood Damage Prevention**
- **Walla Walla County Shoreline Master Program Update**

The Planning Commission, following the public hearings, will make a recommendation for each of the proposals above to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at the same meeting or a date not yet determined. The Planning Commission will be asked to recommend that a proposed amendment be approved, approved with modifications, or denied. The BOCC will then review the recommendation at a public hearing, on a date not yet determined.

Any interested person may comment on these items, receive notice, and participate in any hearings. Persons submitting testimony may participate in the public hearing, request a copy of the final decision, and have rights to appeal the final decision. You can obtain a copy of the staff report from the Community Development Department by contacting the person listed below.

Written comments regarding the above applications may be submitted prior to and at the hearing on April 6. Send written comments to the following address:

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PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOP INFORMATION

County Public Health and Legislative Building

314 West Main Street

2nd floor - Room 213

Walla Walla, WA

April 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information regarding this meeting, please contact Lauren Prentice, Principal Planner at 509-524-2620 or commdev@co.walla-walla.wa.us.

Walla Walla County complies with ADA; reasonable accommodation provided with 3 days notice.