File No. <u>EA2022-133</u>



#### **<u>CITY OF RICHLAND</u>** Determination of Non-Significance

**Description of Proposal:** City of Richland 2022 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket and Associated Rezones. The City received four (4) applications and SEPA Checklists for map amendments. The items have been consolidated into the 2022 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Policies, Maps and Zone Code Amendments (as established by City Council on May 17, 2022) and is file number CPA2022-105. Staff has prepared a SEPA Checklist to consolidate environmental review and consider the cumulative effects of the docketed proposals.

The SEPA Checklist and related information can be found by visiting the City of Richland website at <u>https://www.ci.richland.wa.us/departments/development-</u><u>services/planning/land-use</u>.

#### File Number: CPA2022-101 Applicant: City of Richland Parks & Public Facilities – Capital Facilities Map

Replace the existing CF-1 map with an updated version that includes recreational trail data adopted in the 2019-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan via Resolution 94-19.

## File Number:CPA2022-102 & Z2022-101Applicant:City of Richland – City View Drive

The City of Richland Economic Development Department is proposing to amend the Land Use Map to change the current land use designation for approximately 10 acres of land on City View Drive from High Density Residential (HDR) to Commercial (COM), and the underlying zoning district from Commercial Limited Business (C-LB) to Retail Business Use District (C-2). (Portion of Parcel Number 116984000003001).

## File Number:CPA2022-103 & Z2022-102Applicant:Hayden Homes, LLC – Clearwater Creek

Hayden Homes, LLC is proposing to amend the Land Use Map for approximately 10.43 acres from Commercial to Medium-Density Residential and rezone the site from Neighborhood Retail Business (C-1) to Medium Density Residential Small (R-2S). (Parcel Number 10188103000009).

## File Number:CPA2022-104 & Z2022-103Applicant:Teresa Reents & Ken Hofstad – Reata Ridge Tract C

Teresa Reents & Ken Hofstad are proposing to amend the Land Use Map for approximately 12.9 acres of land from Badger Mountain South Subarea Civic (BMS-Civic) to Low Density Residential (LDR) and rezone the site from BMS LUDR to Single -Family Residential (R-1-12). (Portion of Parcel Numbers 104884030009000, 104884030005007, 104884030005011, 104884030004001, 104884030004005, 104884030004010 and 104884030004011).

Lead Agency: City of Richland

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 for the DNS.

(**X**) This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen days from the date of issuance.

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

Responsible Official: Mike Stevens Position/Title: Planning Manager Address: 625 Swift Blvd., MS #35, Richland, WA 99352 Date: November 4, 2022 Comments Due: November 18, 2022

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### **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 <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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 <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. 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 [HELP]

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

2022 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Policies, Maps and Zoning Code Amendments (CPA2022-105), consisting of four (4) map amendment applications.

2. Name of applicant: City of Richland, Development Services Department

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

City of Richland Attn: Kyle Hendricks, Planner 625 Swift Blvd. Richland, WA 99352 (509) 942-7683

4. Date checklist prepared: **October 27, 2022** 

5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Richland, Development Services Dept.

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Fall/Winter 2022

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

The city is allowed to amend its Comprehensive Plan and associated development regulations once per year. The landowners who have submitted private-party applications may have future plans to develop their properties.

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

City of Richland Comprehensive Plan Integrated Non-project Final Environmental Impact Statement, September 12, 2017.

Individual SEPA Checklists and related information prepared by applicants and submitted for File Numbers CPA2022-101, City of Richland Parks & Public Facilities Dept., CPA2022-102 & Z2022-101, City of Richland Economic Development Division – City View, CPA 2022-103 & Z2022-102, Hayden Homes, LLC – Clearwater Creek, and CPA2022-104 & Z2022-103, Teresa Reents & Ken Hofstad – Plat of Reata Ridge Tract C.

This checklist is intended to consolidate the private-party applications for the purposes of streamlined environmental review.

No additional environmental information is expected as part of this current proposal. It is likely that some of the properties will require further environmental review when development is proposed.

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.

The rezone applications will be acted upon subsequent to the Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
 SEPA review, City of Richland
 Comprehensive Plan Amendment, City of Richland
 Rezone, City of Richland
 Future development will need additional permitting based upon the Richland Municipal

Code

The City Council is expected to take action on adopting, modifying, or denying the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments and associated rezones via ordinance after receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission conducts open record public hearing(s).

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 proposal consists of five map amendments (Comprehensive Plan & Zoning).

Site	Parcel #	Size (Acres)	Current Land Use Designation	Requested Land Use Designation	Current Zoning	Requested Zoning
Replace existing CF- 1 Map with an updated version: City-Wide	City-Wide	N/A	Varies	N/A	Varies	N/A
City View	Portion of Parcel No. 116984000003001	10 Acres	High Density Residential	Commercial	Commercial Limited Business C-LB	Retail Business Use District C-2

#### Map Amendment Affected Parcels

Clearwater Creek	10188103000009	10.43 Acres	Commercial	Medium Density Residential	Neighborhood Retail Business (C- 1)	Medium Density Residential Small (R-2S)
Reata Ridge Tract C	Portion of 104884030009000, 104884030005007, 104884030005011, 104884030004001, 104884030004005, 104884030004010 and 104884030004011).	12.9 Acres	BMS – Civic	Low Density Residential	BMS LUDR – Civic	Low Density Residential R-1-12

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.

#### See attached maps.

#### **B.** Environmental Elements [HELP]

#### 1. Earth [help]

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, 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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

#### Much of the city contains soils typically classified as sandy loam.

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

#### None known.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A. Non-project action. Future development proposals may include filling, excavation or grading, and will be subject to applicable environmental project review at the time.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. N/A. Non-project action. Future projects may result in erosion, but will be subject to applicable environmental project review at the time.

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. Future projects will likely result in impervious coverage. Specific projects will be reviewed for compliance with all local, state and/or federal regulations as applicable at time of development.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:
 N/A. Non-project action. Future projects will be subject to applicable environmental review.

#### 2. Air [help]

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

N/A. Non-project action. Future development of each specific site could result in an increase of emissions. To be reviewed at project time.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 3. Water [help]

- a. Surface Water: [help]
  - 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.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

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.

#### No. N/A. Non-project action.

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.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. None of the proposed map amendment sites are located within the 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.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### b. Ground Water: [help]

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

#### No. Future development will have access to city water.

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.

#### N/A. Non-project action. Future development is unknown at this time.

- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
  - 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.

#### N/A. Non-project action. Future development may need stormwater management.

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

N/A. Non-project action. Future development proposals are unknown at this time.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

N/A. Non-project action. Future site-specific development proposals are unknown at this time.

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

N/A. Non-project action.

#### 4. Plants [help]

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
  - \_\_\_\_deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
  - \_\_\_\_evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
  - <u>X</u>shrubs
  - <u>X</u> grass
  - \_\_\_\_pasture
  - \_\_\_\_crop or grain
  - X\_Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
  - wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
  - \_\_\_\_water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
  - \_\_\_\_other types of vegetation
- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? N/A. Non-project action.
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. N/A. Non-project action.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:
   N/A. Non-project action.
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. N/A. Non-project action.

#### 5. Animals [help]

a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds:<u>hawk</u>, heron, eagle, <u>songbirds</u>, other: mammals: <u>deer</u>, bear, elk, beaver, other: <u>Rabbits. mice</u> fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

Birds and animals in the general area of each specific site include species that are commonly found in developed environments, such as squirrels, raccoons, small rodents, etc. b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A. Non-project action. Future development proposals will be required to comply with the City of Richland's Critical Areas regulations pertaining to threatened and endangered species (Fish & Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas).

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

Yes, all of Richland is within the Columbia Flyway.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: **NONE PROPOSED.** 

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

N/A. Non-project action.

#### 6. Energy and Natural Resources [help]

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.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 7. Environmental Health [help]

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.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

- Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.
   N/A. Non-project action.
- Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating

life of the project. N/A. Non-project action.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. N/A. Non-project action.
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: **None.**
- b. Noise
  - 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

#### N/A. Non-project action.

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.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 8. Land and Shoreline Use [help]

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

## N/A. Non-project action. However, none of the specific map amendment sites are known to have been used as working farmlands.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

#### N/A. Non-project action.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

#### N/A. Non-project action. See site-specific files for further details.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? **See #11 above.** 

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? **See #11 above.** 

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? None of the specific sites are located within shoreline jurisdiction.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. **N/A. Non-project action.** 

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? **N/A. Non-project action.** 

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? **N/A. Non-project action.** 

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: **N/A. Non-project action.** 

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 9. Housing [help]

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
- N/A. Non-project action. See site-specific files for further details.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 10. Aesthetics [help]

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

#### N/A. Non-project action.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? **N/A. Non-project action.** 

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 11. Light and Glare [help]

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? **N/A. Non-project action.** 

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? **N/A. Non-project action.** 

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: **N/A. Non-project action.** 

#### 12. Recreation [help]

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? Golf courses, city parks, movie theaters, Columbia River, Rattlesnake Mountain, Yakima River are all within/near the City of Richland.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. N/A. Non-project action.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 13. Historic and cultural preservation [help]

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe.

## N/A. Non-project action. Future projects will be required to comply with all applicable regulations.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 14. Transportation [help]

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

#### N/A. Non-project action. See site specific files for additional information.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

#### N/A. Non-project action.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

#### N/A. Non-project action.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

## N/A. Non-project action. Future development of the various sites may require traffic improvements. See site specific files for additional information regarding traffic.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

### N/A. Non-project action. See site specific files for additional information regarding traffic.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

#### N/A. Non-project action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **N/A. Non-project action.** 

#### 15. Public Services [help]

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

N/A. Non-project action. Future development may result in the need for increased public services. Each site specific development will be reviewed for impacts to public services at time of application.

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

#### N/A. Non-project action.

#### 16. Utilities [help]

 a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: <u>electricity. natural gas. water. refuse service. telephone. sanitary sewer.</u> septic system, other \_\_\_\_\_\_

All typical municipal utilities are located within the City of Richland.

c. 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.

N/A. Non-project action.

#### C. Signature [HELP]

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:	" Thatid	n	
Name of signee	Kyle Hendricks		
Position and Agency/O	rganization	Planner	
Date Submitted:	October 27 2022		

#### D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [HELP]

#### (IT IS NOT NECESSARY to 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?

The proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code will not likely have any significant impacts to the items specified above.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: **None.** 

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

The proposed amendments will not likely have any impacts to plants, animals, fish or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: **None.** 

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

The proposed mapping amendments will not result in a depletion of energy or natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: **None.** 

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 mapping amendments will not affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas under governmental protection. The proposed amendments are a non-project action.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: **None.** 

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 will not affect shoreline uses and will only result in changes to land uses that are deemed acceptable by the city (if approved).

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: **None.** 

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

The proposed mapping amendments will not result in an increase to demands on transportation or public services and utilities. Future development proposals for each site will be reviewed for their specific impacts at time of project development.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: **None.** 

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. The proposed mapping amendments will not result in any conflicts with other local, state or federal laws related to protection of the environment.



## City of Richland Parks & Public Facilities

## Capital Facilities Map Update

## CPA2022-101



PARKS & PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Stevens, Planning Manager

FROM: Joe Schiessl, Parks & Public Facilities

DATE: 2-25-22

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Amendment

This Comprehensive Plan amendment proposes to replace the existing CF-1 map with an updated version. The proposed replacement map includes all existing data on the adopted CF-1 map, with the exception of Richland School District Facilities, and adds recreational trail data adopted in the 2019-2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan via Resolution 94-19. The map applies Citywide. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that Council approve this Comprehensive Plan amendment to include the addition of recreational trails onto map CF-1.



#### City of Richland 625 SV Development Services Richl

#### **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application**

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map

□ Text of Comprehensive Plan

#### Note: A Pre-Application meeting is required prior to submittal of an application.

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION	🗹 Contact Person		
Owner: City of Richland			
Address: 625 Swift Blvd.			
Phone: 509-420-6924	Email:jschiessl@ci.richland.wa.us		
APPLICANT/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (if different)	Contact Person		
Company: City of Richland	UBI#:		
Contact: Joe Schiessl, Director, Parks & Public Facilities			
Address: 625 Swift Blvd.			
Phone: 509-420-6924	Email: jschiessl@ci.richland.wa.us		
PROPERTY INFORMATION			
Legal Description:			
Citywide			
Parcel Number: 0			

Current Land Use Designation:

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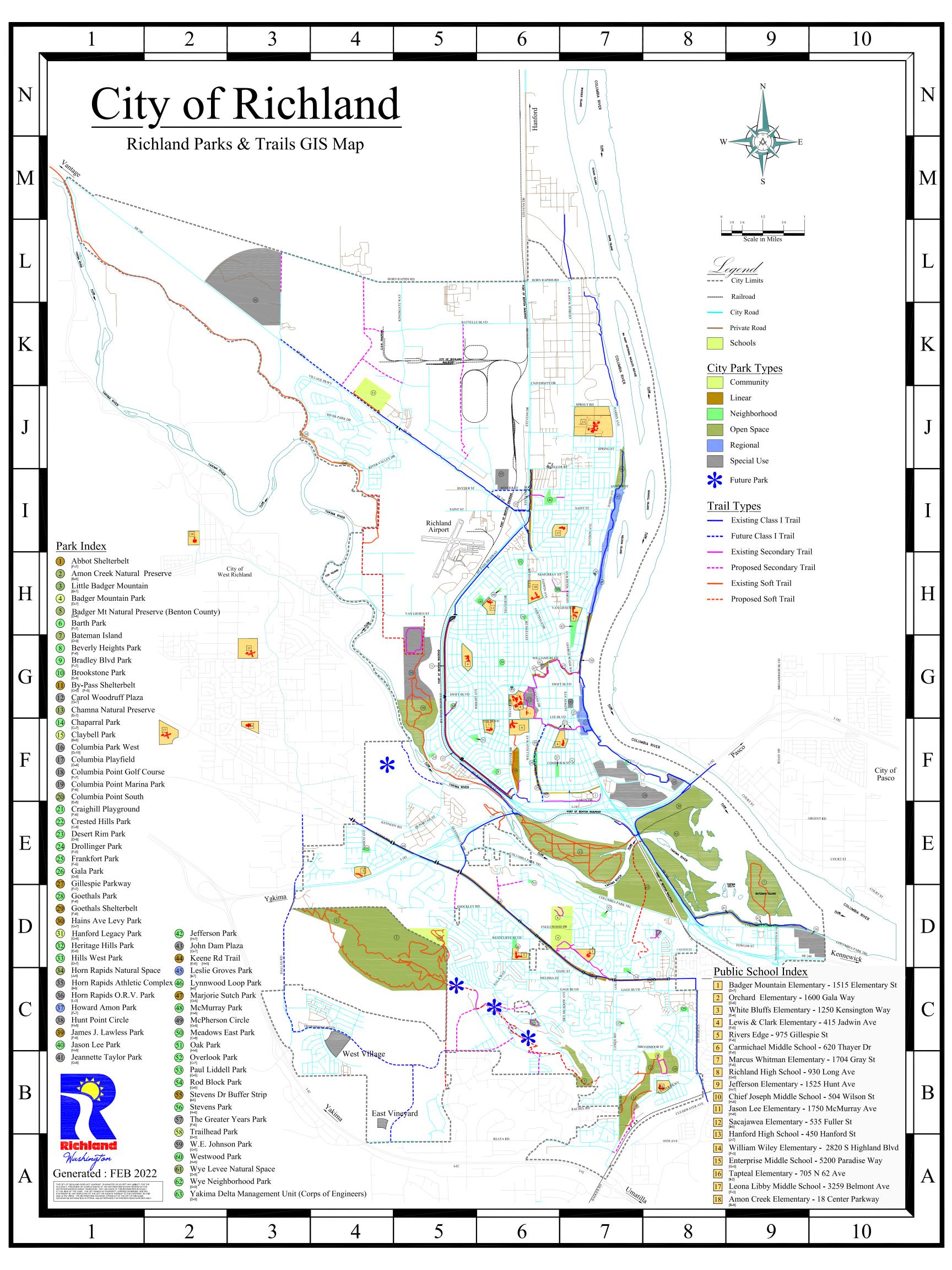
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Joe Schiessl Applicant Printed Name:

Applicant Signature:

Toe Schiessl

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_ February 25, 2022





## City of Richland Economic Development – City View

## CPA2022-102

## Z2022-101



#### **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application**

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map

□ Text of Comprehensive Plan

Note: A Pre-Application meeting is required prior to submittal of an application.	
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PROPERTY OWNER/APPLICANT INFORMATION	🖂 Contact Person		
Owner: City of Richland, Economic Development			
Address: 625 Swift Blvd, Richland WA 99352			
Phone: 942-7591	Email: darrasmith@ci.richland.wa.us		
OWNER/APPLICANT	Contact Person		
Company: Same as Above			
Contact:			
Address:			
Phone:	Email:		
PROPERTY INFORMATION			

Legal Description: See attached Exhibit

Parcel Number: 1-1698-400-0003-001	
Current Zoning: Commercial C-LB	Current Land Use Designation: High Density Residential

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Applicant Printed Name: Darin K. Arrasmith, City of Richland Office of Economic Development Dain Ana Jush

Applicant Signature:

Date February 22, 2022

Applicant Printed Name:

Applicant Signature:

Date



#### **Zoning Map Amendment Application**

Note: A Pre-Application meeting is required prior to submittal of an application.					
PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION		Contact Person			
Owner: City of Richland - Office of Economic Development					
Address: 625 Swift Blvd. , MS-19					
Phone: 942.7591					
APPLICANT/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION	N (if different)	Contact Person			
Company: Same as above.		UBI#:			
Contact:					
Address:					
Phone:	Email:				
DESCRIPTION OF WORK					
located in City View along City View Drive and Duportail Street.					
PROPERTY INFORMATION					
Parcel #: 1-1698-400-0003-001					
Legal Description:					
Current Zoning: Commercial C-LB	Current Comp Plan: High Den. Res.	Requested Zoning: Commercial C-2			
Current Use: Vacant	Proposed Use: Future Commercial.	Area of Property: 10 acres+			
APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE					
<ol> <li>Completed application and filing fee</li> <li>Title Report showing ownership, easements, restrictions, and accurate legal description of the property involved</li> <li>Other information as determined by the Administrator</li> </ol>					

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE

The unique characteristics, if any, of the property or circumstances of the owner: None.

Any hardship that may result in the event the rezone is not granted: Difficulty in marketing the property for future commercial development as the current C-LB zoning is too restrictive for the variety of commercial uses that would best serve the property and the surrounding residential areas.

The manner in which the proposed rezone conforms to patterns in adjacent zones: The City View property is adjacent to and in proximity to retail centers where existing Commercial C-3 uses are located.

Any beneficial or adverse effects the granting or denial of the rezone would have on adjacent or surrounding zones: Granting of the amendment would allow the City to market the property for restaurants and retail uses beyond the limited uses of hotels and apartments that the current C-LB allows, and it will afford the opportunity for this long-time vacant property to be developed with a quality project.

Any beneficial or adverse effects the granting or denial of the rezone would have in relation to the overall purpose and intent of the comprehensive plan and this title: None.

The benefits or detriments accruing to the City which would result from the granting or denial of this special permit: N/A

Whether the proposed rezone represents a better use of the land from the standpoint of the comprehensive plan than the original zone: The Comprehensive Plan has identified the City View retail center as location for commercial uses. The map amendment to C-2 would allow greater opportunity for this property to be developed with a commercial project.

Whether the proposed rezone represents spot zoning and whether a larger area should be considered: Amending the zoning designation to Commercial C-2 is consistent with the existing Commercial C-3 zoning in the City View retail center.

Identify impacts on the environment and public safety: None.

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Applicant Printed Name: Darin Arrasmith

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date : February 24, 2022

#### **City View**

#### **Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Map Amendment**

#### **APPLICATION - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Completed Application and Filing Fee.
   The Filing Fee will be paid by Development Services once it has been processed by the Planning department.
- 2. The purpose of the proposed amendment.

The City is proposing a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and a concurrent Zoning Map Amendment on approximately 10 acres of City-owned property in City View. The current land use designation is High Density Residential and the proposed amendment is for a change in land use designation to Commercial. The concurrent proposed Zoning Map Amendment is change the current Commercial C-LB zoning to Commercial C-2. ustification:

• The property was originally being marketed for multi-family development in the early 2000s. However, very little interest has been received by the City in the development of this property for apartment or condominium development. Over the past few years the City has received a number of inquiries in the commercial development of the property, namely restaurants. Hence, the City believes that the Commercial C-2 zoning will afford greater opportunity in developing this longstanding vacant property in City View.

Why Commercial:

- The Comprehensive Plan supports and accommodate the proposed change;
  - Promote commercial growth that supports the City's economic development goals.
  - The Comprehensive Plan supports the development of a variety of commercial land uses including retail and wholesale and services.

- Rezoning this portion of the property to Commercial C-2 provides better flexibility for the City to accommodate the projected economic growth while still allowing for the opportunity for apartment and condominium development to support residential growth in the City.
- 3. Describe how the amendment is consistent with Washington State Growth Management Act-RCW 36.70A the goals of the Act are listed 36.70A.020.

See Attachment A – Consistency with Growth Management Act Goals

- How the amendment is <u>consistent</u> with the adopted countywide planning policies.
   See Attachment B Consistency with Countywide Policies 2018 Benton County Comprehensive Plan
- How the amendment is internally consistent with the City s Comprehensive plan.
   See #2 Purpose of Proposed Amendment, above for the justification of How the proposed amendment furthers the City's comprehensive plan objectives.
- 6. How the amendment furthers the purpose of the City s Comprehensive Plan, as well as other adopted City Plans and codes.

See Attachment C – Consistency with City of Richland Comprehensive Plan Policies

- If, applicable, how the project will meet concurrency requirements for transportation.
   A Traffic Study was performed in February 2022 by JUB Engineers, Inc... This Study is attached.
- 8. As necessary, supplemental environmental review and/or critical areas review, as determined by the Administrator.

A SEPA checklist for the potential environmental impact review addressing both the proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Amendment and concurrent Zoning Map Amendment attached to this application.

- 9. Comprehensive Plan TEXT AMENDMENT applications must also include:
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Not Applicable. The proposal is for a Map Amendment.

b. The proposed text change, with new text underlined and deleted text crossed out.

#### Not Applicable.

10. Comprehensive Plan MAP AMENDMENT applications much also include:

#### See the List of Application Exhibits and supporting Exhibits attached hereto.

- a. The current land use map designation for the subject parcel s . See Current Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Map
- b. The land use map designation requested. See Proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Map
- c. A complete legal description describing the combined area of the subject parcel s . See Legal Description of Property
- d. A vicinity map showing:See the attached Regional Vicinity Map and Site Map.
  - i. All land use designations within 300 feet of the subject parcel s . See Vicinity Map
  - All parcels within 300 feet of the subject parcel and all existing uses of those parcels.
     See Vicinity Map

 iii. All roads abutting and/or providing access to the subject parcel s including information on road classification arterial, collector, access and improvement to such roads.
 See Vicinity Map

# iv. Location of shorelines and critical areas on or within 300 feet of the site, if applicable. See Critical Areas Map

- v. The location of existing utilities serving the subject parcel s , including electrical, water, and sewer.
   See City of Richland Utilities Map
- vi. The location and uses of existing structures located on the subject parcel s . Not Applicable
- e. Topographical map of the subject parcels and abutting properties at a minimum scale of the one inch represents 200 feet 1:200.
   See Topographic Map
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#### Not Applicable

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 No development proposals are currently associated with this property.

#### **City View**

#### **Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Map Amendment**

#### Attachment A

#### Consistency with Growth Management Act Goals

- Urban growth. Encourage development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner.
   Response: The subject property for this proposed comprehensive plan amendment is located within the City of Richland where city utilities currently serve the property.
- 2. **Reduce sprawl.** *Reduce the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling, low-density.*

Response: The proposed amendment would promote future development in an area currently planned by the City of Richland for growth.

- Transportation. Encourage efficient multimodal transportations systems that are based on regional priorities and coordinated with County and city comprehensive plans.
   Response: The City of Richland City wide Transportation Plan adopted in 2005 supports the City's vision and servicing planned growth within this area, including multimodal elements over the next 20 years.
- Housing. Encourage the availability of affordable housing to all economic segments of the population of this state, promote a variety of residential densities and house types, and encourage preservation of existing housing stock.
   Response: The proposed amendment would promote future development of residential

housing allowed by the proposed Commercial C-2 zoning.

5. **Economic development.** Encourage economic development throughout the state that is consistent with adopted comprehensive plans, promote economic opportunity for all citizens of this state, especially for unemployed and for disadvantaged persons, promote the retention and expansion of existing business and recruitment of new businesses, recognize regional differences impacting economic development opportunities, and encourage growth

in areas experiencing insufficient economic growth, all within the capacities of the state's natural resources, public services, and public facilities.

Response: The Comp. Plan Amendment to change the land use designation to promote Commercial and economic growth is consistent with this goal.

6. **Property rights.** Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation **having** been made. The property rights of landowners shall be protected from arbitrary and discriminatory actions.

Response: The proposal does not involve the taking of private lands for public purposes.

- 7. Permits. Applications for both state and local government permits should be processed in a timely and fair manner to ensure predictability. Response: The proposed Comp. Plan Amendment is being filed in accordance with City regulations and processing procedures along with all other Comp. Plan Amendments that have been filed within the City's annual plan review cycle, in accordance with the State Growth Management Act.
- 8. **Natural resource industries.** *Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural, and fisheries industries. Encourage the conservation of productive forest lands and productive agricultural lands, and discourage incompatible uses.*

Response: The proposed Comp. Plan Amendment does not involve natural resource land, and the current property is zoned Commercial C-LB and has not been used as Park or had a Public Facility on it previously.

- Open space and recreation. Retain open space, enhance recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks and recreation facilities.
   Response: The proposed Comp. Plan Amendment would change the High Density
   Residential designation to Commercial. The property is vacant and has not been used for open space or recreational uses.
- 10. Environment. Protect the environment and enhance the state's high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the availability of water.
   Response: Development of the site will be subject to City and State environmental regulations whether developed under either the existing or proposed land use

designations and zoning. There are no natural water features on-site.

11. **Citizen participation and coordination**. Encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning process and ensure coordination between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts.

Response: The application is filed in accordance with existing City regulations, which will require public notification and hearings before both the planning Commission and City Council.

12. **Public facilities and services.** Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

Response: As noted above, the property subject to the proposed Comp Plan Amendment is located within the City of Richland where adeqate utilities and services exist. The site abuts City View Drive and Duportail Street. The subject property is located in an existing area that was planned for commercial development and those facilities and services are anticipated in the City's Management Plans for Water Service, Sewer Service, Transportation Planning, etc. The proposed amendment is consistent with this goal.

13. **Historic preservation.** *Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures, that have historical or archaeological significance.* 

Response: There are no structures on the site and no known sites of historical or archaeological significance.

14. **Shoreline management.** *Develop a Shoreline Master Program (SMP) pursuant to the Shoreline Management Act. The goals and policies of a SMP for a country or city approved under Chapter 90.58 RCW shall be considered a part of the county or city's comprehensive plan.*  Response: The site does not lie within the jurisdiction of the City of Richland Shoreline Master Program.

## **City View**

## **Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Map Amendment**

## Attachment B

Consistency with Countywide Policies

2018 Benton County Comprehensive Plan

**Policy 1:** The comprehensive plans of Benton County and each of the cities therein shall be prepared and adopted with the objective to facilitate economic prosperity by accommodating growth consistent with the 14 goals of the Growth Management Act.

# Response: A specific response as to how the application is consistent with the 14 goals of the Growth Management Act is addressed in Attachment A.

**Policy 2:** The County shall allocate future projected populations through the use of the latest population projections published by the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM). Allocation of future populations shall be based on the following distribution: City of Kennewick 40% of total county populations; City of Richland 28% of total county population; Benton County 19% of total county population; City of West Richland 8% of total county populations; City of Prosser 3% of total county population and City of Benton City 2% of total county population with the Cities will review the OFM population projection ranges (Low, Medium, and High) and allocation percentages whenever OFM publishers new GMA population projections.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive plan amendment would provide additional flexibility for the City of Richland to accommodate projected growth in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. The amendment is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 3:** The locating of Urban Growth areas within the County shall be accomplished through the use of accepted planning practices which provide sufficient land and service capacity, up to the determined need, to meet project populations at urban densities and service standards within the Cities, and urban densities for those portions of the County located within the urban growth areas.

Response: The subject property is currently within the City of Richland. This amendment is consistent with the policy.

**Policy 4:** That Urban Growth Areas of each City shall be based upon official and accepted population projections for [a] minimum of 20 years. The gross undeveloped and underdeveloped acreage within the city limits and the Urban Growth Area shall be sufficient

to meet all the land requirements, for the following: community and essential public facilities, populations projection, commercial and industrial activities, employment projections, infill and to prevent inflation of land cost due to a limited land supply. (Note: The complex formula for identifying per capita land needs included in this policy has not been reprinted here.).

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is consistent with the overall intent of the existing plan. It is intended to provide additional flexibility for the City of Richland to accommodate projected population growth in their 2017 Comprehensive Plan. It would not lead to expansion of city limits into the adjacent County Urban Growth areas.

**Policy 5:** That within the Urban Growth Area, urban uses shall be concentrated in and adjacent to existing urban services or where they are shown on a Capital Improvement Plan to be available within 6 years.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment occurs within the City limits and is located where urban services exist. The proposed plan amendment is consistent with the intent of the policy.

**Policy 6:** That cities limit the extension of service district boundaries and water and sewer infrastructure to areas within each jurisdiction's urban growth area contained in their adopted Comprehensive Plan. Utility plans should attempt to reflect possible needs for 50 years.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment would not involve extending service district boundaries outside of the City of Richland City Limits. The City's Water and Sewer Comprehensive Plans address future growth, utility extension and reserve capacity for the amendment area located within the existing service areas, and therefore the proposed amendment is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 7:** Within each Comprehensive Plan, the Land Use Plan for urban growth areas should designate urban densities and indicate the general locations of greenbelt and critical areas.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is intended to provide additional flexibility for the City of Richland to accommodate projected population growth in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. There are no known critical areas on the site. Therefore, the proposal is consistent with this policy. **Policy 8:** Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural, and fisheries industries. Encourage the conservation of productive forest lands and productive agricultural lands, and discourage incompatible uses.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment does not involve revisions to the Urban Growth Boundary. The proposed plan amendment is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 9:** The appropriate directions for the expansion of urban growth areas are those which are unincorporated land with existing service infrastructure and lands adjacent to corporate limits.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment doesn't not involve an expansion of an Urban Growth Area boundary. The site is within the corporate limits of the City of Richland. The amendment is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 10:** All policies within each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plans shall be modified to be consistent with adopted Countywide Policies.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment would not require the amendment of any policies within the City of Richland Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The amendment is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 11:** The County and Cities, along with public participation shall develop a cooperative regional process to site essential public facilities of regional and statewide importance. The objective of the process shall be to ensure that such facilities are located so as to protect environmental quality, optimize access and usefulness to all jurisdictions, and equitably distribute economic benefits/burdens throughout the region or county.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is not anticipated to impact City planned public facilities.

**Policy 12:** Support the existing solid waste program that promotes and maintains a high level of public health and safety, protects the natural and human environment of Benton County and encourages public involvement by securing representation of the public in the planning process

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment would not impact the City's solid waste collection program or commitment to public health. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment would not impact existing solid waste programs and is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 13:** Encourage and expand coordination and communication among all jurisdictions and solid waste agencies/firms in Benton and Franklin Counties in order to develop consistent and cost-effective programs that avoid duplication of effort and gaps in programs activities.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment would not impact existing solid waste programs and is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 14:** Maintain active County-City participation in the Regional Transportation Planning Organization in order to facilitate City, County and State coordination in planning regional transportation facilities and infrastructure improvements to serve essential public facilities including Port District facilities and properties.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment would not impact existing City, County or regional transportation plans. Rather, the proposal completely relies on the existing street network..

**Policy 15:** The County and Cities within shall work together to proceed the housing for all economic segments of the population. All jurisdictions shall see to create the conditions necessary for the construction of affordable housing, as the appropriate densities within the cities and count. The following actions should be accomplished:

- a. Jointly quantify and project total countywide housing needs by income level and housing type (i.e. rental, ownership, senior, farm worker housing, group housing.)
- b. Establish a mechanism whereby the housing efforts/programs of each jurisdiction address the projected countywide need.
- c. Address the affordable housing needs of very low, low- and moderate-income households, and special needs individuals through the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS).
- d. Develop design standards for implementation within the Comprehensive Plan with special attention to be given to the residential needs of low to moderate income families.

Response: The proposed plan amendment would not impact the City's Plans and Policies by still allowing affordable housing under the proposed map amendments.

**Policy 16:** Urban growth areas may include territory located outside of a city if such territory may be characterized by urban growth or is adjacent to territory already characterized by urban growth. Within urban growth areas, only urban development may occur. (Note: the definition of "urban" included in the policy language has not been reprinted here.)

## Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is located within the incorporated City of Richland city limits the amendment is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 17:** To encourage logical expansion of corporate boundaries into urban growth areas, and to enable the most cost-efficient expenditure of public funds for the provision of urban services into newly annexed areas. The County and each City shall jointly develop and implement development, land division and building standards, and coordinated permit procedures for the review and permitting of new subdivision within Urban Growth Areas.

# Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment site is located within the City of Richland city limits. The amendment is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 18:** Consistent with the protection of public Health, safety, welfare and the use of natural resources on a long-term sustainable basis, the ability of service capacity to accommodate demands, and the expressed desires of each community, Comprehensive Plans shall jointly and individually support the County and region's economic prosperity in order to promote employment and economic opportunity for all citizens.

Response: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would still provide for additional housing within the City's core area. The proposal would not result in the loss of natural resources. The proposed Plan Amendment is consistent with the intent of this policy.

**Policy 19:** The County and Cities have historically partnered with each other as well as with other organizations to achieve economic development throughout the region. It is the intention of the County and Cities to continue to actively pursue mutually beneficial partnerships that promote growth in all sectors of business and industry, including but not limited to areas of agriculture, agri-business, industrial, commercial, public schools, recreation and tourism. Key strategies will include promoting family wage jobs, increasing business formation, expansion and retention and creating jobs and financial investment to improve the economics of our communities. Note: specific economic development policies a-g are note reprinted here .

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is intended to facilitate the City's planned expansion of commercial, businesses and associated job creation; support economic growth and development opportunities; and create of a variety of housing options. It is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 20:** Capital Improvement Plans and Land Use Plans, shall conduct fiscal analyses which identify and refine the most cost-effective use of regional and local public services. Note: specific policies a-c to accomplish this goal have not been reprinted here.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is within the City limits. The existing City Management Plan(s) anticipate providing infrastructure and public services necessary to support future development within this area. It is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 21:** Support the development of public schools in areas where utilities are present or can be extended, is financially supportable at urban densities, where the extension of public infrastructure will protect health and safety and the school locations are consistent with the analysis recommended by WAC 365-196-425(3)(b).

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment property is in an area anticipated to accommodate future housing if the development market supports residential development of this property. The amendment is consistent with this policy.

**Policy 22:** The Growth Management Act requires counties planning under the Act to adopt a countywide planning policy in cooperation with the cities located in the county. The countywide planning policy is to be a written policy statement or statements used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are developed and adopted pursuant to this (GMA) chapter.

The purpose for the Benton County Wide Planning Policies is to meet the requirement of the Act. This document is a tool that will provide the necessary guidance to achieve consistency during the updating of comprehensive plans for the county and the cities.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is consistent with the framework and cooperation between the County and City Comprehensive plans. The amendment is consistent with this policy.

## **City View**

## **Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation Map Amendment**

## Attachment C

## Consistency with City of Richland Comprehensive Plan Policies

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

ED Goal 1: Build the diversity, resiliency, and equity of the City's economy to ensure opportunities for growth and shared prosperity.

**Policy 1:** Support the growth of a balanced mix of companies in the following sector: high technology, professional service, personal service. Retail trade. Agricultural processing, energy industries, manufacturing, and tourism.

**Policy 2:** Support expansion and improvement of business recruitment, retention and expansion programs to provide outreach and assistance to startup and existing businesses.

**Policy 3:** Encourage educational institutions and non-profits to train a skilled future workforce.

**Policy 4:** Recognize that infrastructure, including transportation and utility planning are vital to economic development and attracting businesses.

Response: The amendment would provide and support development compatible with the City's growth projection in the area for retail development that would in turn support the residential uses in the surrounding area, encourage regional economic growth and provide and opportunity for a variety of new jobs. The proposed plan amendment is consistent with this economic development goal.

ED Goal 5: Ensure that Richland's economic development goals are aligned with regional economic development and marketing efforts.

**Policy 1:** Coordinate with local, regional, and state economic development organizations in activities to attract new businesses and industries to the community.

**Policy 2:** Facilitate collaboration with Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) and the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau to develop and implement seamless, collaborative, lowcost, and effective marketing efforts designed to recruit new businesses, expand existing businesses, and build a positive national image. **Policy 3:** Accommodate the continued use of the Port of Benton barging facilities in north Richland, consistent with the City's Shoreline Master Program (SMP).

**Policy 4:** Market the newly transferred 1,341 are land from DOE to the City, the Port of Benton, and Energy Northwest for large industrial developments.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment occurs within the City limits in an area where existing streets and utilities serve the area. The proposed plan amendment is consistent with the intent of this policy.

ED Goal 6: Encourage vibrant mixed-use areas in Tri-Cities as destinations to live, work, and visit.

**Policy 1:** Stimulate the development of quality retail and entertainment venues through incentives and infrastructure investments.

**Policy 2:** Assist small business owners to enhance their skills and profit opportunities.

**Policy 3:** Work with public and private groups to expand the range of tourist attractions within the city.

**Policy 4:** Facilitate retail development and Business District, Uptown, and nearby commercial areas.

**Policy 5:** Promote performing arts venue and activates through partnerships with regional economic development agencies.

**Policy 6:** Expand the range of options for housing in areas planned for higher density development.

**Policy 7:** Support development of higher density housing.

**Policy 8:** Attract young professionals by promoting their preferred types of job, housing, and entertainment options.

Response: The proposed amendment would provide continuity of the commercial development of the City View area. The commercial development will also support the residential areas that is located within the surrounding area.

### LAND USE ELEMENT

LU Goal 1: Plan for growth within the urban growth area and promotes compatible land use.

**Policy 1:** Revitalize areas that are already within the City, especially areas within the Central Business District, such as the Parkway and Uptown, and the Island View Area.

**Policy 2:** Facilitate planned growth and infill developments within the City.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment consists of a land use designation and zoning map change on a site located within the City Limits providing flexibility to accommodate projected growth.

LU Goal 2: Establish land uses that area sustainable and create a livable and vibrant community.

**Policy 1:** Maintain a variety of land use designations to accommodate appropriate residential, commercial, industrial, healthcare, educational, recreational, and open space uses that will take advantage of the existing infrastructure network.

**Policy 2:** Ensure that adequate public services are provided in a reasonable time frame for new developments.

**Policy 3:** Ensure that the intent of the land use and districts are maintained.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment will result in additional flexibility to provide living and working environments for existing residential communities in the area. The proposed zoning will also support commercial and residential development in the area. The proposed amendment is consistent with this goal and policies.

LU Goal 3: Maintain a broad range of residential land use designations to accommodate a variety of lifestyles and housing opportunities.

**Policy 1:** Distribute residential uses and densities throughout the urban growth area consistent with the City's vision.

**Policy 2:** Encourage higher residential densities especially in and near the Central Business Center area.

**Policy 3:** Innovative and non-traditional residential developments can occur through the use of planned unit developments, density bonuses, new types of housing, and multi-use or mixed-use developments.

Response: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would still provide for future development of high density residential. The proposed amendment is consistent with the land use goal.

LU Goal 4: Promote commercial and industrial growth that supports the City's economic development goals.

**Policy 1:** Accommodate a variety of commercial land uses including retail and whole sale sales and services, and research and professional services.

**Policy 2:** Promote developments such as business and research parks, office parks, technology centers, manufacturing and processing facilities, and other types for high-tech uses.

**Policy 3:** Locate neighborhood-oriented commercial land uses in Neighborhood Retail Business areas.

**Policy 4:** Encourage the use of buffers or transition zones between non-compatible land uses.

**Policy 5:** In areas where residential uses are in close proximity to industrial or commercial lands, adequate development standard should be used in industrial or commercial developments to mitigate the impacts on residential uses.

**Policy 6:** Support industrial developments on lands previously owned by the Department of Energy and transferred to the City and Port of Benton.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment would provide for the commercial development of City View supporting the residential communities in the area. The proposed amendment is consistent with the intent of this land use goal.

**Policy 1:** Locate commercial uses so that they conveniently serve the needs of residential neighborhoods, workplaces, and are easily accessible via non-motorized modes of transport.

**Policy 2:** Promote pedestrian and bicycle circulation throughout the community by connecting with the infrastructure and the City's network of parks and trail system.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment site is in the City View comercial center. It is bounded by City View Drive and Duportail Street, and is adjacent to the Vintner Square commercial center anchored by Target, and is located in proximity to a number of residential communities in the area. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is consistent with this land use goal.

LU Goal 6: Develop an attractive and vibrant Central Business District that displays the unique character of Richland.

**Policy 1:** *Revitalize declining commercial areas by promoting clean, safe, and pedestrian-and bicycle-friendly environments.* 

**Policy 2:** Designate land use and zoning for higher-density residential uses, mixed-use, and business uses within and adjacent to the Central Business District.

**Policy 3:** Encourage infill development and redevelopment in the Central Business District. *Public Facilities.* 

Response: The site is not located near the Central Business District, so this goal would not directly apply to this proposal

LU Goal 7: Encourage efficient use and location of public facilities such as transit centers, utility facilities, schools, parks, and other public uses.

**Policy 1:** Locate municipal facilities within their services areas and ensure the grouping of facilities within neighborhoods, whenever feasible.

**Policy 2:** Ensure that the scale, and location of public facilities are compatible with or buffered from existing and planned surrounding areas.

**Policy 3:** Wherever possible, the City will locate park and school facilities together for efficient use of public facilities.

**Policy 4:** Encourage the development of private and public regional sports and recreational facilities of a size and quality to attract significant numbers of users and spectators.

Response: Comprehensive Plan Amendment is not anticipated to impact the City's plan for public facilities as the proposed land designation would support the continued commercial development of the area.

LU Goal 8: Address unique land use situations in the urban area with policies specific to those situations that ensure compatibility between land uses without infringing on private property rights.

**Policy 1:** Ensure that land designated Urban Reserve remain in this holding category to serve future demand for land.

**Policy 2:** Apply the Agricultural designation in the Yakima River floodplain.

**Policy 3:** At designated Waterfront land use locations, encourage an active mix of commercial, residential, and marine uses as allowed in the SMP.

**Policy 4:** Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical or archaeological significance.

**Policy 5:** Define and identify mineral resources lands located within its boundaries that are not already compromised by on-site, immediate, or adjacent urban growth and that have long-term significance for the extraction of minerals on a commercially-viable basis.

**Policy 6:** Property and/or mineral rights owners should work with the City and appropriate agencies for protection of these sites. Designate mineral resource lands located in the City of Richland that meet the Criteria for Classification of Mineral Resources (WAS 365-190-070).

**Policy 7:** Ensure that land uses surrounding the Richland Airport area compatible with existing and future airport operations and do not restrict the airport's ability to maintain or expand its existing and future aviation demands. Coordinate with the Port of Benton to restrict land uses in airport areas that would create conflict or negatively impact the safe and effective airport operations.

Response: The unique circumstances addressed in these land use policies do not apply to this application, as the site is not used for agricultural production; is not within any shoreline; is without any known historical or archeological significance; is not a mineral resource area or in close proximity to the Richland Airport.

LU Goal 9: Within Island View, that City will implement a Single-Family Overlay land use designation for clusters of property that are currently used as single-family residences which have high probability of being redeveloped with non-residential land uses.

**Policy 1:** The city will use the Single-Family Overlay concept only in those instances where the majority of property owners have expressed a preference for its use.

**Policy 2:** Areas designated as Single-Family Overlay will be zoned for single-family residential uses, as identified in the city's R-2 Medium Density Residential zoning district.

**Policy 3:** Areas designated as Single-Family Overlay will remain as such until property owner(s) bring forward a request to remove the overlay and change the zoning to the designation contained in the Island View Subarea Plan. In such cases, an amendment to the comprehensive plan is not necessary.

**Policy 4:** Applicants bringing forward a request to change the zoning of property designate Single Family Overlay should demonstrate that the land proposed for amendment is: a) large enough to support redevelopment for non-single-family residential land uses; and b) will have sufficient access to City streets and utility systems to support redevelopment.

**Policy 5:** Whenever properties designated with Single-Family Overlay are rezoned for nonsingle-family residential uses in accordance with Policy 4 above, the Single-Family Overlay designation should be removed from the subject property.

Response: The site is not located within the Island View area, so these land use policies do not apply.

LU Goal 10: Follow controlling law and constitutional requirements, both state and federal, to ensure the appropriate protection of private property rights.

**Policy 1:** Monitor evolving state and federal statutory amendments and judicial precedent so that timely amendments or changes can be made in the process of implementing the comprehensive plan policies and development regulations.

**Policy 2:** Process comprehensive plan amendments and development regulations using a fair and open hearing process, with adequate public notice and opportunities to participate to ensure the protection of all due process rights.

**Policy 3:** Process timely, fair, and predictable processing and review of land use permit applications in conformance with applicable federal and state legal and regulatory requirements.

Response: The application has been prepared and filed in compliance with City regulations that are in place to facilitate a fair and open hearing process and prove the public with adequate note. The proposed plan amendment is consistent with this Land Use goal.

### HOUSING ELEMENT

# HE Goal 1: Provide a range of housing densities, sizes, and types for all income and age groups of the Richland community.

**Policy 1:** Ensure that the comprehensive plan development regulations allow for a variety of housing types, sized, densities, and lot configurations such as small lot single family housing, multi-family housing, mixed use development, cluster development, live/work housing co-housing, accessory dwelling units, single room occupancy units, zero lot line and similar subdivisions, and planned unit developments.

**Policy 2:** Encourage mixed-use developments with apartments and condominiums above commercial uses in the City's urban core. Where redevelopment or infill opportunities arise, allow for increased housing density in residential-designate areas that immediately surround the CBD, while respecting the character and scale of the existing neighborhood.

**Policy 3:** Support the development of senior housing care/assisted living facilities in the City in close proximity to commercial uses and medical services and facilities.

**Policy 4:** Promote and prove incentives (such as zoning/rezoning, revised regulations, and provision of infrastructure) for infill development and redevelopment, while respecting the character and scale of the existing neighborhood.

**Policy 5**: Allow and regulate manufactured homes in the same way as site-built homes.

**Policy 6:** Plan for an adequate supply of land appropriate land designations and zoning categories to accommodate household growth, accommodating other commercial, industrial, and open space needs of the City.

Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment would still allow for future development of high density residential uses. The proposed amendment is consistent with the land use goal.

HE Goal 2: Improve affordable housing opportunities for lower-income individuals, households, and first-time homebuyers.

**Policy 1:** Expand the supply of affordable units by proposing owner-and renter-occupied housing throughout the City, consistent with Comprehensive Plan.

Policy 2: Promote the use of mixed-income, housing developments and mixed-use developments that provide both affordable housing and economic opportunities throughout the City consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

*Policy 3: Sustain or improve the quality of existing affordable housing stock by encouraging rehabilitation of housing units by current owners.* 

# Response: The amendment would not impact the City's goals and policies for the promotion of affordable housing.

## TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

TE Goal 1: Provide an efficient and multi-model transportation network including road, trail, rail, water, and air, to support the City's land use vision and existing needs.

**Policy 1:** Plan new street segments and consider modifying existing streets to provide comfortable and safe elements for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users in addition to vehicles.

**Policy 2:** Identify and secure the rights of way for new and/or expanded transportation corridors.

**Policy 3:** Support rail services for industries and commerce within the area.

**Policy 4:** Support regional planning efforts for roadway, rail, air, and non-motorized travel.

**Policy 5:** Plan and implement transportation system improvements that meet the needs of all areas and residents.

**Policy 6:** Plan transportation facilities that are compatible with adjacent land uses.

**Policy 7:** Plan and implement an appropriately classified and designed roadway system that provides for efficient movement of people and goods and the comfort and safety of residential neighborhoods.

Response: The City of Richland City-wide Transportation Plan adopted in 2005 supports the City's vision and servicing planned growth within this area, including multimodal elements over the next 20 years.

TE Goal 2: The City of Richland Citywide Transportation Plan adopted in 2005 supports the City's vision and planned growth and development of this area, including multimodal opportunities over the next 20 years.

**Policy 1:** Implement appropriate access control for arterial collectors and aerial streets.

**Policy 2**: Link local street networks through subdivisions to provide efficient local circulations, as appropriate, and provide additional collector arterial access for major residential areas.

**Policy 3:** Evaluate, Plan, and install traffic control devise and intersection designs to improve travel safety and efficiency.

Response: The City of Richland City wide Transportation Plan adopted in 2005 supports the City's vision and servicing planned growth within this area, including multimodal elements over the next 20 years. The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is located in City View where existing transportation services exist. The propose Plan amendment is consistent with this transportation goal.

TE Goal 3: Encourage the use of transportation modes that promote energy conservation, circulation efficiency, and an active lifestyle.

**Policy 1:** Support increased use of transit, bicycling, and pedestrian travel.

Policy 2: Plan facilities for non-motorized travel across jurisdictional boundaries.

**Policy 3:** Require sidewalks, improved shoulders, appropriate signage, or off-street trails within new developments to accommodate internal bicycle and pedestrian circulation within and between neighborhoods.

**Policy 4:** Encourage new developments to be pedestrian-friendly and compatible with the public transportation system.

Policy 5: Design a circulation system to become a bicycle-friendly community with complete streets.

Response: As noted in TE Goal 2 above, the City's City-wide Transportation Plan adopted in 2005 supports the City's vision and servicing planned growth within this area, including multimodal elements over the next 20 years. The proposed plan amendment is consistent with this transportation goal.

TE Goals 4: Ensure that the road network is sensitive to the natural and built environment and offers a sense of community.

**Policy 1:** Use appropriate streetscape and gateway features along the major entryways into the City.

**Policy 2**: Implement landscaping and other types of buffers along major transportation corridors.

**Policy 3:** Construct street system improvements to reduce traffic congestion as a measure to improve quality.

**Policy 4:** *Plan new streets and consider modifying existing streets to include storm water management best practices to reduce pollution from stormwater runoff.* 

**Policy 5:** *Plan and implement new streets and consider modifying existing streets to improve access control to sensitive areas.* 

Response: The amendment would not impact the City's goals and policies for road networks.

### **URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT**

UD Goal 3: Development through appropriate design, should protect natural features such as rivers, shorelines, ridgelines, steep slopes, and archaeological and historical resources.

**Policy 1:** Development should be sensitive to existing topography and landscape, and should minimize environmental impacts.

**Policy 2:** *Hillside development should, as much as practical, blend with the natural shape and texture of the land.* 

**Policy 3:** Lighting should be designed so as to promote "Dark Sky" principals.

Response: The site of the proposed plan amendment is located adjacent to property that is along shoreline areas, steep slopes, ridgelines to the north of the property. There are no known archeological or historical resources on site. Any development would be setback from these resources, and the future sale of this property would not include any of these resources for private ownership.

### UTILITIES ELEMENT

UE Goal 2: Maintain existing service levels to current customers and ensure that public facilities and services necessary to support development are planned, sized, and constructed to service new development.

**Policy 3:** Promote the efficient use of land and minimize environmental disturbance by requiring that the facilities of various utilities be located together in the City right of way wherever possible.

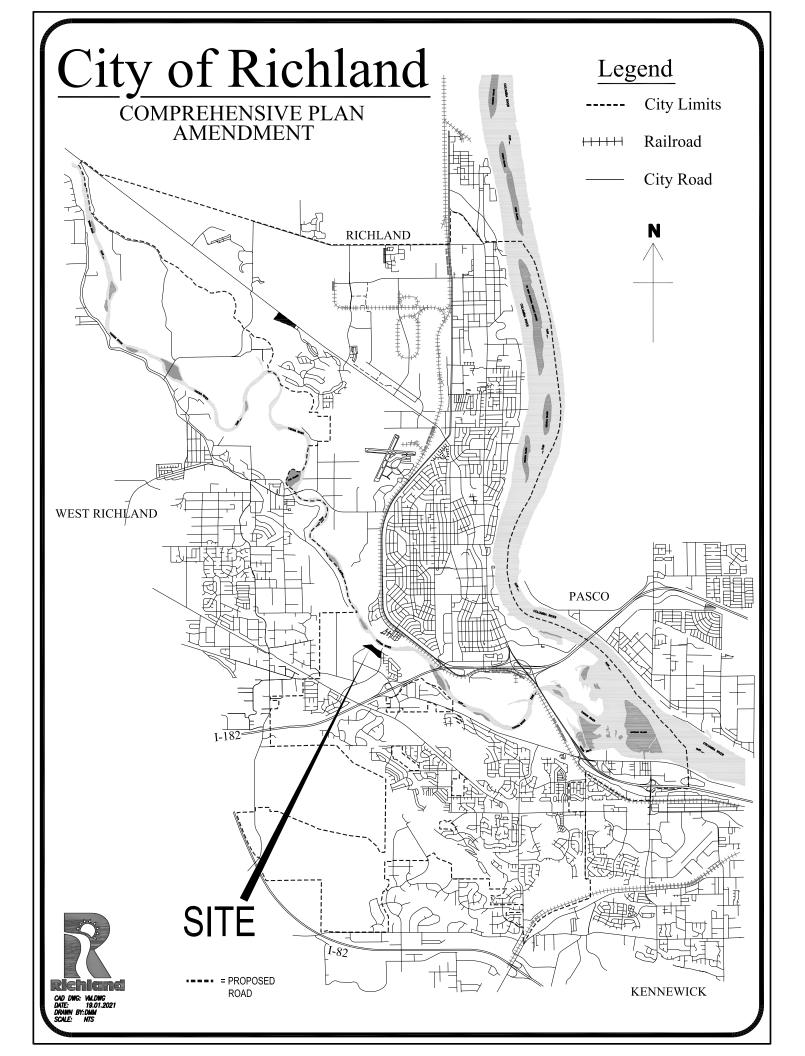
Response: The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment occurs within the City limits where existing utilities serve the property and surrounding area.

## Horn Rapids Future Fire Station

## **Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment**

## LIST OF EXHIBITS

- Map 1 Site Map
- Map 2 Legal Descsription of Property
- Map 3 Existing Comprehensive Land Use Designation
- Map 4 Proposed Comprehensive Land Use Designation Map
- Map 5 Topographical Map
- Map 6 City Utilities Map
- Map 7 Street Functional Classification Map
- Map 8 Local Vicinity Map
- Map 9 Topographic Map 1 1,000



## **DESCRIPTION of PROPERTY:**

The land in the County of Benton, State of Washington, described as follows:

THOSE PORTIONS OF GOVERNMENT LOTS 3, 4, 6, & 7 LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF CANAL RIGHT OF WAY LYING WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL;

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER LYING NORTHERLY OF THE NORTHERLY MARGIN OF S.R. 1214, AND GOVERNMENT LOT 7, ALL IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 28 EAST, W.M., EAST, BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, EXCEPT THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED IN ORDER DATED MARCH 17, 1955 IN CASE NO. 683 AND IN ORDER DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1954, IN CASE NO. 722 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, SOUTHERN DIVISION, ACCORDING TO THAT WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SURVEY DATED OCTOBER 12, 1984, REVISED DECEMBER 12, 1989, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF SURVEYS AT PAGE 1318 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 90-10415, BENTON COUNTY RECORDS, AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 28 EAST., W.M., BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16 BEING THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89°57'01" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16 A DISTANCE OF 0.80 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE ALONG A NON-RADIAL CURVE TO THE LEFT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 81°14'11", A RADIUS OF 525.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 89°12'59" WEST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 744.37 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50°09'54" WEST A DISTANCE OF 15.53 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 89° 57'01" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 215.22 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE ALONG A NON-RADIAL CURVE TO THE LEFT SAID CURVE HAVE A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 22°19'40", A RADIUS OF 1140.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 35°00'34" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 444.25 FEET; THENCE NORTH 23°50'44" EAST A DISTANCE OF 105.77 FEET TO A POINT ON CURVE; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90°00'00" A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 78.54 FEET; THENCE NORTH 66°09'16" WEST A DISTANCE OF 160.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 23°50'44" EAST A DISTANCE OF 53.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 66° 09'16" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1747.04 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°05'28", A RADIUS OF 600.75 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 252.60 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°45'16" WEST A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 00°14'44" WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 905.81 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°27'39" EAST A DISTANCE OF 398.89 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37°45'41" EAST A DISTANCE OF 149.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 52°45'23" EAST A DISTANCE OF 39.92 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37°14'37" EAST A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE ALONG A NON-RADIAL CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE 20°53'09", A RADIUS OF 515.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 63°11'58" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 187.73 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04°03'37", A RADIUS 510.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 71° 36'43" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 36.14 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 18°35'52" EAST A DISTANCE OF 266.44 FEET; THENCE NORTH 72°54'08" EAST A DISTANCE OF 656.89 FEET, TO A POINT OF CURVE THENCE ALONG A NON-RADIAL CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 05°51'37", A RADIUS OF 1450.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 48°24'41" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 148.31 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 45°28'52" EAST A DISTANCE OF 550.31 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 31° 42'43", A RADIUS OF 380.00 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 210.32 FEET, TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 76° 35'15", A RADIUS OF 30.00 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF40.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°36'19" WEST A DISTANCE OF 180.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°23'41" EAST A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE; THENCE ALONG A NON-RADIAL CURVE TO THE RIGHT, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE 16°20'47", A RADIUS OF 1819.24 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 07°34'05" EAST, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 519.02 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 69°29'41" EAST A DISTANCE OF 24.84 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 35°44'11" EAST A DISTANCE OF 396.71 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE SOUTH 00°36'19" EAST ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 1949.59 FEET TO THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16 AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

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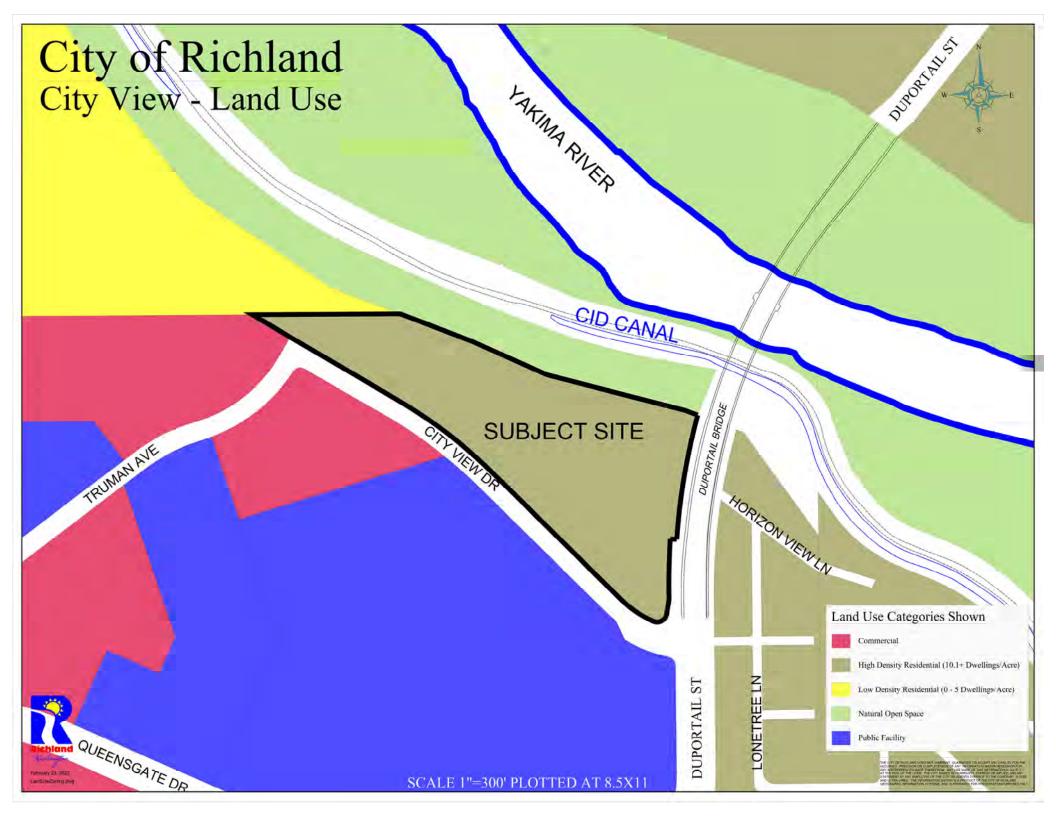
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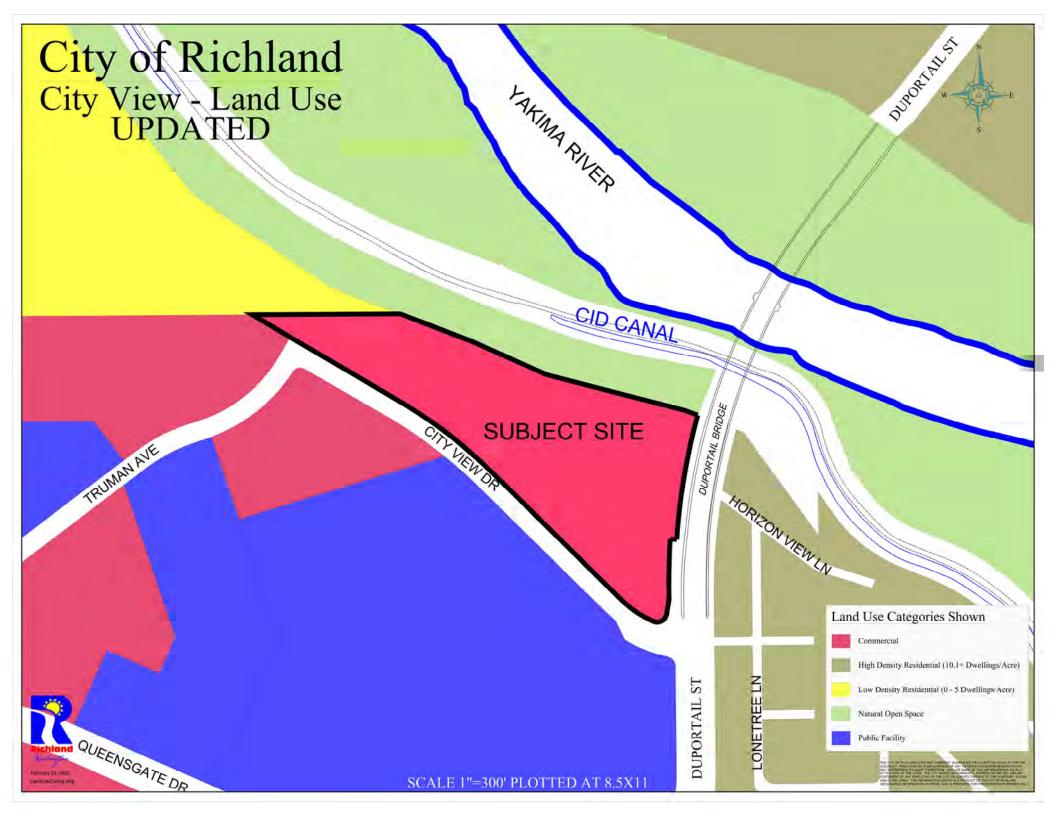
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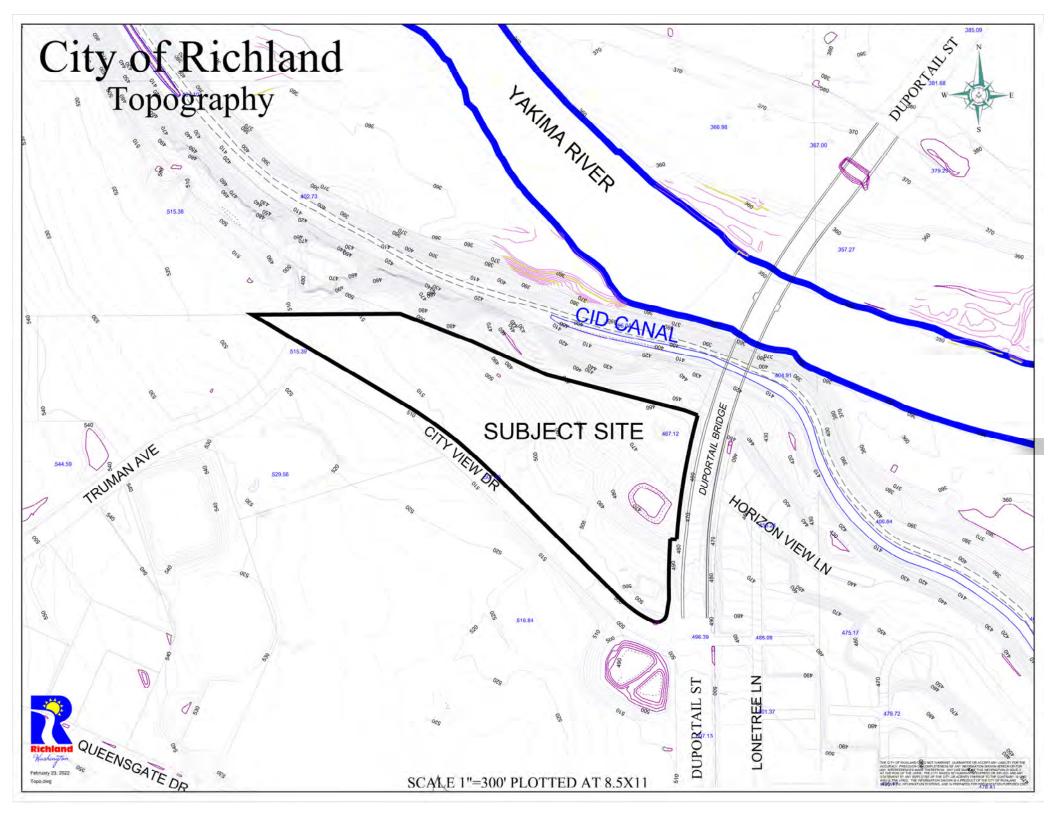
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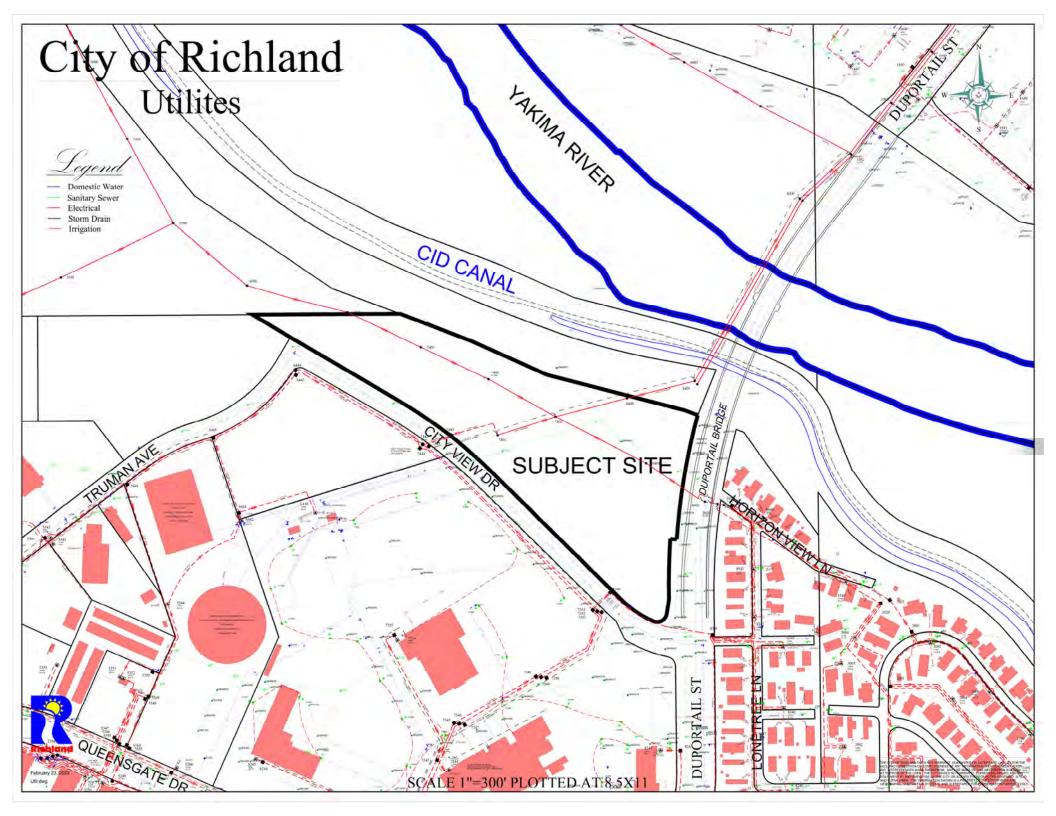
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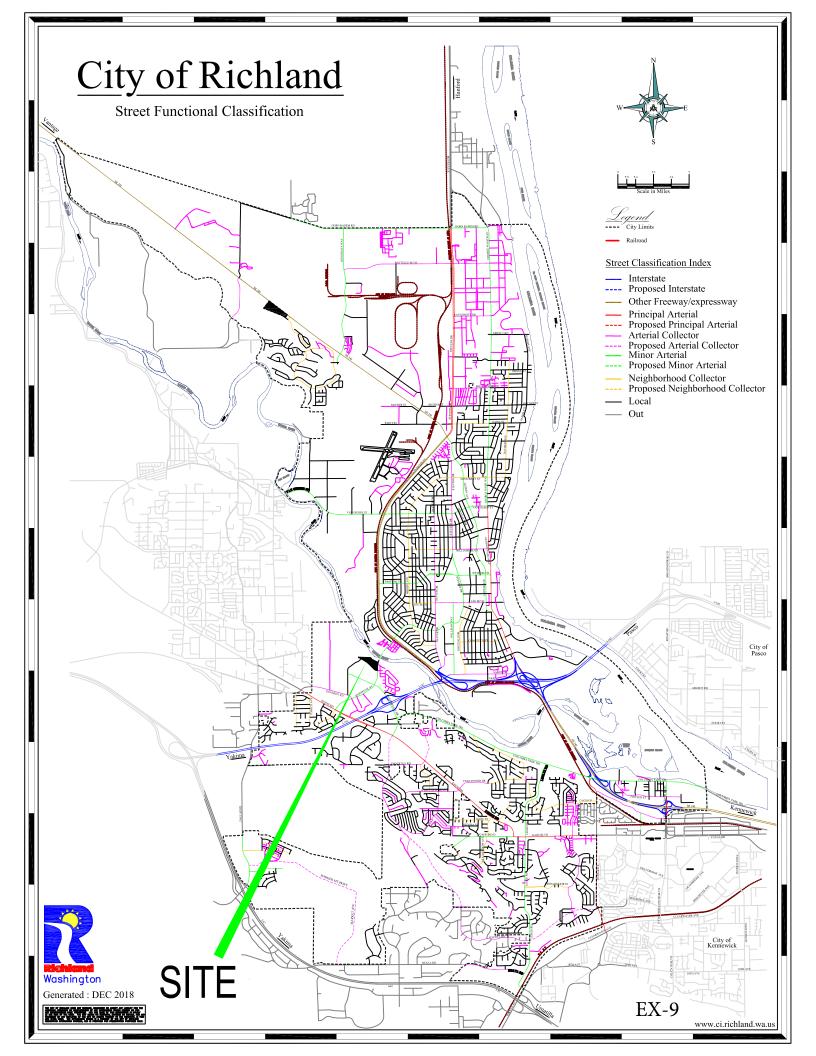
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## **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application**

## **SUPPLEMENT**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS — Submit as required or attach written statements explaining the following:

#### 1. Completed application and filing fee;

Planning Dept. will IDB Office of Economic Development after the application has been processed.

#### 2. The purpose of the proposed amendment;

The Office of Economic Development is proposing an an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map and a concurrent amendment to the Zoning Map on approximately 10 acres in City View. The property is currently owned by the City of Richland. The current land use designation is High Density Residential, and the current zoning is Commercial C-LB.

#### 3. Describe how the amendment is consistent with Washington State Growth Management Act-RCW

#### 36.70A (the goals of the Act are listed in 36.70A.020);

The following is a list of the GMA topics and the applicability of each to the proposed map change.

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## **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application**

## **SUPPLEMENT**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS — Submit as required or attach written statements explaining the following:

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Planning Dept. will IDB Office of Economic Development after the application has been processed.

#### 2. The purpose of the proposed amendment;

The Office of Economic Development is proposing an an amendment to the Comprehensive Land Use Map and a concurrent amendment to the Zoning Map on approximately 10 acres in City View. The property is currently owned by the City of Richland. The current land use designation is High Density Residential, and the current zoning is Commercial C-LB.

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# Stevens, Mike

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Sent:	Friday, April 29, 2022 9:25 AM
То:	Arrasmith, Darin
Cc:	Follett, Lynne; Stevens, Mike; Wallner, Amanda
Subject:	RE: City View Comp Plan Traffic Study
Attachments:	GraphicofDevelopableAcres.pdf; TripGenerationComparisonForCityViewParcel.pdf;
	HighwayCapacityTrafficControlExhibit.pdf

#### Darrin and Mike,

We have completed an analysis of the City View parcel Comprehensive Plan traffic analysis. Attached is a graphic determining the developable acreage as well as a sheet with comparative trip generation scenarios for the existing zoning and the proposed zoning along with some stand alone-single use trip generation scenarios for comparative purposes. A third attachment shows the potential traffic control needed at the intersection of City View Drive/Duportail Street.

A little discussion on our approach to coming up with the assumptions included in the tables may help in your decision making process.

#### **Background**

- An existing 16.43 acre parcel west of Duportail Street is split by City View Drive. The portion north of City View Drive is 12.52 acres. The northern most portion of the parcel is undevelopable due to steep slopes, leaving approximately 9.63 acres. These areas are shown in the attached graphic.
- The City desires to modify the zoning, and therefore the Comprehensive Plan to allow stand-alone restaurants which have been requested by potential developers..
- The current Comprehensive Plan land-use designation is High-Density Residential and zoning is C-LB, Commercial Limited Business.
- The proposed Comprehensive Plan land-use designation is Commercial and zoning as C-2.

#### Allowed Land Uses

- Examination of the Richland Zoning Code section 23.22.030 section on commercial use districts to compare the uses allowed in both the C-LB and C-2 zones was performed. There are many uses that are allowed in both, such as a bank, convenience market, offices including medical/dental, hospital, hotels. Restaurants are allowed in the C-LB if they are an accessory use such as would occur with a hotel, but not as stand-alone function.
- Uses allowed in the C-2 that are not included in the C-LB include automotive repair, health/fitness center, restaurants such as fast food or sit-down, shopping center, food stores, movie theater and coffee/donut shop.
- Residential uses are also allowed. Municipal Code section 23.22.040 provides density and height limitation requirements.
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#### Trip Generation

- A "worst case" scenario with respect to trip generation was requested. It became obvious that the highest trip generation land uses allowed would not be reasonable to assume. For example among the highest trip generation land use of those identified in the ITE 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of *Trip Generation Manual* is fast food restaurant, coffee/donut shop, or convenience market. Clearly it is not practical to assume that the full 9.63 acres could be developed with these uses or even a combination of them. Therefore two scenarios, one with the existing zoning and one for the proposed zoning were developed that seemed to provide a fair comparison as described below.
- Existing C-LB zoning:
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  - Apartments at 42 units per acre. This would essentially add floors up to the 80' height limitation.
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  - It would also include fast food restaurants with a total of 7,500 sq ft and quality restaurants with a total of 7,500 sq ft (presumably four total restaurants). It may be important to note that there are over 20 restaurants in the City View area along Queensgate Drive and Duportail Street.
  - The trip generation for these uses is shown on the attached table and amounts to approximately 8,846 daily trips with 785 PM peak hour trips.
- A third table showing a comparison of land uses if the parcel were developed as a single use under residential in the current and proposed zoning, as well as other stand alone uses. Essentially a Supermarket commercial department store could be placed on the site, similar in size to the Target nearby, although the shape of the parcel would be a bit more challenging. Regardless of the feasibility, it would be allowed but the trip generation would not be significantly different than the uses currently allowed.

#### Traffic Implications

- The C-2 zone has the potential to generate potentially twice as many PM peak hour trips under the scenarios described above, up from 386 trips to 785 PM peak hour trips. Conceivably there could be some of these trips that might be reduced due to the proximity of the residential to the restaurants. Approximately half of these trips would be outbound trips which would be the likely cause for the need for traffic mitigation.
- Although this may sound like a significant number of trips, a valid question could be asked as to what the difference would be with respect to potential traffic mitigation.
- The Regional traffic model maintained by the Benton Franklin Council of Governments was reviewed as well as the Highway Capacity Manual. The regional model indicates that by year 2045 the traffic on City View Drive approaching Duportail Street is anticipated to be over 500 vehicles (land use assumptions were unavailable) while traffic volumes in both directions combined on Duportail Street are anticipated to be over 1,000 in each direction. An attached plot of volumes using a planning level assessment from the Highway Capacity Manual indicates that traffic signalization under the existing or proposed zoning is likely. The City has a Traffic Impact Fee (TIF) that includes this parcel and the TIF could be amended to include this mitigation for either the existing or proposed zoning.
- It would appear that the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning change amendment requests should not be significantly influenced by the traffic differences of the two zoning classifications. In other words, it does not seem reasonable to deny this request because of a significant difference in traffic impacts between the C-LB and

C-2 zones. There may be other things to consider, but the traffic mitigation is likely to be the same under either scenario.

I hope this analysis helps with the decision-making process of whether to approve the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning amendment requests.

If you have any additional questions please let me know.

Sincerely, SPENCER MONTGOMERY Transportation Planner/Project Manager

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Thanks Spencer,

Much appreciated. We just wanted to make sure we didn't need to consider an extension of the contract for this project. So all is good.

On behalf of Economic Development and the City, my condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. We wish you all the best.

Darin



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Hi Darrin,

I'm working on the traffic study as we speak. I meant to e-mail you last week to give you an update. My mother passed away the day after we met and I've been playing catch-up since. I hope to finish up today or early tomorrow. Sorry for the delay.

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Hello, I didn't realize that I hadn't heard back from Mike on whether he was available for this kick-off meeting. <u>Does 3:00</u> today work for you Mike? Hopefully you got the invite with a link to join a Teams meeting.

Thanks! SPENCER MONTGOMERY *Transportation Planner/Project Manager* J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc. 3611 South Zintel Way, Kennewick, WA 9933 *e* <u>smontgomery@jub.com</u> *w* <u>www.jub.com</u> *p* 509 783-2144 *c* 509 378-2312



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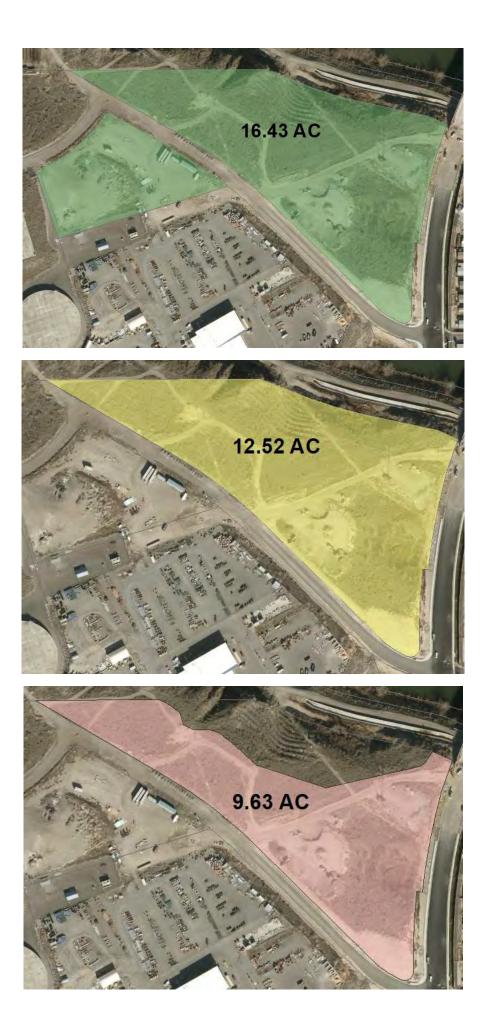
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# Comparative Trip Generation Scenarios for the CityView Parcel (9.63 developable acres) northeast of City View Drive and Duportail Street

# Scenario 1: Existing Zoning (CL-B)

Description	Land Use Codes	Units	Setting / Location	Rate Weekday Daily Traffic	PM Peak Period Rate	% PM In	% PM Out	Expected Units (indepen- dent variable)	Calculated Daily Trips Based on Average Rate	Calculated PM Trips Based on Average Rate
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Medical-Dental Office Building	720	1,000 sq Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	34.80	3.46	28%	72%	7	244	24
Health/Fitness Club	492	1,000 sq Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	N/A	3.45	57%	43%	4	N/A	14
Multi Family Housing (Mid-Rise)	221	DU	General Urban/Surburban	5.44	0.44	61%	39%	186	1,012	82
Convenience Market with Gasoline Pumps	853	Vehicle Fueling Poitions	General Urban/Surburban	322.50	23.04	50%	50%	8	2,580	184
						T	OTAL TRIPS		4,236	386

Assumptions:

- 2/3 develops as apartments, with 1 unit per 1,500 square feet

- 1/3 develops as commercial with a bank, Health/Fitness Club, Medical/Dental Office and a Convenience Store, using roughly a 20% Floor Area Ratio

#### Scenario 2: Proposed Zoning (C-2))

	Land Use			Rate Weekday	PM Peak			Expected Units (indepen- dent	Calculated Daily Trips Based on Average	Calculated PM Trips Based on Average
Description	Codes	Units	Setting / Location	<b>Daily Traffic</b>	Period Rate	% PM In	% PM Out	variable)	Rate	Rate
Coffee/Donut Shop with Drive-Through Window	937	1,000 Sq. Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	820.38	43.38	50%	50%	1.0	820	43
Fast-Food Restaurant with Drive-Through Window and N	935	1,000 Sq. Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	459.20	42.65	51%	49%	7.5	3,444	320
Quality Restaurant	931	1,000 Sq. Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	83.84	7.80	67%	33%	7.5	629	59
Drive-in Bank	912	1,000 Sq. Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	100.03	20.45	50%	50%	4	400	82
Medical-Dental Office Building	720	1,000 sq Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	34.80	3.46	28%	72%	7	244	24
Health/Fitness Club	492	1,000 sq Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	N/A	3.45	57%	43%	4	N/A	14
Multi Family Housing (Mid-Rise)	221	DU	General Urban/Surburban	5.44	0.44	61%	39%	134	729	59
Convenience Market with Gasoline Pumps	853	Vehicle Fueling Poitions	General Urban/Surburban	322.50	23.04	50%	50%	8	2,580	184
		•	•		· · · ·	Т	OTAL TRIPS		8,846	785

Assumptions:

- 1/3 develops as apartments, with 1 unit per 1,500 square feet

- 1/3 develops as commercial with a bank, Health/Fitness Club, Medical/Dental Office and a Convenience Store, using roughly a 20% Floor Area Ratio

- 1/3 develops as restaruants, with 2 Fast Food and 2 Quality Restaurants and a coffee/donut shop

#### Other stand alone scenarios, single use, for comparison

Multi Family Housing (Mid-Rise) (1)	221	DU	General Urban/Surburban	5.44	0.44	61%	39%	279	1,518	123
Medical-Dental Office Building (2)	720	1,000 sq Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	34.80	3.46	28%	72%	84	2,923	291
Multi Family Housing (Mid-Rise) (3)	221	DU	General Urban/Surburban	5.44	0.44	61%	39%	404	2,198	178
Shopping Center (4)	820	1,000 Sq. Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	37.75	3.81	48%	52%	123	4,643	469
Movie Theater (5)	444	1,000 Sq. Ft. GFA	General Urban/Surburban	78.09	6.17	94%	6%	43	3,358	265

Notes

(1) Existing Zoning of CL-B, one unit per 1,500 sq ft of land area

(2) Assumes Floor Area Ratio of 20%

(3) Assumes Proposed Zoning of C-2 which has a height limitation of 80' as opposed to current zone which has a height limitation of 55', as such assumes 42 units per acre

(4) Similar in size to Target nearby that is on a parcel slightly larger than 9 acres

(5) Simiilar to the Fairchild Cinema which sits on approximately 6 acres

#### **Peak-Hour Factor**

Refer to the peak-hour factor discussion in this chapter under Section II, Urban Streets, Required Input Data and Estimated Values.

#### Length of Analysis Period

Refer to the length of analysis period discussion in this chapter under Section II, Urban Streets, Required Input Data and Estimated Values.

#### Intersection Control Type

The intersection control type for an existing facility is known, by definition. In the case of future facilities, the likely intersection control types can be forecast using Exhibit 10-15 and the forecast two-way peak-hour volumes on the major and minor streets. Note that this exhibit is based on a set of specific assumptions, which are identified in a footnote.

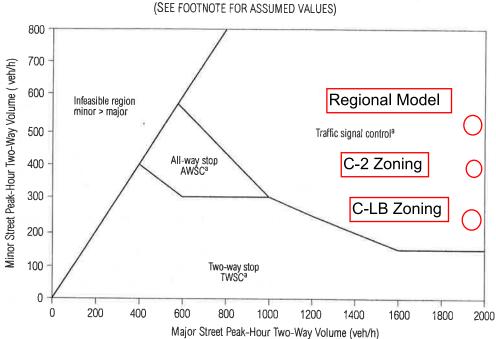


EXHIBIT 10-15. INTERSECTION CONTROL TYPE AND PEAK-HOUR VOLUMES

#### Notes

a. Roundabouts may be appropriate within portion of these ranges.

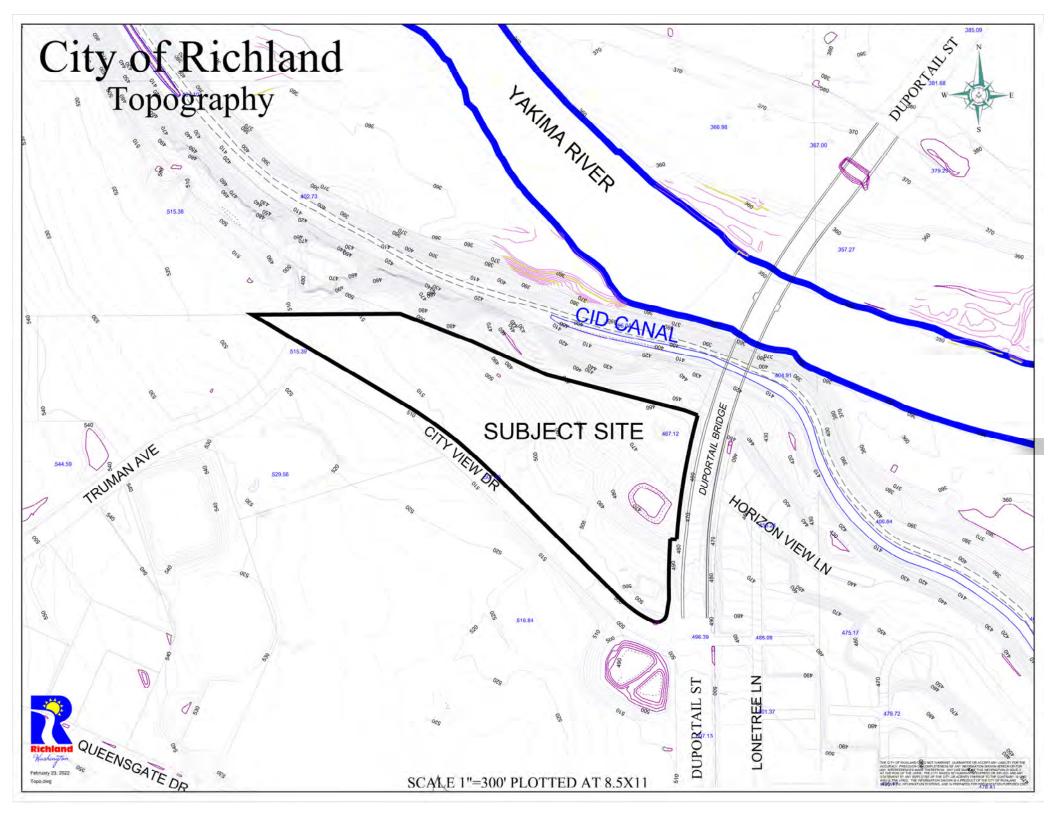
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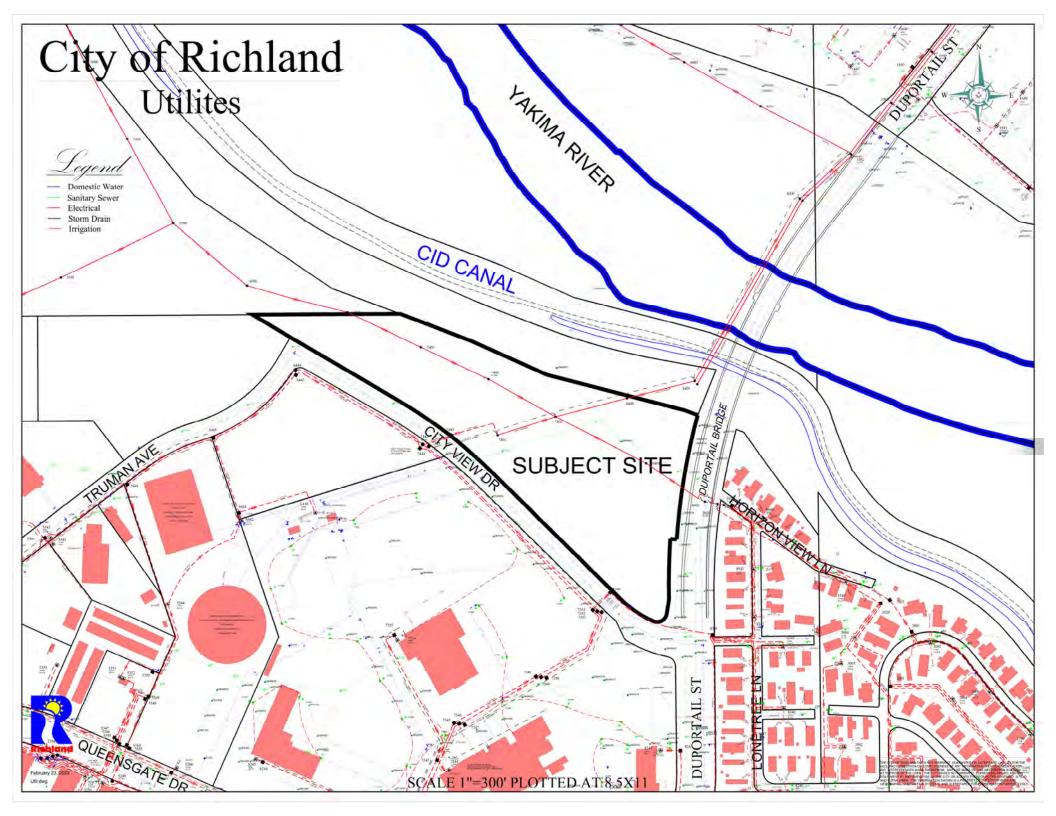
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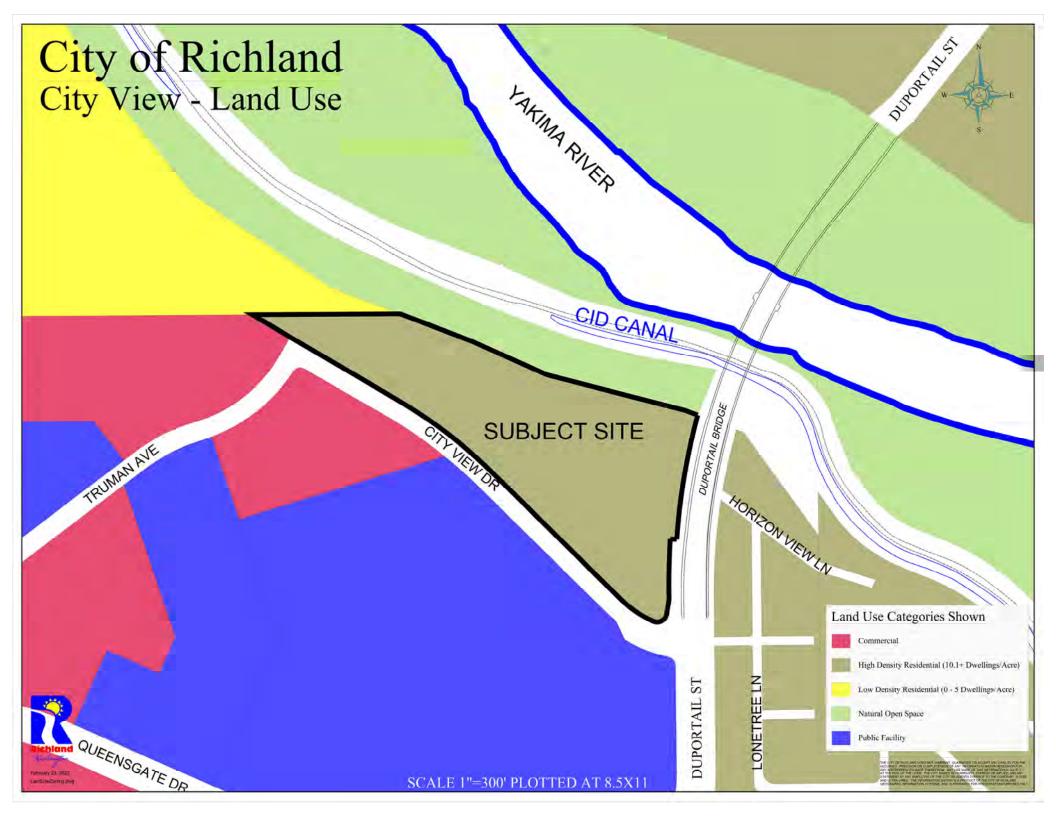
Greater accuracy can be achieved when using the computational methodology if the cycle length for each intersection along the urban street is known or can be calculated on the basis of intersection-specific data. In the absence of a known cycle length or intersection-specific data, the cycle lengths for signalized intersections along an urban street can be estimated using the default values in Exhibit 10-16.

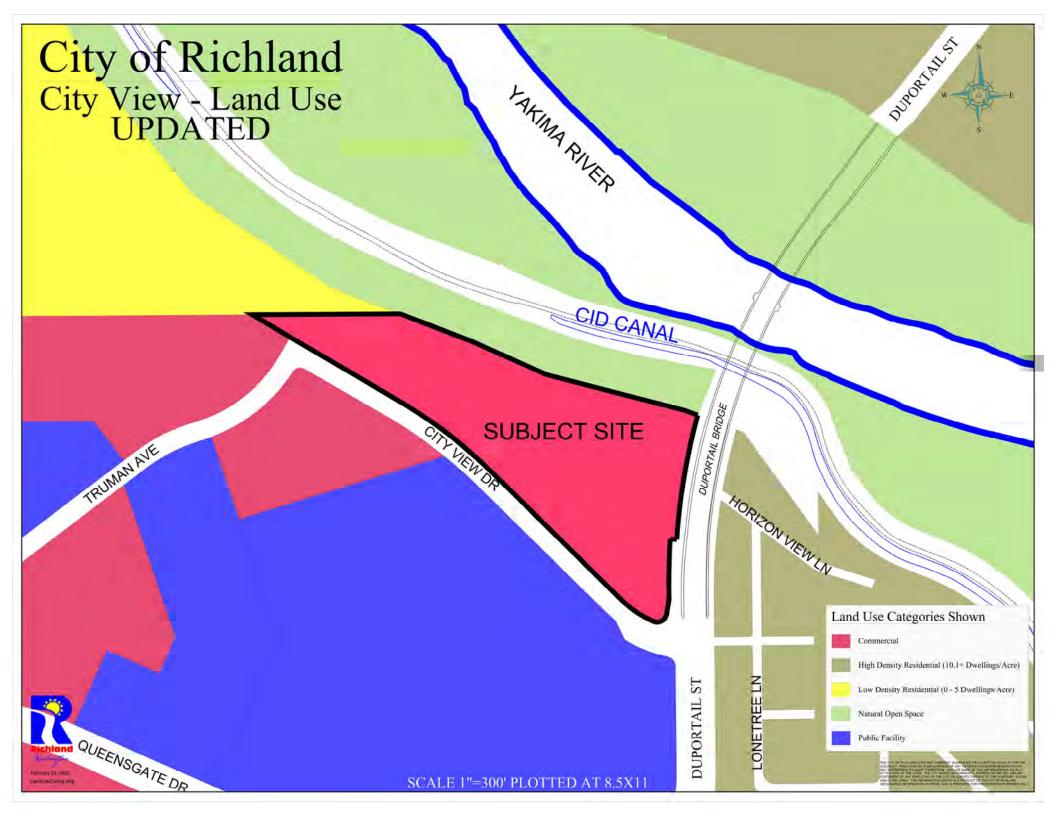
EXHIBIT 10-16. DEFAULT CYCLE LENGTHS BY ARFA TYPE

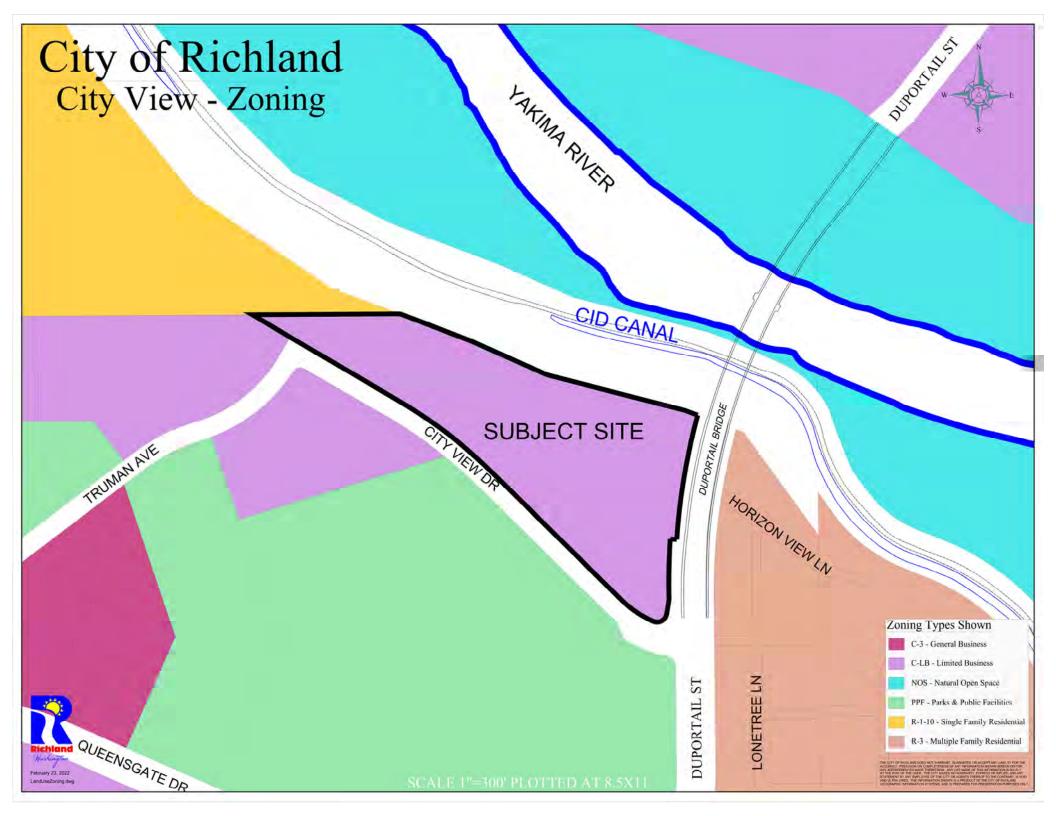
Area Type	Default (s)
CBD	70
Other	100

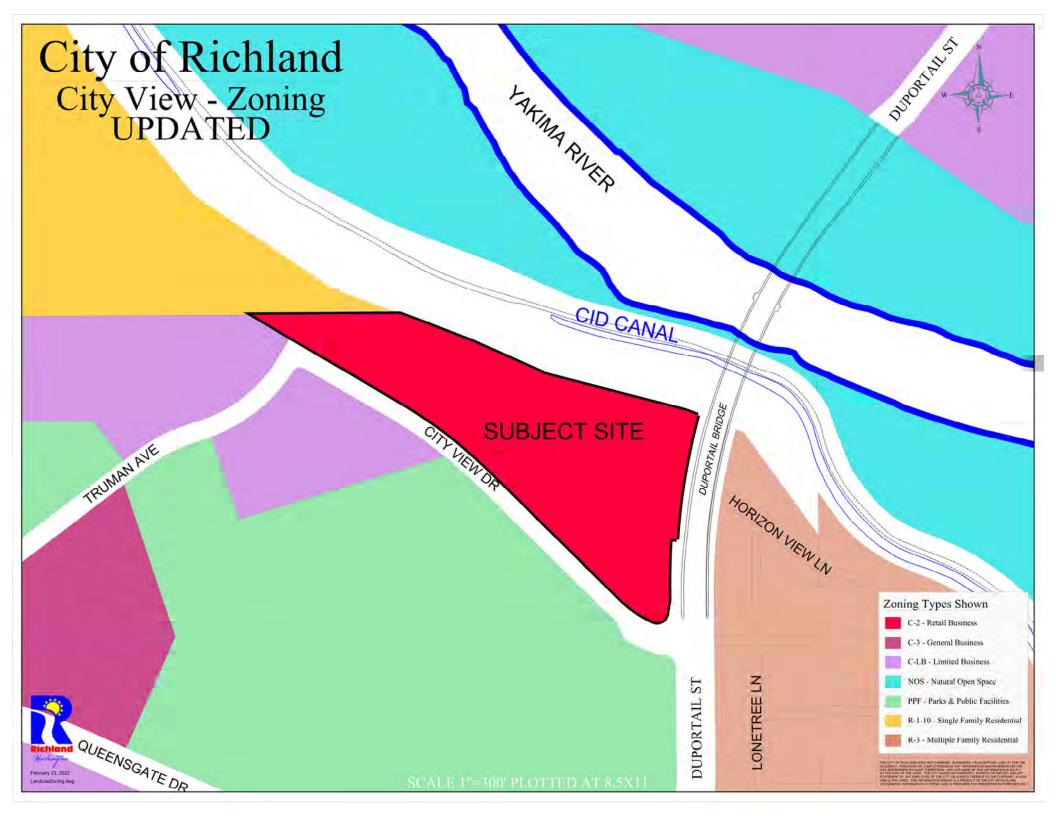












# SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

#### 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 <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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 <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. 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 [HELP]

- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment.
- 2. Name of applicant: City of Richland, Office of Economic Development
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: 625 Swift. Blvd., Richland, WA 99352 Contact: Darin Arrasmith, 509.942.7591

4. Date checklist prepared: February 16, 2022

5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Richland Development Services Dept.

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan Map will allow for greater variety of commercial uses better suited for the subject property. There is no schedule or timeframe for development at this time

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. Future development of this property will be completed by future purchaser.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. No known environmental issues.

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. N/A

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

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 proposed Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment are to support future commercial development of the subject property.

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. NW corner of City View Drive and Duprtail Street.

# **B.** Environmental Elements [HELP]

1. Earth [help]

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_\_

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 40%+ at north end of the property not planned for development.
- 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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. Medium-dense, silty sand to sandy silt.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. None known.
- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. None for this map amendment.
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. None from this amendment application. Clearing will occur during future development.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? Not known at this time as no development is currently proposed. Future development is planned to be commercial with associated parking.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: None at this time. Future development will be required to comply with all erosion control regulations.
- 2. Air [help]

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. None during this application phase.

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

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

# 3. Water [help]

- a. Surface Water: [help]
  - 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. N/A
  - 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. N/A
  - 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. N/A
  - 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. N/A

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

#### b. Ground Water: [help]

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. N/A
- 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. N/A
- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
  - 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. No runoff will occur during this application phase.
  - 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. N/A
  - 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. N/A

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: N/A

# 4. Plants [help]

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- \_\_\_\_deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- \_\_\_\_evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- \_\_\_\_shrubs
- \_\_\_\_grass
- \_x\_pasture
- \_\_\_\_crop or grain
- \_\_\_\_ Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- \_\_\_\_other types of vegetation
- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? None under this application.
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. None known.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: None under this application.
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. None known.

# 5. Animals [help]

a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: rabbit fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. No threatened or endangered species have been observed or encountered on the property.
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? No. If so, explain.
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: None.
- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. N/A

# 6. Energy and Natural Resources [help]

- 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. None under this application. Electrical power and Natural Gas will be provided to the property upon development.
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. No.
- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: None under this application.

# 7. Environmental Health [help]

- 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. No.
  - Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. N/A
  - 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity None.
  - 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. None.
  - 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. N/A
  - 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: None.
- b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? Surrounding commercial development, Richland Fire Station, City Public Shops, Duportail Street traffic.

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)? Indi- cate what hours noise would come from the site. None under this application.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: None.

# 8. Land and Shoreline Use [help]

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. Property is vacant. Surrounding uses include City Shops, Richland Fire Station, restaurants, Hills Mobile Home Park, Duportail Street. Proposed map amendments will not affect on-site or surrounding properties.
- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? No.
  - 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: No.
- c. Describe any structures on the site. Property is vacant.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? No. If so, what?
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? Commercial C-LB.
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? High Density Residential.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? N/A
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? No. If so, specify.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? None under this application.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? None.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: N/A

- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: Proposed map amendments are reviewed by the City Development Services Dept.
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: N/A

# 9. Housing [help]

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. Approval of the map amendments would permit multi-family residential dwellings, assisted living and nursing facilities.
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. Property is vacant. However, both the current and proposed zoning for the property permit residential uses.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: N/A

# 10. Aesthetics [help]

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? Proposed Commercial C-2 zoning district permits a maximum height of 80 feet for structures.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? None. Uphill property is the City Shops laydown yard. And the City Shops facility does not have any views overlooking the subject property.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: None.

# 11. Light and Glare [help]

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? None under this application. Future development will have street lights and parking lot lights.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? No. Future development will be required to comply with City lighting and safety requirements.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? None.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: None under this application.

# 12. Recreation [help]

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? None.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? No. If so, describe.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: N/A

# 13. Historic and cultural preservation [help]

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe. N/A
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. N/A
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. N/A
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. N/A

# 14. Transportation [help]

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. Property is located at the NW corner of the intersection of City View Drive and Duportail Street. Primary access will be via City View Drive.
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? Property is in the service area of Ben-Franklin Transit.
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? Property is vacant. None under this application.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). Not during this amendment application but when development of the site occurs.
- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. Not under this application phase.
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. No.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: Proposed measures to reduce transportation impacts will be required by developer at time of development.

# 15. Public Services [help]

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. Not under this application phase. But services demand will be needed upon development of the property in the future.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. None at this time of application.

#### 16. Utilities [help]

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other \_\_\_\_\_\_
- c. 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. No utilities required for map amendment application.

# C. Signature [HELP]

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:	Davin Singlister	
Name of signee	e Darin Arrasmith	
Position and Ag	gency/Organization Planner	
Date Submitted	1: February 17, 2022	

# D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [HELP]

#### (IT IS NOT NECESSARY to 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.

 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 map amendments will not increase discharge to water or emissions to air.

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? No affect to plants or animals through this application phase. Future development will result in clear of vegetation and the potential displacement of some animals.

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? No depletion of energy or natural resources will result through this application.

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? Future development of this property will permit commercial development that could have an impact on environmentally sensitive areas in the northern segment of the property, but impacts will be minimal.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: Future sale of this property will not include any areas designated as environmentally sensitive. Future development of the property will be required to comply with City and State regulations protecting environmentally sensitive areas.

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? Property not included within a shoreline area.

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 map amendments will allow for a greater variety of commercial development of the site. Future commercial development will require the improvement of City View Drive and increase demand for public transportation services.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: The City View business center has been planned for commercial development by the City for the past 20 years, and has been included in the City's Level of Service forecasting to meet the anticipated increase in demand for these services in this area.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. The proposed amendment will comply with environmental requirements. And future development will be required to comply with all environmental protection regulations.



# Hayden Homes

Clearwater Creek

# CPA2022-103

# Z2022-102



February 25, 2022

Mr. Mike Stevens Planning Manager City of Richland 625 Swift Boulevard Richland, WA 99352

Dear Mr. Stevens,

Hayden Homes and Richland 132, LLC are respectfully requesting a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Lot 9 of the Clearwater Creek Phase 3 development. Specifically, our request would reclassify the current land use designation from Commercial (COM) to Medium Density Residential (MDR). A Pre-Application meeting took place on January 5, 2021.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the proposed comprehensive plan amendment is to reclassify lot 9 of Clearwater Creek Phase 3 from Commercial to Residential. As you are aware, the subject property is part of the 132acre site currently known as Clearwater Creek. At the time of the initial Clearwater Creek Development application submittal in 2013, the subject property was zoned Agriculture and designated as Medium Density Residential (MDR) in the City Comprehensive Plan. The city's vision at the time for this property was residential uses. It was at the request of the applicant in 2013, that the site be re-classified as Commercial. The original thought during the initial submittal was that a commercial component along N. Steptoe Street would benefit the future residents, the surrounding neighborhood, and the City of Richland. Unfortunately, that has not been the case. <u>The subject property has been marketed for sale</u> by multiple commercial brokerages since 2016 with little to no interest.

#### GMA Consistency

As outlined in RCW 36.70A.020

- <u>Urban Growth</u> the proposed site for reclassification is located in what would be defined as an urban setting with adequate municipal services, including sewer, water, irrigation, electrical, and natural gas systems which are already stubbed into the property. The municipal services were stubbed into the property as part of the Clearwater Creek Phase 3 improvements which included the connection of Meadows Drive South and Center Parkway.
- <u>Reduce Sprawl</u> The proposed site for reclassification would seek a zoning classification of R-2S consistent with the larger 320 lot Clearwater Creek development and would add another seventy-one lots on ten acres. The allowed density for the R-2S zone is 5.1 10 dwellings per acre.
- 3. <u>Transportation</u> The proposed site is adjacent to Steptoe Street which connects to Clearwater Avenue to the south, which has direct access to Interstate 82, and Gage Boulevard to the north, as well as Highway 240 further north beyond Gage Boulevard. There is an abundance of paved pedestrian pathways along Steptoe that connect to the City's sidewalk system, as well as natural Building Better Communities Since 1989

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open space trails within the Clearwater Creek development that connect to trails within the Amon Creek Natural Preserve.

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- 4. <u>Housing</u> The site, if approved and constructed would continue to offer smaller affordable homes consistent with homes already constructed within Clearwater Creek. The city would benefit from additional housing in this area as other City developments are further West in the Badger South Area, and West Cliffe area of Badger Mountain. Larger estate style lots are also available along Columbia Park Trail east of Queensgate Avenue.
- 5. <u>Economic Development</u> As mentioned in the Land Use Analysis included with this application, housing inventory throughout the Tri-Cities area has consistently seen extremely low inventory. The inventory of available homes in September 2020 had dropped to 375. Compare that to the inventory numbers reported in January 2021 to a total of less than 300 homes available for sale. The ability to provide much needed housing is critical, given the current conditions. The City of Richland would benefit greatly from the additional homesites within the Clearwater Creek development that this comprehensive plan amendment would provide.
- 6. <u>Property Rights</u> The proposed roadway Rights of Way would be dedicated to the City of Richland upon approval of the final plat(s).
- 7. <u>Permits</u> All applicable construction, grading, stormwater, and right of way permits will be obtained prior to ground disturbing activities. And all applicable building permits will be obtained prior to the construction of any residential structures.
- 8. <u>Natural Resource Industries</u> The proposed site will not enhance or detract any natural resource industry such as timber, high producing agricultural lands, or fishery industries.
- 9. <u>Open Space and Recreation</u> The proposed application will not remove any existing or proposed recreational activities. The proposed application can utilize the existing recreational opportunities provided within Clearwater Creek and the Amon Creek Natural Preserve. Other Recreational opportunities are available nearby such as Claybell Park, which is located along Bellerive Drive, North of Center Parkway.
- 10. <u>Environment</u> The proposed application reclassifying the property from Commercial to Medium Density Residential. If approved, the number of vehicular trips per day would be reduced by 2,783 with 33 fewer trips and 160 fewer trips in the AM & PM peak hours, respectively (Traffic Memorandum provided by Charbonneau Engineering). Traffic memo is included as a seprate attachment.
- 11. <u>Citizen Participation and coordination</u> The property will be subject to a couple of public hearings if the application is approved to move forward. The public will have opportunities to comment on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone, as well as a Preliminary Plat and SEPA applications.
- 12. <u>Public Facilities and Services</u> The property already has municipal service such as sewer, water, irrigation, and electrical lines stubbed into the property that were installed with the construction improvements for Clearwater Creek Phase 3.
- 13. <u>Historic Preservation</u> The site is not identified as an having archaeological or historical significance. Although there has been no report published to date declaring the site having no archaeological or historic significance, the site was used in the early 2000's to dump structural fill from an adjacent construction site. The area just east of the Amon wasteway, and west of Steptoe was filled and compacted with 10's of thousands of cubic yards of dirt removed from the railroad project crossing below Columbia Center Boulevard.

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#### Consistency with Countywide planning policies

The proposed site is consistent with the countywide planning policies under RCW 36.70A.210 Section 3, in which the proposal is contiguous with other residential developments and will utilize municipal services such as sewer, water, and irrigation to serve each residential lot. The proposal will also offer modestly sized and modestly priced homes that are close to existing commercial and retail spaces.

#### Furthering the purpose of the City's Comprehensive Plan

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, the City of Richland released their Comprehensive Plan Supporting Analysis. In the report, it discusses the need for additional housing units beyond what is already projected on land currently designated as residential. The report states that 9,875 housing units are needed, and according to the analysis, 9,295 units will be developed from existing land within the city already designated as residential, leaving a shortfall of 580 units. The reclassification of the Clearwater Creek property from Commercial to Medium Density Residential further assists the city by reducing the number of housing units needed to achieve the total number of housing units needed by 2037.

Additionally, reclassifying the Clearwater Creek Property from Commercial to Medium Density Residential, reduces the amount of traffic by over 2,000 trips per day. The reduction in daily trips must be seen as a positive, as it will help prolong the life of the roads and maintain a level of service at major nearby intersections acceptable to the city.

#### Current and Proposed Land Use Designation

The current land use designation for the subject parcel is Commercial (COM) and the requested land use designation is Medium Density Residential (MDR).

#### Legal Description of Subject Parcel

The property is legally described as Clearwater Creek Phase 3, Lot 9. Recorded in Volume 15 of Plats at page 549. Records of Benton County, Washington. AF#2016-037862, 12/13/2016.

#### Current Zoning Map Designation

The current zoning map designation of the subject parcel is Commercial, C-1 Neighborhood Retail Business.

In conclusion, Hayden Homes, LLC and Richland 132, LLC respectfully request the approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the subject property from Commercial to Medium Density Residential Small Lots. Should you have any questions about the information provided in this application, please do not hesitate to contact me at (509) 492-0153 or email me at <a href="https://www.bttps://wwww.bttps://www.bttps://www.bttps://www.bttps://

Sincerely,

Brian Thoreson Regional Land Development Manager

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# City of Richland Development Services

# **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application**

X Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map

Text of Comprehensive Plan

#### Note: A Pre-Application meeting is required prior to submittal of an application.

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APPLICAN	CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (if different)	Contact Person		
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PROPERTY	INFORMATION			
Legal Desci	ription: Lot 9 of Clearwater Creek Phase 3			

Parcel # 101-881-030-000-009

Current Zoning: C-1

Current Land Use Designation: Commerical

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL APPLICATIONS - Attach written statements explaining the following

- 1. Completed Application and Filing Fee;
- 2. The purpose of the proposed amendment;
- Describe how the amendment is consistent with Washington State Growth Management Act-RCW 36.70A (The goals the Act are listed in 36.70A.020);
- 4. How the amendment is consistent with the adopted countywide planning polices;
- 5. How the amendment furthers the purpose of the city's comprehensive plan;
- 6. How the amendment is internally consistent with the city's comprehensive plan, as well as other adopted city plans and codes;
- 7. If applicable, how the project will meet concurrency requirements for transportation;
- 8. As necessary, supplemental environmental review and/or critical areas review, as determined by the Administrator;
- 9. Comprehensive Plan TEXT AMENDMENT applications must also include;
  - a. The proposed element, chapter, section and page number of the comp plan to be amended;
  - b. The proposed text change, with new text underlined and deleted text crossed out;

#### 10. Comprehensive Plan MAP AMENDMENT applications must also include;

- a. The current land use map designation for the subject parcel(s).
- b. The land use map designation requested.
- c. A complete legal description describing the combined area of the subject parcel(s)
- d. A vicinity map showing:
  - i. All land use designations within 300 feet of the subject parcel(s);
  - ii. All parcels within 300 feet of the subject parcel and all existing uses of those parcels;
  - iii. All road abutting and/or providing access to the subject parcel(s) including information on road classification (arterial, collector, access) and improvements to such roads;
  - iv. Location of shorelines and critical areas on or within 300 feet of the site, if applicable

- v. The location of existing utilities serving the subject parcels including electrical, water and sewer;
- vi. The location and uses of existing structures located on the subject parcel(s);
- e. Topographical map of the subject parcels and abutting properties at a scale of a minimum of one inch represents 200 feet (1:200);
- f. The current official zoning map designation for the subject parcel(s);
- g. A detailed plan which indicates any proposed improve
  - i. Paved streets;
  - ii. Storm drainage control and detention facilities;
  - iii. Public water supply;
  - iv. Public sanitary sewers;
  - v. Circulation and traffic patterns for the development and the surrounding neighborhoods;
- h. A corresponding zoning map amendment application, where necessary to maintain consistency between the land use and zoning maps. The rezone application will be processed separately from, and after, the comprehensive plan amendment;
- i. A description of any associated development proposals. Development proposals shall not be processed concurrent with comprehensive plan amendments, but the development proposals may be submitted for consideration of the comprehensive plan amendments to limit consideration of all proposed uses and densities of the property under the city's SEPA, zoning and comprehensive land use plan. If no proposed development description is provided, the city will assume that the applicant intends to develop the property with the most intense development allowed under the proposed land use designation. The city shall assume the maximum impact, unless the applicant submits with the comprehensive plan amendment a development agreement to ameliorate the adverse impact(s) of the proposed development.

I authorize employees and officials of the City of Richland the right to enter and remain on the property in question to determine whether a permit should be issued and whether special conditions should be placed on any issued permit. I have the legal authority to grant such access to the property in question.

I also acknowledge that if a permit is issued for land development activities, no terms of the permit can be violated without further approval by the permitting entity. I understand that the granting of a permit does not authorize anyone to violate in any way any federal, state, or local law/regulation pertaining to development activities associated with a permit. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I have read and examined this permit application and have documented all applicable requirements on the site plan.
- 2. The information provided in this application contains no misstatement of fact.
- 3. I am the owner(s), the authorized agent(s) of the owner(s) of the above referenced property, or I am currently a licensed contractor or specialty contractor under Chapter 18.27 RCW or I am exempt from the requirements of the Chapter 18.27 RCW.
- 4. I understand this permit is subject to all other local, state, and federal regulations.

Note: This application will not be processed unless the above certification is endorsed by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or the owner(s) themselves. If the City of Richland has reason to believe that erroneous information has been supplied by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or by the owner(s) themselves, processing of the application may be suspended.

Applicant Printed Name: Brian Thoreson

Applicant Signature:

Date <u>2/25/2022</u>



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#### City of Richland Development Services

# **Zoning Map Amendment Application**

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#### DESCRIPTION OF WORK

To rezone the subject parcel from C-1 Neighborhood Retail Business to R-2S Medium Density Residential Small Lots.

3, Lot 9		
Current Comp Plan: Commercial	Requested Zoning:	R-2S Medium Density Residential small lots
Proposed Use: Residential	Area of Property: 1	0.43 Acres
	Current Comp Plan: Commercial	Current Comp Plan: Commercial Requested Zoning:

#### APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE

- 1. Completed application and filing fee
- 2. Title Report showing ownership, easements, restrictions, and accurate legal description of the property involved
- 3. Other information as determined by the Administrator

#### ANSWER THE FOLLOWING AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE

The unique characteristics, if any, of the property or circumstances of the owner:

The subject property was originally designated as residential, but in 2013 as part of the Clearwater Creek development, the applicant requested a rezone to Commercial C-1. The property has been sitting for the last 6 years (since Clearwater Creek Phase 3) with little to no interest from commercial buyers. Access and visibility constraints were cited by potential buyers as for reasons to not purchase.

Any hardship that may result in the event the rezone is not granted:

The owner will continue to sit on the property with no interest from commercial buyers.

The manner in which the proposed rezone conforms to patterns in adjacent zones:

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The proposed rezone is proposed to match the same lot size minimums as the adjacent Clearwater Creek development.

Any beneficial or adverse effects the granting or denial of the rezone would have on adjacent or surrounding zones:

The benefit of granting the rezone will be that construction of a residential development will take place as soon as an application is submitted and approved. The land will be vacant for a shorter period of time. If the rezone application is denied, the existing commercial property will sit there vacant for a lot longer period of time potentially causing concerns with dust and weed control.

Any beneficial or adverse effects the granting or denial of the rezone would have in relation to the overall purpose and intent of the comprehensive plan and this title:

The city is in need of additional housing inventory, and approving this proposal will help boost the historically low housing inventories.

The benefits or detriments accruing to the City which would result from the granting or denial of this special permit:

The benefit of granting this special permit will be the reduction of over 2,000 vehicle trips per day if the site is rezoned to R-2S MDR versus Commercial C-1 Neighborhood Retail Business.

Whether the proposed rezone represents a better use of the land from the standpoint of the comprehensive plan than the original zone: The proposed rezone does represent a better use of the land. First, from a traffic standpoint due to a reduction of over 2,000 trips per day. Second, the City needs additional housing units per the Comprehensive Plan Supporting Analysis dated October 3, 2017. Third, the entire state and nation for that matter are experiencing severe housing shortages with inventories not seen for decades. Lastly, due to COVID, there is an up tick in available commercial properties.

Whether the proposed rezone represents spot zoning and whether a larger area should be considered:

The proposed rezone does not represent spot zoning. It is not recommended that a larger area be considered at this time for a rezone.

Identify impacts on the environment and public safety:

Although there will be some temporary impacts to the environment and public safety such as noise and dust during construction, the impacts will be minimal.

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Applicant Printed Name: Brian Thoreson

Applicant Signature:

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Date \_\_\_\_\_\_2/25/2022

# 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 <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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 <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. 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 [HELP]

- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Clearwater Creek Phase 13
- 2. Name of applicant: Richland 132, LLC

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: <u>2464 SW Glacier Pl. Suite 110,</u> <u>Redmond, OR. 97756. (509) 492-0153 Brian Thoreson, bthoreson@hayden-homes.com</u>

4. Date checklist prepared: \_February 21, 2022

5. Agency requesting checklist: *City of Richland.* 

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): <u>Comprehensive plan</u> <u>amendment / rezone – 2022</u>, <u>Preliminary plat submittal – January 2023</u> <u>Construction – Summer</u> <u>2023</u> <u>Project Completion Fall / Winter 2023</u>

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. <u>No further expansion is anticipated for this property.</u>

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. <u>A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment was</u> prepared for the Clearwater Creek property in May 2016, which included the proposed lot 9 as well as all of Clearwater Creek. A SEPA checklist will be prepared directly for this application.

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. <u>None are that are known.</u>

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. <u>Comprehensive plan amendment and rezone approval, preliminary plat approval, construction</u> <u>drawing approval, grading and right of way permit will be required.</u>

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.)

<u>The proposal consists of reclassifying 10.43 acres from Commercial to Medium Density</u> <u>Residential. The proposal also is seeking a rezone from C-1 to R-2S.</u>

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.

<u>The property is located at 2725 Steptoe Street which is the Southwest corner of the Center</u> <u>Parkway and Steptoe Street intersection. The property is located within the NE ¼ of Sec. 1,</u> <u>T.8N, R.28E, W.M.</u>

# B. Environmental Elements [HELP]

#### 1. Earth [help]

a. General description of the site: <u>The site is generally flat, with slopes not exceeding 2.5:1</u> <u>around the perimeter of the property. There is one grade break that runs through the middle</u> of the property with slopes not exceeding 2.5:1.

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other <u>Slope along property</u> <u>boundaries.</u>

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 40%
- 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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. <u>The soil classifications found onsite are generally silty sand, including some poorly graded sand with gravel. The National Resource Conservation Service identifies onsite soils as Esquatzel fine sandy loam, and Hezel loamy fine sand. The proposed site does not contain soils that result in agricultural land of long-term significance. To the applicant's knowledge, the site has never been used for agricultural services.</u>
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. <u>No surface indications of unstable soils are visible or have been found. GN Northern</u> <u>completed a geotechnical report for the proposal area dated 8/25/2020.</u>
- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. <u>Grading activities will be approximately 35,000 cubic yards, and the total area of disturbance will be approximately 10.43 acres.</u>
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. <u>Minor erosion could occur as a result of clearing and construction. Prudent dust control and</u> <u>grading procedures such as watering will be used to minimize erosion. An approved erosion</u> <u>control plan will be implemented during ongoing construction activities. Best Management</u> <u>Practices (BMP's) will be in place such as, but not limited to, silt fence, construction entrance.</u> <u>and inlet protection to eliminate or reduce potential erosion.</u>
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? <u>Approximately 40%-45% of the site would be covered with impervious surfaces after project completion.</u>
- *h.* Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: <u>During</u> <u>construction, an erosion and sediment control plan will be included with the final approved</u> <u>engineering plans. Proposed measures will be, but not limited to, silt fencing, inlet protection, and construction entrance(s).</u>

#### 2. Air [help]

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. *During construction, there will be noise and exhaust from construction equipment as well as dust.* 

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. *No off-site emissions are known at this time that will affect this proposal.* 

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: <u>During</u> <u>construction, emissions will be limited to working hours per City of Richland Municipal</u> Code and dust will be controlled by a person operated watering device.

#### 3. Water [help]

- a. Surface Water: [help]
  - 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. <u>The Amon</u> <u>Wasteway is approximately 200 feet west of the western property boundary of lot 9.</u>
  - 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. <u>No work will be required</u> within 200 feet of the Amon Wasteway. All work will be approximately 300 feet or further away from the Amon Wasteway.
  - 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. <u>There is no fill or dredge material that will be placed or</u> <u>removed as part of this application.</u>
  - 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. <u>The proposal will not require</u> <u>surface water withdrawals or diversions.</u>
  - 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. The proposal does not lie within a 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. <u>The proposal does not involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters.</u>
- b. Ground Water: [help]
  - Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. <u>No groundwater will be</u> <u>withdrawn for drinking water or other purposes. The project will be served with water</u> <u>provided by the City of Richland.</u>
  - 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. <u>No waste material will be discharged into the ground or groundwater. The proposed site will be served by the extension of the City of Richland's municipal sewer system.</u>
- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
  - 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. <u>Stormwater runoff from roadways,</u> <u>roofs, and impervious parking areas will be directed and collected within an approved</u> <u>onsite storm management system in accordance with the City of Richland standards.</u> <u>There will be no off-site discharge of stormwater.</u>
  - 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. <u>It is not</u> <u>anticipated that waste materials will enter ground or surface waters. The onsite storm</u> <u>management system will be designed by a licensed professional engineer in strict</u> conformance with the Eastern Stormwater Manual and the City of Richland.
  - 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. <u>The proposal does not seek to alter or affect the drainage patterns within</u> <u>the vicinity.</u>
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage

pattern impacts, if any: <u>The stormwater disposal methods will be in compliance with the Eastern Washington</u> <u>Stormwater Manual and the City of Richland. The roadway and associated infrastructure will be</u> <u>designed by a licensed professional engineer and will be approved by the City of Richland.</u>

#### 4. Plants [help]

- a. Check the 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
  - Orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
  - wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
  - water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
  - \_\_\_\_X\_other types of vegetation Weeds
- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? <u>The site is bare with some</u> weeds.
- c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. <u>No threatened or</u> <u>endangered species are known to be on the site.</u> However, the property is surrounded by shrub-steppe outside of the application boundaries.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: <u>Landscaping will be consistent with residential homes and will consist of turf grasses, shrubs, and trees.</u>

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. <u>*Tumble weeds*</u> are known to be prevalent in the area.

#### 5. Animals [help]

a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: hawk heron, eagle, songbirds other: mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: <u>Rabbits, coyotes</u> fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. <u>None to the</u> <u>applicant's knowledge.</u>
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. Not to the applicant's knowledge.
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: <u>No measures proposed at this</u> <u>time to preserve or enhance wildlife. There are several open space areas near the</u> proposed site that promote wildlife.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. *None to the applicant's knowledge*.

#### 6. Energy and Natural Resources [help]

- 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. <u>The completed project will utilize electrical service to fulfill its energy</u> needs and will also use electrical service to heat residential unit.
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. <u>No.</u>
- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: <u>The proposed</u> <u>homes will be constructed in accordance with all applicable building codes as recognized by</u> <u>the City of Richland.</u>

#### 7. Environmental Health [help]

- 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. <u>No, the project proposal when complete would not present any environmental health risks and would be consistent with adjacent single-family residential housing in the immediate area.</u>
  - 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. None are known to the applicant.
  - 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development

and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. *None are known to the applicant.* 

- Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. <u>There will be no hazardous chemicals stored at the site during</u> <u>construction</u>. <u>However, heavy equipment will utilize diesel fuel during construction</u> <u>activities</u>.
- Describe special emergency services that might be required. <u>The development of this</u> proposal will require the use of emergency services such as fire, ambulance, and police.
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: <u>None</u> <u>are proposed at this time.</u>

#### b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? <u>The project site is located along Steptoe street</u> which is classified as a Principal Arterial. However, the half of the site is located below the elevation of Steptoe Street which will help reduce noise. Additionally, the project site is located adjacent to the Burlington Northern Right of Way along the project's southern boundary. The tracks are approximately 200' south of the projects south property line.

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. <u>On a short-term basis, the project will</u> create noise associated with infrastructure construction such as the use of heavy equipment. Short term noise will also be created using handheld equipment such as saws and nail guns. Hours of operation will be limited to those allowed by the City of Richland Municipal Code. Lastly, the proposed project will increase the traffic in the area consistent with single-family neighborhoods on a long-term basis. However, traffic for a residential neighborhood will produce more the 2,000 fewer trips per day than a commercial development on the same property.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: <u>Construction hours will be</u> <u>limited to working hours defined by the City of Richland Municipal Code. Construction</u> <u>equipment will have noise suppression as required by law. Furthermore, as noted above,</u> <u>the proposed project will reduce the total vehicle trips per day by more than 2,000, which</u> <u>would greatly reduce noise impacts to this area.</u>

#### 8. Land and Shoreline Use [help]

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. <u>The site is currently designated</u> <u>as commercial with a C-1 zoning designation</u>. The site has been vacant and marketed for

sale for over six years. Prior to the surrounding area being improved, the proposed site was vacant. The property to the east across Steptoe is commercial that includes a coffee shop, the property to the west and north is residential, and the property to the south is the Burlington Northern rail line. Further south along the Clearwater Avenue corridor, the property is designated as commercial.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? <u>To the applicant's knowledge, the property has never been used for agricultural</u> *purposes, nor is the property working forest lands.* 
  - Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: <u>The proposal will not affect or be affected by</u> <u>surrounding working farmlands.</u>
- c. Describe any structures on the site. The site does not contain any existing structures.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? <u>No, the site does not contain any existing</u> <u>structures.</u>
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? <u>The current zoning classification of the</u> <u>site if C-1 Neighborhood retail business.</u>
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? <u>The site has a current land</u> use designation of Commercial.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? <u>Not</u> <u>applicable.</u>
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. No part of the proposed site has been classified as a critical area by the city or county.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? <u>There would</u> <u>be approximately 150-200 people residing in the proposed completed project.</u>

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? <u>The completed</u> project would not displace any people.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: <u>No measures are</u> proposed at this time to avoid or reduce displacement impacts as no one will be displaced as part of this proposed project.
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: <u>The proposed project would be an extension of the Clearwater Creek</u> <u>development and any proposed structures would be similar to what has already been</u> <u>constructed in the area.</u>
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: <u>The site is not designated as agricultural lands of long-term</u> <u>commercial significance, therefore, no measures are proposed at this time.</u>

#### 9. Housing [help]

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. <u>71 single-family homesites are proposed.</u>
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. *No existing housing units will be eliminated.*
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: <u>No measures to reduce or</u> <u>control housing impacts are proposed at this time. The proposed project does not</u> <u>eliminate any existing homes.</u>

#### 10. Aesthetics [help]

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? <u>The tallest height of any structure will be limited to what is allowed per the City of Richland Municipal code. The principal exterior building material will consist of wood siding.</u>
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? <u>No views will be altered</u> <u>or obstructed as part of this proposal.</u>

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: <u>No measures are being</u> <u>proposed at this time. Height of structures will be controlled by the City of Richland Municipal</u> <u>code.</u>

#### 11. Light and Glare [help]

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? <u>The proposed project would create light from outside lighting on residential homes</u> <u>and streetlights during the evening hours.</u>
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? <u>It</u> <u>does not appear from the applicant's knowledge that light or glare will create a safety</u> <u>hazard or interfere with surrounding views.</u>
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? <u>Streetlight glare from</u> <u>Steptoe Street, as well as headlight glare from vehicles travelling along the Steptoe and</u> <u>Center Parkway corridors could affect our proposal.</u>
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: <u>All proposed lighting</u> <u>would be directed downward. Street lighting will be installed per the City of Richland</u> <u>standards.</u>

#### 12. Recreation [help]

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? <u>Claybell park is located approximately a half mile to the northwest of the proposed</u> <u>project. Also, there are many trails that have been created in the immediate area along</u> <u>with trails within the Amon Wasteway easement area that included in the Clearwater</u> <u>Creek development.</u>
- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. <u>No, the</u> proposed project would not displace any existing recreational uses.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: <u>There are no measures at this time to reduce or control impact to recreation. As noted above, the site does not displace any existing recreational uses.</u>
- 13. Historic and cultural preservation [help]

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe. <u>No, there are no existing structures on or near the proposed project area.</u>
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. *Not to the applicant's knowledge. However, no professional studies have been conducted on proposed project site.*
- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. <u>None.</u>
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. <u>No</u> <u>measures are proposed at this time.</u>

#### 14. Transportation [help]

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. <u>The proposed project site would have direct access to Steptoe Street via Center Parkway.</u> <u>Steptoe Street connects to Clearwater Avenue to the south, and Gage Boulevard to the north.</u>
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? <u>The nearest bus stop is located at Center Parkway and Deschutes Avenue approximately a half mile away.</u>
- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? <u>Residents of the proposed project</u> <u>would have access to on-street parking as well as onsite (driveway and garage) parking at each individual homesite.</u>
- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). *It is not anticipated that the proposed project would*

require new improvements of existing roads or streets. A trip generation memorandum was provided as part of the proposal and dated. February 18, 2021. As noted in previous answers and in the traffic memorandum, the proposed project would reduce daily vehicle trips by more than 2,000.

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. <u>No.</u>
- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? <u>Per the traffic memorandum written by</u> <u>Charbonneau Engineering dated February 18, 2021, the projected vehicle trips per day for</u> <u>the proposed project will 670, with 53 AM peak hour trips and 70 PM peak hour trips.</u>
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. <u>No.</u>
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: <u>Roads within the</u> proposed project would be constructed per the City of Richland design and construction <u>standards.</u>

#### 15. Public Services [help]

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. <u>Yes, the proposed project will result in the need for fire protection, police protection, schools, and other public service associated with housing.</u>
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. <u>No</u> <u>measures are proposed at this time to reduce or control impacts to public services.</u>

#### 16. Utilities [help]

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other <u>irrigation</u>
- c. 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. *Sewer, water, electrical, and refuse service will be provided by the City of*

<u>Richland. Irrigation will be provided by the Kennewick Irrigation District, natural gas will be</u> provided by Cascade Natural Gas, and Telecommunications will be provided by Spectrum. All these services are stubbed into the proposed project boundaries.

### C. Signature [HELP]

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:

Name of signee Brian Thoreson

Position and Agency/Organization <u>Regional Land Development Manager, Hayden Homes</u>. Date Submitted: <u>2/25/2022</u>

### D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions [HELP]

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to 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?

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

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

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

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

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

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?

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

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?

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

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

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

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



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

Date:	February 18, 2021	
То:	Travis Johnson, PE PLS Engineering 604 West Evergreen Blvd Vancouver WA 98660	
From:	Frank Charbonneau, PE, PTOE	
Subject:	Trip Generation Assessment Lot <b>#9 Clearwater Creek Phase 3</b> North Center Parkway, Richland	FL2112

As requested a trip generation assessment and trip accounting summary has been prepared for the proposed Clearwater Creek Lot #9 subdivision in Richland. The development is being planned for a total of 71 single-family housing units with a single site access connecting to North Center Parkway across from the stop controlled intersection at Meadows Drive South. The access approach to Clearwater Creek Lot #9 will be controlled by stop signing on the approach to North Center Parkway. A site plan furnished by PLS Engineering is attached to this memorandum.

The City of Richland has required that the trip generation for the 71 lot housing development be compared to a previous proposal to buildout Lot #9 with commercial facilities which typically generate much higher traffic volumes. With this finding documented and confirmed it will not be necessary to prepare a full traffic analysis report for the current housing plan.

In year 2015 a proposal to develop Lot #9 with 91,465 square feet of commercial space was identified and included as in-process traffic in the traffic analysis report for the Clearwater Creek Lot #1 study performed by Charbonneau Engineering for Hayden Homes. For reference purposes the in-process traffic flow map (titled Figure 4) for the commercial use is included in the appendix.

For the current housing development plan the following trip generation (shown in Table 1) has been calculated based on 71 single-family housing units. The calculations utilizing the latest <u>ITE Trip Generation</u> rates (10<sup>th</sup> edition, year 2017) determined that the site will generate a weekday ADT of 670 trips. In the peak hours the site will generate 53 AM trips and 70 PM trips.

	Unite		Weekday						
ITE Land Use	Units	-	AM Peak Hour		PM Peak Hour				
	(#)	ADT	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	
Single-Family (#210)	71								
Generation Rate <sup>1</sup>		9.44	0.74	25%	75%	0.99	63%	37%	
Site Trips		670	53	13	40	70	44	26	

Table 1 Trip Generation Summary - Clearwater Creek Lot #9 for 71 Housing Units

<sup>1</sup> Source: *Trip Generation*, 10th Edition, ITE, 2017, average rates.

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Table 2 has been prepared to document the number trips that would be generated if Lot #9 was developed with 91,465 square feet of commercial building space as previously assessed in the year 2015 traffic report. It is noted that at the time the 9<sup>th</sup> edition ITE Trip Generation manual was applicable. Table 2a lists the trip generation based on the 10<sup>th</sup> edition ITE rates.

 Table 2 Trip Generation for Clearwater Creek - Lot #9 Commercial Use - Year 2015 Proposal

	Units				Weekda	ay			
ITE Land Use		ADT	٨N	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
	(sq.ft.)	ADT	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit	
Shopping Center (#820)	91,465								
Generation Rate <sup>1</sup>		42.70	0.96	62%	38%	3.73	48%	52%	
Total Driveway Trips		3,906	88	55	33	341	164	177	
Pass-By Rate <sup>2</sup>						34%			
Pass-By Trips						116	56	60	
New Site Trips		3,906	88	55	33	225	108	117	

<sup>1</sup> Source: *Trip Generation*, 9th Edition, ITE, 2012, average rates.

<sup>3</sup> 34% based on *Trip Generation Handbook, 2nd Edition*, ITE, 2004.

Table 2a Trip Generation for Clearwater Creek - Lot #9 Com. Use	- Yr 2015 Proposal w/10th Edition Rates
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	Linita				Weekday			
ITE Land Use	Units	ADT	AM Peak Hour			PM Peak Hour		
	(sq.ft.)	ADT	Total	Enter	Exit	Total	Enter	Exit
Shopping Center (#820)	91,465							
Generation Rate <sup>1</sup>		37.75	0.94	62%	38%	3.81	48%	52%
Total Driveway Trips		3,453	86	53	33	348	167	181
Pass-By Rate <sup>2</sup>						34%		
Pass-By Trips						118	57	61
New Site Trips		3,453	86	53	33	230	110	120

<sup>1</sup> Source: *Trip Generation*, 10th Edition, ITE, 2017, average rates.

<sup>3</sup> 34% based on *Trip Generation Handbook, 2nd Edition*, ITE, 2004.

The proposed housing development on Lot #9 will generate less traffic than the previous commercial proposal on Lot #9. In summary there would be 2,783 fewer ADT trips with 33 fewer trips and 160 fewer trips in the AM & PM peak hours, respectively.

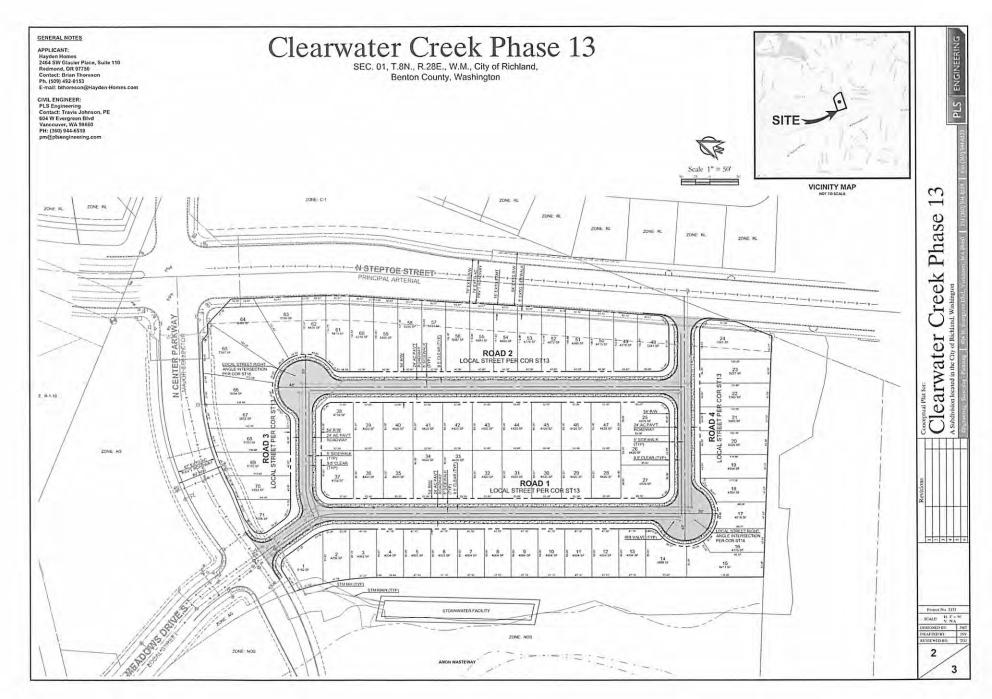
Based on these findings it is recommended that the City of Richland support the Lot #9 proposed subdivision without further transportation analysis.

If you should have any questions, please contact Frank Charbonneau, PE, PTOE at 503.293.1118 or email <u>Frank@CharbonneauEngineer.com</u>.

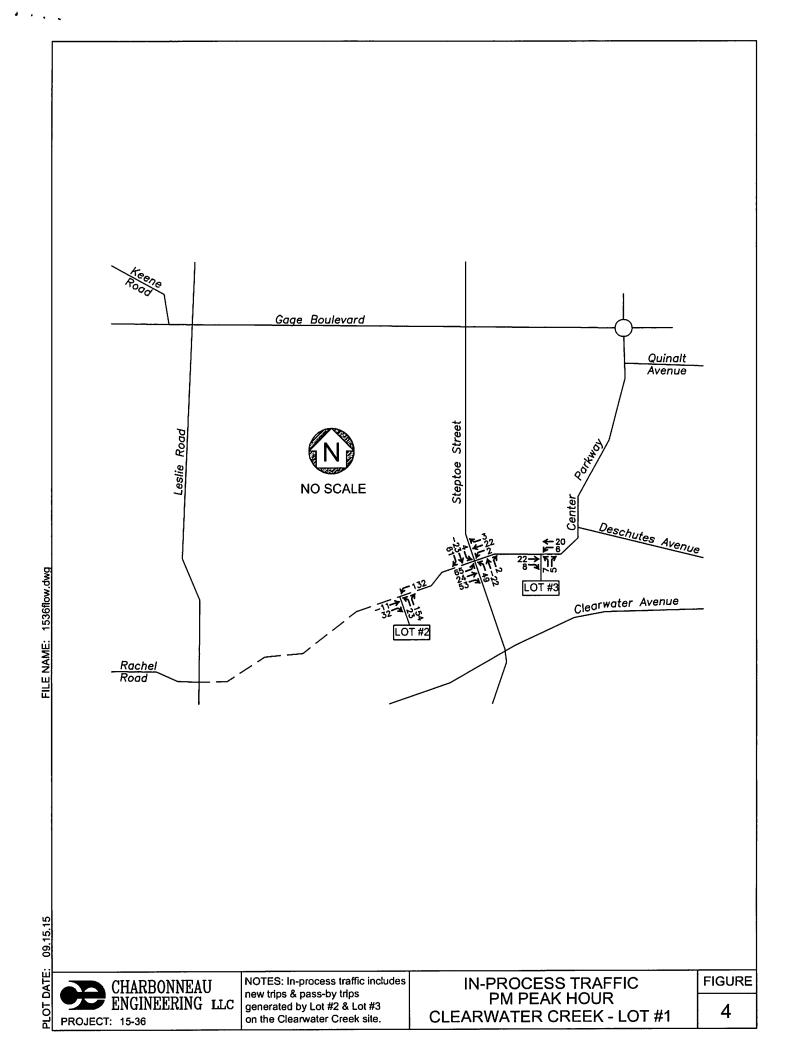
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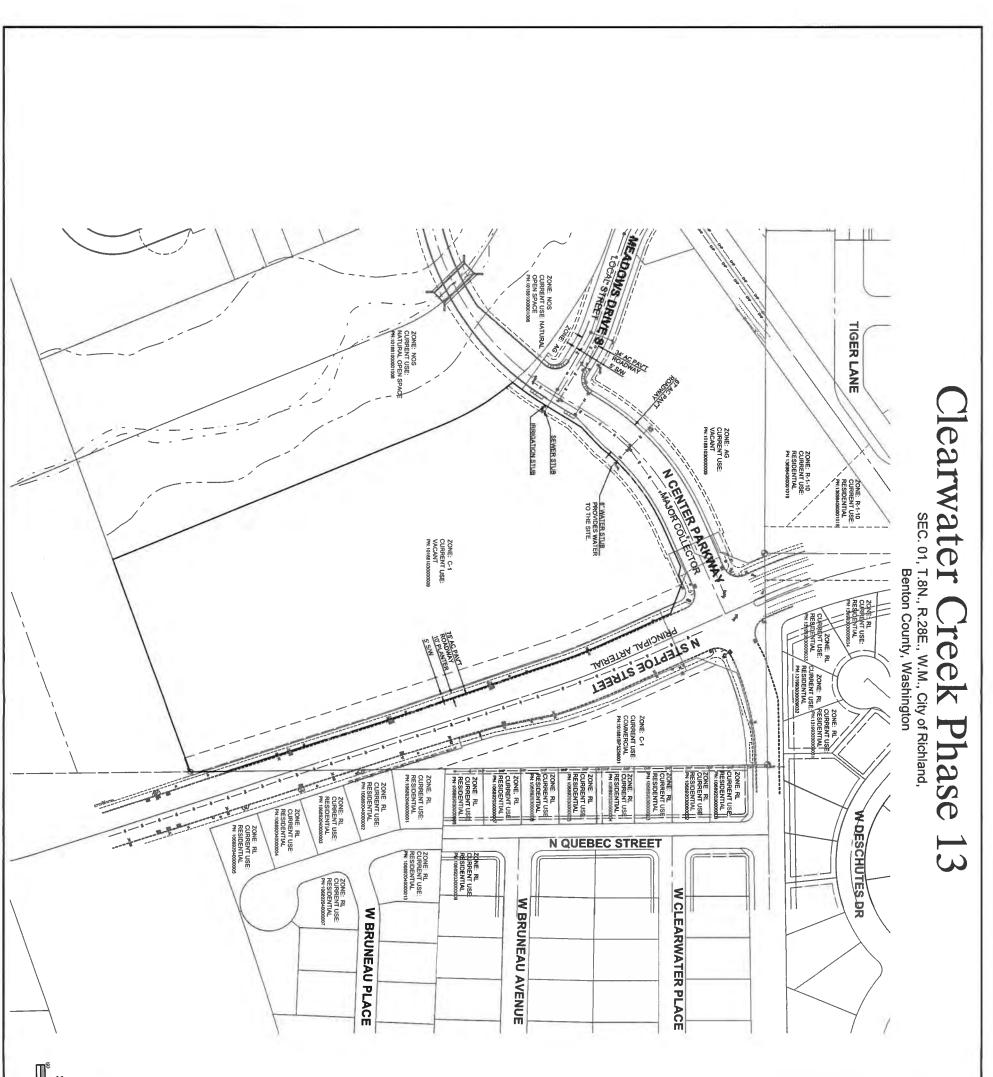
- Clearwater Creek Site Plan (furnished by PLS Engineering)
- Figure 4, Lot #9 In-Process Traffic for Commercial Development (Charbonneau Engineering TIA, September 2015)



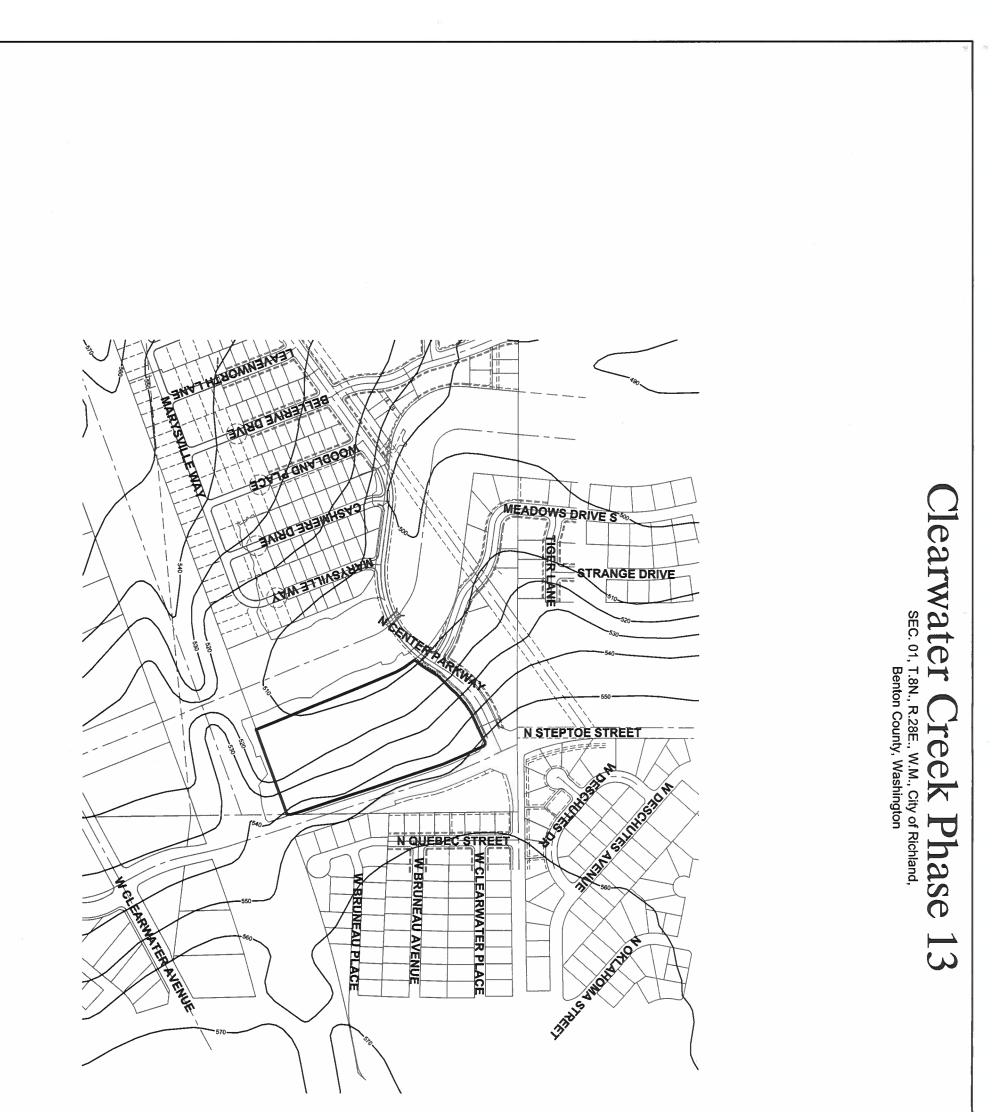


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# Teresa Reents & Ken Hofstad Reata Ridge Tract C

# CPA2022-104

# Z2022-103

#### Teresa Reents & Ken Hofstad 2853 Sunshine Ridge Road Richland, WA 99352

#### 2/24/2022

Mike Stevens Planning Manager Development Services City of Richland <u>mstevens@ci.richland.wa.us</u>

RE: Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Rezone Applications for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge

Dear Mike:

Attached, please find the following documents necessary to change the land use designation and zoning of Tract C of the plat of Reata Ridge:

- a. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application Form;
- b. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Supplemental Sheets;
- c. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Maps
- d. Rezone Application Form;
- e. Rezone Application Supplemental Sheets;
- f. Rezone Application Maps
- g. Environmental Checklist

Note that the rezone application and accompanying materials are identical to the materials that we submitted to your office last spring. They are included with this submittal for your convenience. According to the fee schedule found on the City website, the application fee for comprehensive plan amendments and rezones are \$1,305 and the fee for filing an environmental checklist is \$405. Fees for the rezone application were paid last year at the time the application was originally filed, so our assumption is that a total of \$1,710 is necessary to complete the filing of this application.

We believe our application is consistent with the submittal requirements set forth by the City. If you are in need of additional information or clarification, please advise us as soon as possible.

Thank you for your review of this application. We look forward to working with you toward approval of our application.

Sincerely,

**Teresa Reents** 

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Ken Hofstad



City of Richland Development Services

# **Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application**

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map

□ Text of Comprehensive Plan

#### Note: A Pre-Application meeting is required prior to submittal of an application.

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION	Contact Person
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APPLICANT/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (if different	t)  Contact Person
Company: Teresa Reents & Ken Hofstad	UBI#:
Contact: Teresa Reents	

Address: 2853 Sunshine Ridge Road, Richland, WA 99352

Phone: 509.521.1055

Email: teresarealty@gmail.com

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Legal Description:

Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, a portion of E1/2 of Sec. 4, T8N, R28E.W.M., Benton County, Washington

Parcel Number: 7 parcels: 10488403000-9000; -5007; -5011; -4001; -4005; -4010; -4011

Current Zoning: BMS

Current Land Use Designation: Badger Mountain South

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS - Submit as required or attach written statements explaining the following:

- 1. Completed application and filing fee;
- 2. The purpose of the proposed amendment;
- Describe how the amendment is consistent with Washington State Growth Management Act-RCW 36.70A (the goals of the Act are listed in 36.70A.020);
- 4. How the amendment is consistent with the adopted countywide planning polices;
- 5. How the amendment furthers the purpose of the City's comprehensive plan;
- 6. How the amendment is internally consistent with the City's comprehensive plan, as well as other adopted City plans and codes;
- 7. If applicable, how the project will meet concurrency requirements for transportation;
- 8. As necessary, supplemental environmental review and/or critical areas review, as determined by the Administrator;
- 9. Comprehensive Plan TEXT AMENDMENT applications must also include:
  - a. The proposed element, chapter, section and page number of the comp. plan to be amended;
  - b. The proposed text change, with new text underlined and deleted text crossed out;

#### 10. Comprehensive Plan MAP AMENDMENT applications must also include:

- a. The current land use map designation for the subject parcel(s);
- b. The land use map designation requested;
- c. A complete legal description describing the combined area of the subject parcel(s);
- d. A vicinity map showing:
  - i. All land use designations within 300 feet of the subject parcel(s);
  - ii. All parcels within 300 feet of the subject parcel and all existing uses of those parcels;
  - iii. All roads abutting and/or providing access to the subject parcel(s) including information on road classification (arterial, collector, access) and improvements to such roads;
  - iv. Location of shorelines and critical areas on or within 300 feet of the site, if applicable;

- v. The location of existing utilities serving the subject parcels, including electrical, water, and sewer;
- vi. The location and uses of existing structures located on the subject parcel(s);
- e. Topographical map of the subject parcels and abutting properties at a minimum scale of one inch represents 200 feet (1:200);
- f. The current official zoning map designation for the subject parcel(s);
- g. A detailed plan which indicates any proposed improvements to:
  - i. Paved streets;
  - ii. Storm drainage control and detention facilities;
  - iii. Public water supply;
  - iv. Public sanitary sewers;
  - v. Circulation and traffic patterns for the development and the surrounding neighborhoods;
- A corresponding zoning map amendment application, where necessary, to maintain consistency between the land use and zoning maps. The rezone application will be processed separately from, and after, the comprehensive plan amendment;
- i. A description of any associated development proposals. Development proposals shall not be processed concurrently with comprehensive plan amendments, but the development proposals may be submitted for consideration of the comprehensive plan amendments to limit consideration of all proposed uses and densities of the property under the City's SEPA, zoning and comprehensive land use plan. If no proposed development description is provided, the City will assume that the applicant intends to develop the property with the most intense development allowed under the proposed land use designation. The City shall assume the maximum impact, unless the applicant submits with the comprehensive plan amendment a development agreement to ameliorate the adverse impact(s) of the proposed development.

I authorize employees and officials of the City of Richland the right to enter and remain on the property in question to determine whether a permit should be issued and whether special conditions should be placed on any issued permit. I have the legal authority to grant such access to the property in question.

I also acknowledge that if a permit is issued for land development activities, no terms of the permit can be violated without further approval by the permitting entity. I understand that the granting of a permit does not authorize anyone to violate in any way any federal, state, or local law/regulation pertaining to development activities associated with a permit. I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following is true and correct:

- 1. I have read and examined this permit application and have documented all applicable requirements on the site plan.
- 2. The information provided in this application contains no misstatement of fact.
- I am the owner(s), the authorized agent(s) of the owner(s) of the above referenced property, or I am currently a licensed contractor or specialty contractor under Chapter 18.27 RCW or I am exempt from the requirements of Chapter 18.27 RCW.
- 4. I understand this permit is subject to all other local, state, and federal regulations.

Note: This application will not be processed unless the above certification is endorsed by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or the owner(s) themselves. If the City of Richland has reason to believe that erroneous information has been supplied by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or by the owner(s) themselves, processing of the application may be suspended.

Applicant Printed Name:	Teresa Reents/Ken Hof	stad			
Applicant Signature:	in Recorts	/ Kurkithen	_ Date	2-24-2022	

# SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET REENTS/HOFSTAD ET AL. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR TRACT C OF THE PLAT OF REATA RIDGE February 2022

The following is a summary of the information required in the comprehensive plan amendment application form. (Item #1 is the application form itself.) The attached slides are also numbered correspond to the required elements listed on the application form.

#### 2. The purpose of the proposed amendment:

#### Intent

The property owners petition to have a 12.9-acre open space tract (Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge) removed from its present land use classification of Civic (Parks, Trails and Open Space) as set forth under the provisions of the Badger Mountain South Subarea Plan (refer to slide 10a.1 and 10a.2) and into a land use classification of Low Density Residential. Accompanying this application is a petition to rezone the site from its open space classification under the Badger Mountain South Land Use and Development Regulations (LUDR) to R1-12 zoning, which is the same zoning as all the surrounding properties refer to slide 10.b) In effect, the request would remove the site from the LUDR and replace it with the City's standard land use designation and zoning.

Once these applications are approved, the property owners would complete a series of boundary adjustments to enlarge the back yards of the adjacent lots (refer to slide 10g). A narrow strip of property running along the center of the tract would be retained to provide for an informal walking path for the benefit of the Reata Ridge residents.

The proposed rezone acknowledges that retaining the site as open space does not and would not benefit the residents of Badger Mountain South. It provides for property owners to increase their lot sizes and still retain a smaller open space tract that can be developed with a private walking trail for the benefit of the Reata Ridge residents. This makes sense for both the residents of the Reata Ridge plat and is consistent with the proposed amendment to the LUDR that NorAm Investments has previously submitted to the City.

#### Ownership

Owner Name	Parcel ID #	Mailing Address	Acreage*	
Ken Hofstad & Teresa Reents	104884030009000	2853 Sunshine Ridge Rd Richland, WA 99352	10.74	
Teresa Reents	104884030004007	2853 Sunshine Ridge Rd Richland, WA 99352	0.30	
Jeremy & Yesica Rosas	104884030005007	2894 Karlee Drive Richland, WA 99352	0.23	
Nicholas Benavides	104884030005011	2950 Karlee Drive Richland, WA 99352	0.23	

Reents and Hofstad purchased Tract C and subsequently transferred ownership of portions of Tract C to adjacent residential lot owners as follows:

David & Elizabeth Bryant	104884030004001	2931 Sunshine Ridge Rd Richland, WA 99352	0.36
Blake & Brittney Kluse	104884030004005	2877 Sunshine Ridge Rd. Richland, WA 99352	0.25
Jeffrey & Renee Leaumont	104884030004010	2831 Sunshine Ridge Rd. Richland, WA 99352	0.25
Tony Henson & Kelli Corkill	104884030004011	2829 Sunshine Ridge Rd. Richland, WA 99352	0.29
John & Lisa Demetreon	102884030004004	2889 Sunshine Ridge Rd. Richland, WA 99352	0.25
*Acreage reported consists only residential lot.	y of lands included in the o	open space Tract C, not the adjo	ining

# 3. Describe how the amendment is consistent with Washington State Growth Management Act RCW 36.70A (the goals of the Act area listed in 36.70A.020):

The goals of the Washington State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.020) are reprinted below with a brief statement identifying how the proposed comprehensive plan amendment relates to the GMA goal.

(1) **Urban growth.** Encourage development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would occur in an area that is entirely located within the Richland urban growth area, within an existing neighborhood that is served by an existing street network.

(2) **Reduce sprawl**. Reduce the inappropriate conversion of undeveloped land into sprawling, lowdensity development.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment site is located within the City and surrounded by the existing fully developed Reata Ridge subdivision. The proposed amendment could not be reasonably described as sprawl.

(3) **Transportation**. Encourage efficient multimodal transportation systems that are based on regional priorities and coordinated with county and city comprehensive plans.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan would not result in the development of any additional street extensions. In the future a walking path may be constructed from one end of the site to the other, providing an additional opportunity for a pedestrian route.

(4) **Housing**. Encourage the availability of affordable housing to all economic segments of the population of this state, promote a variety of residential densities and housing types, and encourage preservation of existing housing stock.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not impact housing affordability. No decrease in the land area available for housing would result from approval of the application.

(5) **Economic development.** Encourage economic development throughout the state that is consistent with adopted comprehensive plans, promote economic opportunity for all citizens of this state, especially for unemployed and for disadvantaged persons, promote the retention and expansion of existing businesses and recruitment of new businesses, recognize regional differences impacting economic development opportunities, and encourage growth in areas experiencing insufficient

economic growth, all within the capacities of the state's natural resources, public services, and public facilities.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would neither increase or decrease the amount of land available for the expansion or retention of businesses and so does not have an impact on this goal.

(6) **Property rights**. *Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation having been made. The property rights of landowners shall be protected from arbitrary and discriminatory actions.* 

<u>Response</u>: The proposal does not involve the taking of private lands for public purposes. However, denial of the application would preclude the reasonable use of private property by those individuals who have purchased portions of the site as an expansion to their back yards to enable the construction of accessory buildings, or recreational amenities such as swimming pools or for the expansion of lawns and/or landscaping.

(7) **Permits.** Applications for both state and local government permits should be processed in a timely and fair manner to ensure predictability.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment has been filed in accordance with City regulations.

(8) **Natural resource industries**. Maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural, and fisheries industries. Encourage the conservation of productive forestlands and productive agricultural lands, and discourage incompatible uses.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan does not involve natural resource land or agricultural lands.

(9) **Open space and recreation.** Retain open space, enhance recreational opportunities, conserve fish and wildlife habitat, increase access to natural resource lands and water, and develop parks and recreation facilities.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would eliminate 12.9 acres as public open space. Both the City and NorAm Investments, the developers of Badger Mountain South, have determined to focus their efforts to build parks, trails and other open space amenities in other locations. In fact, NorAm Investments sold this property to the applicants in 2017 for the very reason that they did not intend to develop the site for park use. The proposed amendment would provide for the private development of open space, through the expansion of adjacent lots. The central portion of the site would be retained for the future installation of a privately maintained walking path. The existing Badger Mountain South Subarea Plan designated this site as a part of the open space plan for the development of Badger Mountain South, but the location of the site is far removed from Badger Mountain South neighborhoods and lacks connection to Badger Mountain South trails and/or roads. Therefore, retaining the open space designation of the site would not benefit the residents of Badger Mountain South. The current property owners would benefit from the proposed plan amendment.

(10) **Environment**. Protect the environment and enhance the state's high quality of life, including air and water quality, and the availability of water.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not negatively impact the environment. The site has been disturbed in the past and is surrounding by residential development. Consequently, it lacks natural vegetation and viable wildlife habit. The proposed plan amendment would not result in either impacts to air and water quality.

#### (11) **Citizen participation and coordination**. Encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning

process and ensure coordination between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts. <u>Response</u>: The application was filed in accordance with existing City regulations, which will require public notification and hearings before both the Planning Commission and City Council.

(12) **Public facilities and services**. Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not result in increased demands for City water, sewer or power. Some additional irrigation water use may be desired by those property owners who wish to expand their backyard lawns and/or landscaped areas. The Badger Mountain Irrigation District will have to approve any increased use of irrigation water.

(13) **Historic preservation**. Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures, that have historical or archaeological significance.

<u>Response</u>: There are no historic structures on the site and no known sites of historical or archaeological significance

#### 4. How the amendment is consistent with the adopted countywide planning policies.

The Benton County Wide Planning Policies most recently adopted by the Benton County Commission on February 7, 2017, are reprinted below with a brief statement identifying how the proposed comprehensive plan amendment relates to the adopted County Wide Planning Policies.

**Policy 1**: The comprehensive plans of Benton County and each of the cities therein shall be prepared and adopted with the objective to facilitate economic prosperity by accommodating growth consistent with the 12 goals of the Growth Management Act.

<u>Response</u>: A specific response as to how the application is consistent with the goals of the Growth Management Act is addressed in response to question #3 above.

**Policy 2**: The County shall allocate future projected populations through the use of the latest population projections published by the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM). Allocation of future populations shall be based on the following distribution: City of Kennewick 40% of total county population; City of Richland 28% of total county population; Benton County 19% of total county population; City of West Richland 8% of total county population; City of Prosser 3% of total county population and City of Benton City 2% of total county population. The County, in consultation with the Cities will review the OFM population projection ranges (Low, Medium, and High) and allocation percentages whenever OFM publishes new GMA population projections.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not have any direct impacts on population projections for either the County or the City and would not involve any changes to the population allocation formula.

**Policy 3**: The locating of Urban Growth Areas within the County shall be accomplished through the use of accepted planning practices which provide sufficient land and service capacity, up to the determined need, to meet project populations at urban densities and service standards within the Cities, and urban densities for those portions of the County located within the urban growth areas.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not alter population projections, urban densities or service standards and therefore does not impact this policy.

**Policy 4**: That Urban Growth Areas of each City shall be based upon official and accepted population projections for minimum of 20 years. The gross undeveloped and underdeveloped acreage within the city limits and the Urban Growth Area shall be sufficient to meet all the land requirements, for the following: community and essential public facilities, population projection, commercial and industrial activities, employment projections, infill and to prevent inflation of land cost due to a limited land supply. (Note: The formula for identifying per capita land needs included in this policy has not been reprinted here.)

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not impact population projections, nor the amount of land allocated for various future land uses.

**Policy 5**: That within the urban growth area, urban uses shall be concentrated in and adjacent to existing urban services or where they are shown on a Capital Improvement Plan to be available within 6 years.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment occurs in an area where urban services and development already exist.

**Policy 6**: That cities limit the extension of service district boundaries and water and sewer infrastructure to areas within each jurisdiction's urban growth area contained in their adopted Comprehensive Plan. Utility plans should attempt to reflect possible needs for 50 years.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment does not involve the extension of service district boundaries and occurs in an area where existing utility infrastructure is already in place and is located inside the City urban growth area.

**Policy 7:** Within each Comprehensive Plan, the Land Use Plan for urban growth areas shall designate urban densities and indicate the general locations of greenbelt and critical areas.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not result in the change of any urban growth area boundaries or alter urban densities or impact critical areas. The amendment would change 12.9 acres of open space area from public use to private use but would still retain an existing open space area.

**Policy 8:** Wherever possible, given consideration of all other variables, such as existing unused service infrastructure, the placement of an urban growth line into an area of existing commercial agriculture shall be avoided.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment does not involve either the movement of an urban growth boundary or the conversion of commercial agricultural lands.

**Policy 9**: The appropriate directions for the expansion of urban growth areas are those which are unincorporated land with existing service infrastructure and lands adjacent to corporate limits.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment does not involve an expansion of an urban growth area boundary. The site is located within the existing urban growth area and falls within the corporate limits of the City of Richland.

**Policy 10:** All policies within each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plans shall be modified to be consistent with adopted Countywide Policies.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not require the amendment of any policies within the City of Richland Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

**Policy 11**: The County and Cities, along with public participation shall develop a cooperative regional process to site essential public facilities of regional and statewide importance. The objective of the process shall be to ensure that such facilities are located so as to protect environmental quality, optimize access and usefulness to all jurisdictions, and equitably distribute economic benefits/burdens throughout the region or county.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment does not involve the siting of essential public facilities.

**Policy 12**: Support the existing solid waste program that promotes and maintains a high level of public health and safety, protects the natural and human environment of Benton County and encourages public involvement by securing representation of the public in the planning process.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not impact existing solid waste programs.

**Policy 13**: Encourage and expand coordination and communication among all jurisdictions and solid waste agencies/firms in Benton and Franklin Counties in order to develop consistent and cost-effective programs that avoid duplication of effort and gaps in program activities.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not impact existing solid waste programs.

**Policy 14**: Maintain active County-City participation in the Regional Transportation Planning Organization in order to facilitate City, County and State coordination in planning regional transportation facilities and infrastructure improvements to serve essential public facilities including Port District facilities and properties.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not impact existing City, County or regional transportation plans or result in any traffic increase on the existing street network.

**Policy 15**: The County and Cities within shall work together to provide housing for all economic segments of the population. All jurisdictions shall seek to create the conditions necessary for the construction of affordable housing, at the appropriate densities within the cities and county. The following actions should be accomplished:

- a. Jointly quantify and project total countywide housing needs by income level and housing type (i.e. rental, ownership, senior, farm worker housing, group housing.)
- b. Establish a mechanism whereby the housing efforts/programs of each jurisdiction address the projected countywide need.
- c. Address the affordable housing needs of very low, low and moderate income households, and special needs individuals through the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS).
- d. Develop design standards for implementation within the Comprehensive Plan with special attention to be given to the residential needs of low to moderate income families.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not impact housing needs as the existing land use designation does not provide for housing and the proposed land use designation is not intended to result in additional housing on the site.

**Policy 16**: Urban growth areas may include territory located outside of a city if such territory may be characterized by urban growth or is adjacent to territory already characterized by urban growth. Within urban growth areas, only urban development may occur. (Note: the definition of "urban" included in the policy language has not been reprinted here.)

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment is in an area that is incorporated within the City of Richland and is already part of Richland's Urban Growth Area. Therefore, the proposed amendment would not impact urban growth area boundaries.

**Policy 17**: To encourage logical expansion of corporate boundaries into urban growth areas, and to enable the most cost efficient expenditure of public funds for the provision of urban services into newly annexed areas. The County and each City shall jointly develop and implement development, land division and building standards, and coordinated permit procedures for the review and permitting of new subdivision within Urban Growth Areas.

<u>Response</u>: As the proposed comprehensive plan amendment site is located within the City, it does not impact City/County efforts to establish joint development standards.

**Policy 18**: Consistent with the protection of public health, safety, welfare and the use of natural resources on a long-term sustainable basis, the ability of service capacity to accommodate demands, and the expressed desires of each community, Comprehensive Plans shall jointly and individually support the County and region's economic prosperity in order to promote employment and economic opportunity for all citizens.

<u>Response.</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not impact the region's economic prosperity or affect the use of natural resources on a sustainable basis.

**Policy 19:** The County and Cities have historically partnered with each other as well as with other organizations to achieve economic development throughout the region. It is the intention of the County and Cities to continue to actively pursue mutually beneficial partnerships that promote growth in all sectors of business and industry, including but not limited to areas of agriculture, agri-business, industrial, commercial, public schools, recreation and tourism. Key strategies will include promoting family wage jobs, increasing business formation, expansion and retention and creating jobs and financial investment to improve the economics of our communities. (Note: specific economic development policies a-g are not reprinted here.)

<u>Response:</u> Neither the existing land use designation nor the proposed comprehensive plan amendment contemplate any economic related development of the site, so the application does not impact this policy.

**Policy 20:** Capital Improvement Plans and Land Use Plans, shall conduct fiscal analyses which identify and refine the most cost effective use of regional and local public services. (Note: specific policies (*a-c*) to accomplish this goal have not been reprinted here.)

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not impact regional and local public services.

**Policy 21:** Support the development of public schools in areas where utilities are present or can be extended, is financially supportable at urban densities, where the extension of public infrastructure will protect health and safety and the school locations are consistent with the analysis recommended by WAC 365-196-425(3)(b).

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not result in significant numbers of new housing units and therefore would not impact public schools.

**Policy 22:** The Growth Management Act requires counties planning under the Act to adopt a countywide planning policy in cooperation with the cities located in the county. The countywide planning policy is to be a written policy statement or statements used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are developed and adopted pursuant to this (GMA) chapter. The purpose for the Benton County Wide Planning Policies is to meet this requirement of the Act. This document is a tool that will provide the necessary guidance to achieve consistency during the updating of comprehensive plans for the county and the cities.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would not directly impact this County Wide Planning Policy.

#### 5. How the amendment furthers the purpose of the City's comprehensive plan.

The goals and policies of the City's land use plan are reprinted below followed by a brief response describing how the application is consistent with the goals and policies.

#### LU Goal 1: Plan for growth within the urban growth area and promote compatible land use.

- Policy 1: Revitalize areas that are already within the City, especially areas within the Central Business District, such as the Parkway and Uptown, and the Island View areas.
- Policy 2: Facilitate planned growth and infill developments within the City.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would provide for adjacent property owners to expand their lot boundaries and would maintain a central corridor of open space to accommodate the future installation of a walking path. As such, the application is compatible with existing Reata Ridge development.

#### LU Goal 2: Establish land uses that are sustainable and create a livable and vibrant community.

- Policy 1: Maintain a variety of land use designations to accommodate appropriate residential, commercial, industrial, healthcare, educational, recreational, and open space uses that will take advantage of the existing infrastructure network.
- Policy 2: Ensure that adequate public services are provided in a reasonable time frame for new developments.

Policy 3: Ensure that the intent of the land use and districts are maintained.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment will provide for the expansion of back yards for existing residents within the Reata Ridge plat. The amendment would be a benefit to those residents and so would help to maintain a livable and vibrant neighborhood.

LU Goal 3: Maintain a broad range of residential land use designations to accommodate a variety of lifestyles and housing opportunities.

Policy 1: Distribute residential uses and densities throughout the urban growth area consistent with the City's vision.

Policy 2: Encourage higher residential densities especially in and near the Central Business District area.

Policy 3: Innovative and non-traditional residential developments can occur through the use of planned unit developments, density bonuses, new types of housing, and multi-use or mixed-use developments.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would enable existing low density residential lots to enlarge their lot boundaries. It would not expand the variety of lifestyle and housing opportunities available in the City but would enhance housing for the existing residents of Reata Ridge.

# LU Goal 4: Promote commercial and industrial growth that supports the City's economic development goals.

- Policy 1: Accommodate a variety of commercial land uses including retail and wholesale sales and services, and research and professional services.
- Policy 2: Promote developments such as business and research parks, office parks, technology centers, manufacturing and processing facilities, and other types for high- tech uses.
- Policy 3: Locate neighborhood-oriented commercial land uses in Neighborhood Retail Business areas.
- Policy 4: Encourage the use of buffers or transition zones between non- compatible land uses.
- Policy 5: In areas where residential uses are in close proximity to industrial or commercial lands, adequate development standards should be used in industrial or commercial developments to mitigate the impacts on residential uses.
- Policy 6: Support industrial developments on lands previously owned by the Department of Energy and transferred to the City and the Port of Benton.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan amendment only involves residential lands and does not have a direct impact on this goal relating to commercial/industrial lands.

# LU Goal 5: Ensure connectivity that enhances community access and promotes physical, social, and overall well-being so residents can live healthier and more active lives.

- Policy 1: Locate commercial uses so that they conveniently serve the needs of residential neighborhoods, workplaces, and are easily accessible via non-motorized modes of transport.
- Policy 2: Promote pedestrian and bicycle circulation throughout the community by connecting with the infrastructure and the City's network of parks and trail system.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed comprehensive plan would provide for a walking path through the Reata Ridge neighborhood and so does promote the overall well-being of neighborhood residents. Reata Ridge does not have sidewalks so this path would provide a safe place for homeowners to walk and ride their bikes.

# LU Goal 6: Develop an attractive and vibrant Central Business District that displays the unique character of Richland.

- Policy 1: Revitalize declining commercial areas by promoting clean, safe, and pedestrian- and bicyclefriendly environments.
- Policy 2: Designate land use and zoning for higher-density residential uses, mixed-use, and business uses within and adjacent to the Central Business District.
- Policy 3: Encourage infill development and redevelopment in the Central Business District. Public Facilities

<u>Response</u>: This proposed comprehensive plan amendment is not located near the Central Business District or other commercial areas, does not involve commercial, high density residential or mixed use zoning and so does not impact this goal.

# LU Goal 7: Encourage efficient use and location of public facilities such as transit centers, utility facilities, schools, parks, and other public uses.

- Policy 1: Locate municipal facilities within their service areas and ensure the grouping of facilities within neighborhoods, whenever feasible.
- Policy 2: Ensure that the scale, and location of public facilities are compatible with or buffered from existing and planned surrounding areas.
- *Policy 3: Wherever possible, the City will locate park and school facilities together for efficient use of public facilities.*
- Policy 4: Encourage the development of private and public regional sports and recreational facilities of a size and quality to attract significant numbers of users and spectators.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would eliminate 12.9 acres of open space in a location that both the City and the Badger Mountain South developers have declined to make the financial investments needed to develop a public park. The conclusion is that the site is not appropriately sited to provide for efficient public open space. It is physically isolated from the Badger Mountain South neighborhoods that it is intended to serve.

# LU Goal 8: Address unique land use situations in the urban area with policies specific to those situations that ensure compatibility between land uses without infringing on private property rights.

- Policy 1: Ensure that lands designated Urban Reserve remain in this holding category to serve future demand for land.
- Policy 2: Apply the Agricultural designation in the Yakima River floodplain.
- Policy 3: At designated Waterfront land use locations, encourage an active mix of commercial, residential, and marine uses as allowed in the SMP.

- Policy 4: Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical or archaeological significance.
- Policy 5: Define and identify mineral resource lands located within its boundaries that are not already compromised by on-site, immediate, or adjacent urban growth and that have long-term significance for the extraction of minerals on a commercially-viable basis.
- Policy 6: Property and/or mineral rights owners should work with the City and appropriate agencies for protection of these sites. Designate mineral resource lands located in the City of Richland that meet the Criteria for Classification of Mineral Resources (WAC 365-190-070).
- Policy 7: Ensure that land uses surrounding the Richland Airport are compatible with existing and future airport operations and do not restrict the airport's ability to maintain or expand its existing and future aviation demands. Coordinate with the Port of Benton to restrict land uses in airport areas that would create conflict or negatively impact the safe and effective airport operations.

<u>Response:</u> The unique circumstances addressed in these land use policies do not apply to this application, as the site is not used for agricultural production; is not near the waterfront; is without any known historical or archeological significance; is not a mineral resource area; or near the Richland Airport.

LU Goal 9: Within Island View, the City will implement a Single Family Overlay land use designation for clusters of property that are currently used as single family residences which have high probability of being redeveloped with non-residential land uses.

- Policy 1: The city will use the Single Family Overlay concept only in those instances where the majority of property owners have expressed a preference for its use.
- Policy 2: Areas designated as Single Family Overlay will be zoned for single- family residential uses, as identified in the city's R-2 Medium Density Residential zoning district.
- Policy 3: Areas designated as Single Family Overlay will remain as such until property owner(s) bring forward a request to remove the overlay and change the zoning to the designation contained in the Island View Subarea Plan. In such cases, an amendment to the comprehensive plan is not necessary.
- Policy 4: Applicants bringing forward a request to change the zoning of property designated Single Family Overlay should demonstrate that the land proposed for amendment is: a) large enough to support redevelopment for non-single family residential land uses; and b) will have sufficient access to City streets and utility systems to support redevelopment.
- Policy 5: Whenever properties designated with the Single Family Overlay are rezoned for non-single family residential uses in accordance with Policy 4 above, the Single Family Overlay designation should be removed from the subject property.

<u>Response:</u> The site is not located within the Island View area, so these land use policies do not apply.

# LU Goal 10: Follow controlling law and constitutional requirements, both state and federal, to ensure the appropriate protection of private property rights.

- Policy 1: Monitor evolving state and federal statutory amendments and judicial precedent so that timely amendments or changes can be made in the process of implementing the comprehensive plan policies and development regulations.
- Policy 2: Process comprehensive plan amendments and development regulations using a fair and open hearing process, with adequate public notice and opportunities to participate to ensure the protection of all due process rights.
- Policy 3: Process timely, fair, and predictable processing and review of land use permit applications in conformance with applicable federal and state legal and regulatory requirements.

<u>Response:</u> The application has been prepared and filed in compliance with City regulations that are in place to facilitate a fair and open hearing process and provide the public with adequate notice.

Natural Environment NE Goal 1: Promote the protection, conservation, and restoration of natural areas, shorelines, and critical areas as unique assets to the community, and provide public access for enjoyment of such facilities based on the ability of the resource to support the use.

- Policy 1: Use the critical areas ordinance, SMP, the state environmental policy act (SEPA), and other ordinances, as applicable, to designate and protect the critical areas and natural environment.
- Policy 2: Consider the goals and policies of the SMP as part of this Comprehensive Plan. Encourage development of water-oriented recreational, cultural, and commercial facilities in certain Columbia River locations, consistent with the SMP and its criteria of no net loss of ecological functions, to enhance and diversify Richland's community recreational resources and its attractiveness to tourists.
- Policy 3: Ensure public access to shorelines on public land, subject to regulations protecting public safety, sensitive habitat areas, and wildlife.
- Policy 4: Encourage the public and/or private acquisition of the prominent ridges in the south Richland area to preserve views, protect shrub- steppe habitat, and to provide public access. Consider the preservation of the ridges and hillside areas through various standards.
- Policy 5: Develop an integrated pedestrian trail system to provide access through the City's important natural features, such as prominent ridges and rivershore areas and provide necessary trail linkages between these natural features.

<u>Response</u>: Shoreline policies do not apply to the site which is well removed from any rivershore area. Neither does this site include prominent ridges, shrub-steppe habitat, sensitive habitat areas or wildlife habitat areas. The site has not been identified as a critical area on City critical areas maps. The proposed plan amendment does provide for a future walking path across the site and so would provide for the expansion of pedestrian trails within the neighborhood.

# Historic and Cultural Resources HP Goal 1: Preserve significant historic structures, districts, and cultural resources that are unique to Richland.

- Policy 1: Encourage preservation and promotion of adaptive reuse of historic "Alphabet Homes" of Richland.
- Policy 2: Coordinate with local tribes, federal, state and local agencies to protect historic and cultural resources.

<u>Response:</u> There are no structures on site and no known historic or cultural resources are present.

# UD Goal 1: Create a physically attractive and culturally vibrant, pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly environment in the City.

- Policy 1: Establish and enhance the positive attributes of residential, commercial, central business, and other districts with appropriate transition between them.
- Policy 2: Encourage redevelopment and upgrade of suitable commercial areas.
- Policy 3: Improve streetscape and connectivity for safe and pedestrian-friendly environments.
- Policy 4: Promote public arts, museums, and interpretive centers in coordination with public plazas and community spaces that reflect the unique history and culture of Richland.

<u>Response:</u> The proposed plan amendment provides for a walking path across the site and so would make the Reata Ridge neighborhood more pedestrian friendly.

# UD Goal 2: Revitalize commercial areas, such as areas in the Central Business District including the Uptown retail area and the Island View area.

- Policy 1: Enhance the appearance, image, and design character of the Central Business District.
- Policy 2: Ensure adequate public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian access in the commercial centers along with parking and landscaping.
- Policy 3: Enhance the welcoming experience into the community through well- designed gateway features in prominent locations.
- Policy 4: Design the public realm, including streetscapes, parks, plazas, and civic amenities for the community to gather and interact.
- Policy 5: Provide continuity among adjacent uses by using cohesive landscaping, decorative paving, street furniture, public art, and integrated infrastructure elements.
- <u>Response</u>: This Urban Design goal is not directly applicable to the proposed plan amendment.

UD Goal 3: Development through appropriate design, should protect natural features such as rivers, shorelines, ridgelines, steep slopes, and archaeological and historical resources.

- Policy 1: Development should be sensitive to existing topography and landscape, and should minimize environmental impacts.
- Policy 2: Hillside development should, as much as practical, blend with the natural shape and texture of the land.
- Policy 3: Lighting should be designed so as to promote public safety as well as promote "Dark Sky" principals.

<u>Response</u>: The site of the proposed plan amendment does not contain shorelines, steep slopes or ridgelines and there are no known archeological or historical resources on site. Therefore, this Urban Design goal is not directly applicable to this proposed plan amendment.

# UD Goal 4: Promote community beautification by enhancing public spaces and thoroughfares and encouraging private property beautification.

Policy 1: Improve the appearance of all city- owned space and major thoroughfares.

Policy 2: Promote programs to improve landscaping. Encourage xeriscaping and use of native plants.

Policy 3: Promote more attractive signage throughout the City, especially in commercial districts.

<u>Response</u>: The proposed plan amendment would provide for the private ownership of existing vacant land, thereby providing opportunities for landowners to make investments to beautify their private property.

# 6 Describe how the amendment is internally consistent with the City's comprehensive plan as well as other adopted city plans and codes:

Questions 3 - 5 (see above) describe how this application is consistent with the goals of the Growth Management Act, the Countywide Planning Policies and the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

In addition, the Badger Mountain South Land Use and Development Regulations (LUDR) which are intended to implement the Badger Mountain South Subarea Plan contain specific plans for park and trail improvements for the Badger Mountain South community. (See Chapter 5 of the LUDR – Civic Space Standards.) While both the LUDR and the Subarea plan designate the site as part of the "Civic" land use designation, there is a disconnect between the land use designation and the specific LUDR standards. Park standards for landscaping and park facilities are set forth for the various neighborhoods within Badger Mountain South. No mention is made of the subject site and no improvements to this open space area are identified within the LUDR. In a similar fashion, the LUDR details trail standards and identifies general locations for future trail corridors. No trail corridor was planned to cross the subject site and no connection from the trail system to the site was called out in the LUDR.

The Badger Mountain South Subarea Plan includes goal and policy statements specific to parks, including the following:

Goal #1. Provide an integrated system of parks, recreation facilities, trails and open spaces as an asset that enhances the community's quality of life.

BMSP Objective 1.1 - Develop parks and open space that includes <u>retaining existing drainage</u> <u>areas as natural open space</u>, creating linear and other park types, and establishing a range of recreational opportunities that are linked by trails and walkways. [<u>emphasis added</u>]

# BMSP Objective 1.2 <u>- Integrate natural habitat into parks</u> and trail systems through the use of native and other drought-tolerant plantings that support the local wildlife and conserves water. [emphasis added]

The plat of Reata Ridge was originally planned to be built around a golf course, and the subject site was to be part of the course. However, development plans changed, with the City's adoption of the subarea plan. Prior to the adoption of the subarea plan, the Reata Ridge plat was approved and developed under Benton County regulations. Prior to the subdivision of Reata Ridge, the site had been graded to accommodate the future golf course. This resulted in the alteration of the contour of the land and removal of native vegetation. Therefore, Goal #1, as cited above is not applicable and cannot be realized. There is no existing drainage area to retain and no natural vegetation to preserve. Whatever habitat existed prior to development has been significantly compromised. A review of the environmental impact statement prepared for the subarea plan does not identify any environmentally sensitive areas or conditions present on Tract C that would call for its preservation as a natural area.

In summary, the open space designation applied to the subject site is not intended to become a city park or a school site. Neither the subarea plan or the LUDR identify any park or trail improvements for the site at all. The prior disturbance of the site has significantly diminished its value as natural habitat. Finally, the fact that the Reata Ridge development was completed without the establishment of a homeowners' association means that there is no mechanism in place to maintain the property as common open space. This leaves the subject site without a legitimate use except as private open space. Use of the property as private open space would provide for the enjoyment and benefit of individual owners of the site and the land would continue to be left in an open space condition.

#### 7. If applicable, how the project will meet concurrency requirements for transportation

Concurrency requirements are not applicable to this proposed comprehensive plan amendment.

#### 8. Supplemental environmental review and/or critical areas review

The application includes a completed environmental checklist, which is attached.

#### 9. Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment

This application does not contemplate any changes to the text of the plan.

#### **10. Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment**

The following slides are attached to the application:

10a. Existing Badger Mt. South Subarea Plan Land Use Map & Existing City Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map

- 10b. Requested Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation
- 10c. Complete Legal Description of Subject Site
- 10d. Vicinity Map Showing Land Use, Roads and Utilities
- 10e. Topographical Map
- 10f. Current Zoning Map
- 10g. Map of Proposed Development
- 10h. An application to amend the City zoning map to reclassify the subject site to R-1-12 Single Family Residential zoning is attached.
- 10i. No development beyond the proposed boundary line adjustment and installation of a walking path is anticipated.

I also acknowledge that if a permit is issued for land development activities, no terms of the permit can be violated without further approval by the permitting entity. I understand that the granting of a permit does not authorize anyone to violate in any way any federal, state, or local law/regulation pertaining to development activities associated with a permit.

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Applicant Name: David & Elizabeth Bryant

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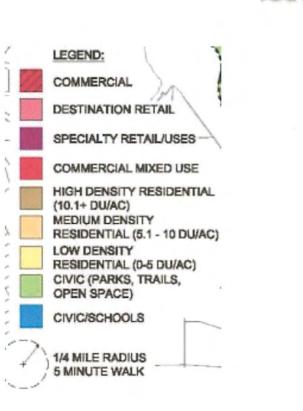
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#### 10a. Current Land Use Map Designation Slide 1

Reents/Hofstad Comprehensive Plan Amendment Badger Mountain South Subarea Plan Existing Land Use Plan

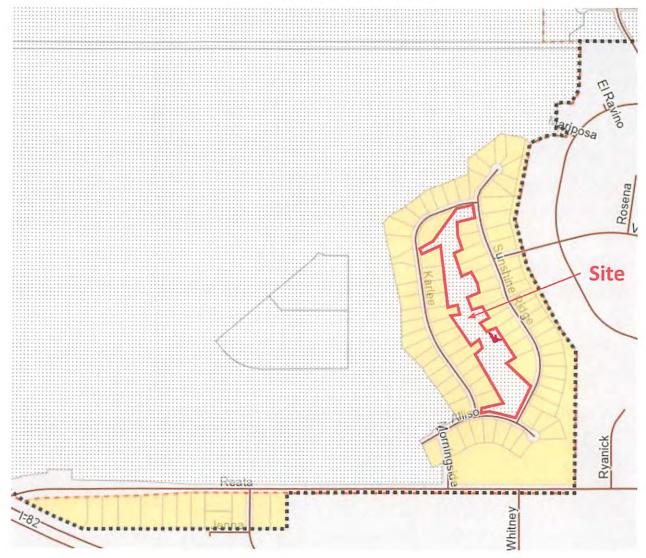




#### 10a. Current Land Use Designation Slide 2



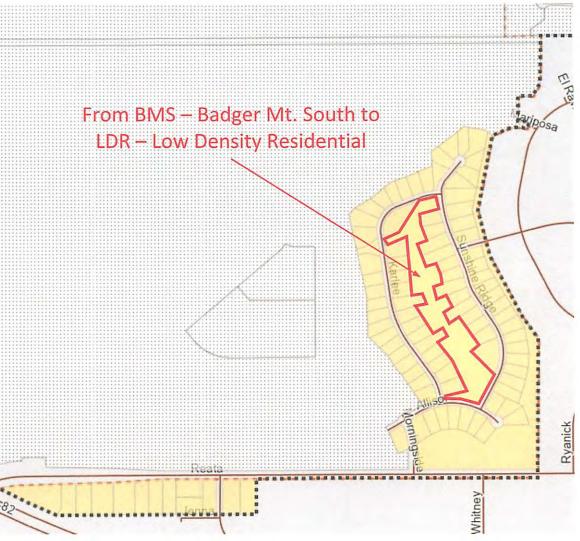
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#### 10b. Requested Land Use Map Designation

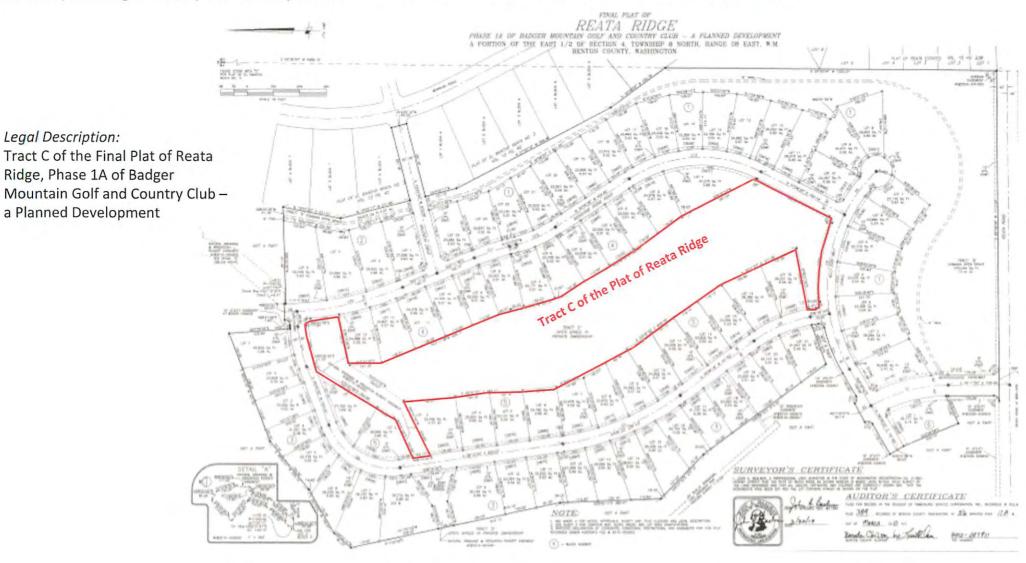


## Reents/Hofstad Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposed Land Use Designation



#### 10c. Complete Legal Description of Subject Site

#### **Reents/Hofstad Comprehensive Plan Amendment**



#### 10d. Vicinity Map Slide 1 – Land Use/Roads

Notes:

- All lots within the plat of Reata Ridge have been developed with single family residences.
- Properties to the east of the plat of Reata Ridge are located in unincorporated Benton County and also consist of single family residences.
- Land to the west and north of Reata Ridge is currently in agricultural production and will be converted into urban uses as the Badger Mountain South plan is implemented.
- Roads within the plat of Reata Ridge and East Reata Road are classified as local streets.
- The City of Richland critical areas maps do not identify any critical areas that may exist on site.

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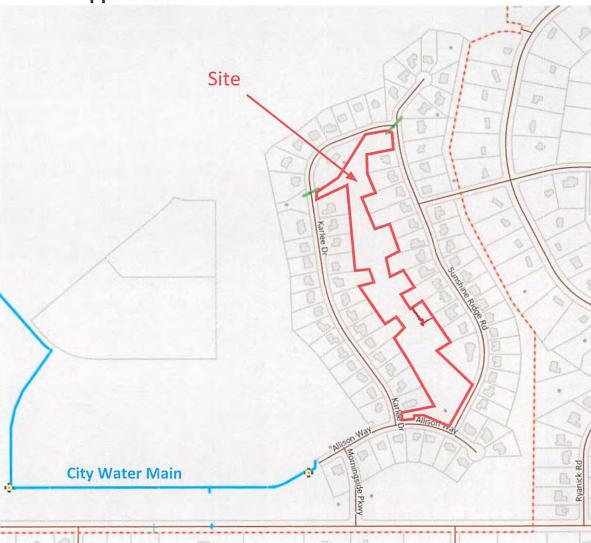


#### 10d. Vicinity Map Slide 2 - Utilities

#### Notes:

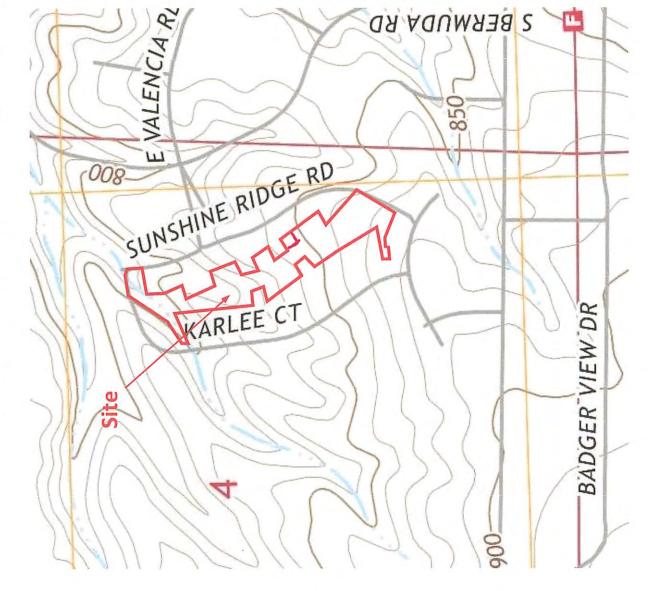
- City water serves the plat of Reata Ridge. Individual lots are served by Badger Mountain Irrigation Dist.
- Residences within Reata Ridge are served by individual septic tank systems, not public sewer.
- Power is provided by Benton County PUD, not City of Richland.
- Irrigation water is provided by the Badger Mountain Irrigation District.

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10e. Topographical Map Slide 1





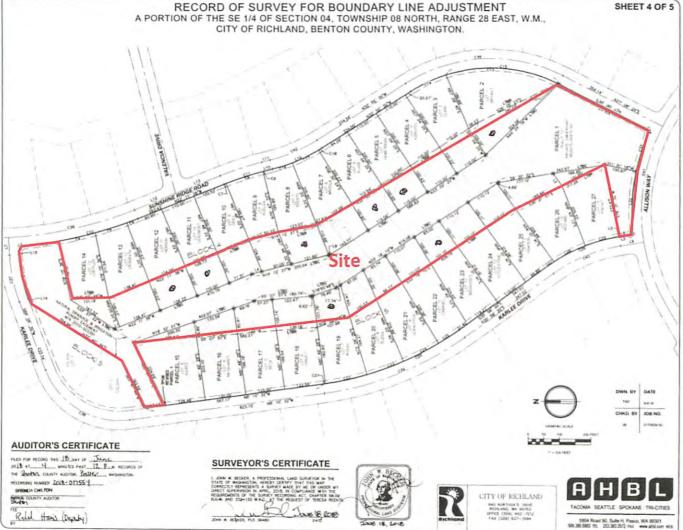
#### **10g. Proposed Development**

Note:

- Proposed development to consist of series of boundary line adjustments, enabling adjacent lot owners to expand the size of their back yards.
- A central corridor would remain available for future installation of a walking path.
- No improvements to streets, storm drainage, systems, water supply, sanitary sewer are proposed.
- No changes to traffic or circulation patterns are proposed.

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# Reents/Hofstad Comprehensive Plan Amendment







10h. Proposed Rezoning



\* copy of Application submitted Zozl for Rezoned

#### **Zoning Map Amendment Application**

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION	Contact Person		
Owner: Reents, Hofstad, Rosas, Benavides, Bryant, Kluse	e, Leaumont, Henson, Corkill		
Address: various - see attached supplemental sl	heet page 1		
Phone:	Email:		
APPLICANT/CONTRACTOR INFORMATION (if different)	🖾 Contact Person		
Company: Teresa Reents & Ken Hofstad	UBI#:		
Contact: Teresa Reents			
Address: 2853 Sunshine Ridge Rd, Richland WA	. 99352		
Phone: 509-521-1055	Email: teresarealty@gmail.com		
DESCRIPTION OF WORK			
designation under the Badger Mountain South M (LUDR), removing it from the provisions of the L	oximately 12.9-acre tract of land from an open space laster Plan Land Use and Development Regulations UDR and changing the zoning to R1-12 Single nove the property from the LUDR is being submitted		

Parcel #: 8 parcels: 10488403000-9000; -5007; -5011; -4001; -4005; -4007; -4010; -4011

Legal Description: Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge; a portion of E1/2 of Sec 4, T8N, R28E, WM, Benton County WA				
Current Zoning: LUDR	Current Comp Plan: Badger Mtn South	Requested Zoning:	R1-12	
Current Use: open space	Proposed Use: Expansion of Residential Lots	Area of Property:	12.9 acres	

#### APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE

- 1. Completed application and filing fee
- 2. Title Report showing ownership, easements, restrictions, and accurate legal description of the property involved
- 3. Other information as determined by the Administrator

#### ANSWER THE FOLLOWING AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE

The unique characteristics, if any, of the property or circumstances of the owner:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

Any hardship that may result in the event the rezone is not granted:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

The manner in which the proposed rezone conforms to patterns in adjacent zones:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

Any beneficial or adverse effects the granting or denial of the rezone would have on adjacent or surrounding zones:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

Any beneficial or adverse effects the granting or denial of the rezone would have in relation to the overall purpose and intent of the comprehensive plan and this title:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

The benefits or detriments accruing to the City which would result from the granting or denial of this special permit:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

Whether the proposed rezone represents a better use of the land from the standpoint of the comprehensive plan than the original zone:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

Whether the proposed rezone represents spot zoning and whether a larger area should be considered:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

Identify impacts on the environment and public safety:

See attached Supplemental Sheet for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge, January 2021.

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Applicant Signature: See attached supplemental pages 5 & 6 for Multiple Owner Signatures Date January, 2021

#### SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET REENTS/HOFSTAD ET AL. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR TRACT C OF THE PLAT OF REATA RIDGE January 2021

#### INTENT

The property owners petition to have a 12.9-acre open space tract (Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge) removed from the provisions of the Badger Mountain South Land Use and Development Regulations (LUDR) and to place R1-12 zoning on the property, which is the same zoning as all the surrounding properties. A series of boundary adjustments would then be completed to enlarge the back yards of the adjacent lots (refer to Figure 1.) A narrow strip of property running along the center of the tract would be retained to provide for an informal walking path for the benefit of the Reata Ridge residents.

The proposed rezone acknowledges that retaining the site as open space does not and would not benefit the residents of Badger Mountain South. It provides for property owners to increase their lot sizes and still retain a smaller open space tract that can be developed with a private walking trail for the benefit of the Reata Ridge residents. This makes sense for both the residents of the Reata Ridge plat and for the development of Badger Mountain South.

#### **OWNERSHIP**

Reents and Hofstad purchased Tract C and subsequently transferred ownership of portions of Tract C to adjacent residential lot owners (refer to Figure 2) as follows:

Owner Name	Parcel ID #	Mailing Address	Acreage*	
Ken Hofstad & Teresa Reents	104884030009000	2853 Sunshine Ridge Rd	10.74	
	104884030009000	Richland, WA 99352	10.74	
Teresa Reents	104884030004007	2853 Sunshine Ridge Rd	0.56	
	104884030004007	Richland, WA 99352		
Jeremy & Yesica Rosas	104884030005007	2894 Karlee Drive	0.23	
	104884030003007	Richland, WA 99352		
Nicholas Benavides	104884030005011	2950 Karlee Drive	0.23	
		Richland, WA 99352	0.25	
David & Elizabeth Bryant	104884030004001	2931 Sunshine Ridge Rd	0.36	
		Richland, WA 99352		
Blake & Brittney Kluse	104884030004005	2877 Sunshine Ridge Rd.	0.25	
		Richland, WA 99352	0.25	
Jeffrey & Renee Leaumont	104884030004010	2831 Sunshine Ridge Rd.	0.25	
		Richland, WA 99352		
Tony Henson & Kelli Corkill	104884030004011	2829 Sunshine Ridge Rd.	0.29	
	104004030004011	Richland, WA 99352	0.25	
*Acreage reported consists only of	of lands included in the open	space Tract C, not the adjoining re	sidential lot.	

#### **DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

The proposal calls for the conversion of an approximately 12.9-acre tract of land from an open space designation under the Badger Mountain South Master Plan Land Use and Development Regulations

(LUDR), removing it from the provisions of the LUDR and changing the zoning to R1-12 Single Family Residential. A separate application to remove the property from the LUDR is being submitted to the City.

#### THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS, IF ANY, OF THE PROPERTY OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OWNER

To adequately describe the unique characteristics of this property, some understanding of its history is required.

The site was included as a part of the Badger Mountain South Planned Development project approved by Benton County in the early 2000's, several years prior to its annexation into the City of Richland. The project had been initiated years earlier but languished until environmental review and design alterations were completed. The version of the plan approved by the County was for a golf course with single family homes and some multi-family units abutting the golf course fairways. In fact, Tract C was originally intended as a golf hole surrounded by a single-family residential subdivision (the plat of Reata Ridge). Developer NorAm Investment, Inc. abandoned their plans for the golf course and pursued a different development plan with the City of Richland now known as the Badger Mountain South Master Planned Community. NorAm Investments, Inc. completed an annexation of approximately 1,600 acres into the City, including both the plat of Reata Ridge and the subject open space Tract C. Final approval of the plat of Reata Ridge was granted by Benton County months before the annexation took place, creating the open space Tract C and the 77 lots within the plat that have been subsequently developed with single family homes (refer to Figure 3).

Following annexation, NorAm Investments, Inc. worked with the City to develop the Badger Mountain South Subarea Plan, which was implemented by the Land Use and Development Regulation (LUDR), a separate code that superseded standard zoning regulations for the lands included within Badger Mountain South. Since the lots within the Reata Ridge plat had mostly been developed, they were excluded from the provisions of the LUDR. However, as NorAm Investment had retained ownership of the subject open space Tract C, it was included in the LUDR and designated as open space.

NorAm Investments later sold Tract C to Teresa Reents and Ken Hofstad, who intended to allow the adjacent lot owners within the Reata Ridge to adjust their lot boundaries and increase the size of their back yards while still retaining a smaller open space tract within the center portion of the parcel. However, lot owners who purchased the additional square footage to add onto their lots have been unable to obtain building permits for fencing, backyard pools or sheds as the LUDR regulations in place on the open space do not provide for such improvements.

The outcome of these actions has resulted in the private ownership of an open space Tract C that cannot be put to beneficial use by the owners. Nor can it be developed with open space amenities. While included within the Badger Mountain South LUDR, there are no plans for trails, parks or other improvements specified for this property. (Refer to Figure 4.) Also, there is not a Reata Ridge homeowners association in place that could take on the responsibility for development and maintenance of park facilities on this land.

#### ANY HARDSHIP THAT MAY RESULT IN THE EVENT THE REZONE IS NOT GRANTED

If the zone change request is denied, the property will remain in private ownership but without any use. Neither NorAm Investments (the original property owner) nor the City have expressed any interest in developing park facilities within this open space Tract C. The residents of Reata Ridge lack a homeowner's association that could possibly develop and maintain private park facilities. Prior to its current open space designation, the land was farmed and then later graded for future golf course construction. The result of these prior disturbances is that no native vegetation or animal habitat exists that is worthy of preservation. Neither are there any natural features such as wetlands or vistas present to preserve. The result of all these factors is that Tract C has been created which has no appropriate use and does not satisfy public needs for park facilities or natural land preservation goals. In fact, the current open space designation prevents the property owners from making improvements on the property such as fencing, sheds, pools or similar facilities that are typically associated with residential back yards.

#### THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROPOSED REZONE CONFORMS TO PATTERNS IN ADJACENT ZONES

The proposed rezone would place R1-12 Single Family Residential zoning on the site, which is the same zoning that exists within the Reata Ridge plat that surrounds the open space Tract C. (See Figure 5.)

# BENEFICIAL OR ADVERSE EFFECTS THE GRANTING OR DENIAL OF THE REZONE WOULD HAVE ON ADJACENT OR SURROUNDING ZONES

The beneficial effects of the rezone to the adjacent lots are clear. The adjacent lot owners would be able to purchase additional square footage to increase the size of their backyards and would be able to utilize the space as allowed under R1-12 zoning regulations, with landscaping, fencing, sheds, pools and similar structures. A smaller parcel of land located within the center portion of the existing open space Tract C would still be available for use by the adjacent residents. There would be no known adverse effects to surrounding or nearby properties that would result from the granting of the rezone request.

The adverse effects of denial of the rezone would leave the property owners with open space regulations that prevent them from making use of their properties. Further denial of the rezone would provide no benefit to the surrounding or nearby properties.

# ANY BENEFICIAL OR ADVERSE EFFECTS THE GRANTING OR DENIAL OF THE REZONE WOULD HAVE IN RELATION TO THE OVERALL PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THIS TITLE

The Badger Mountain South Sub Area Plan calls for generous amounts of open space for the purpose of parks and trails to be developed throughout the planning area. In fact, the purpose statement of the LUDR (Section 1B1.h) reads as follows: "Conserve areas for parks, trails and open spaces by establishing a connected open space network." Section 5H of the LUDR provides such a plan for a trail layout to serve the Badger Mountain South area. (Refer to Figure 4.) However, the plan does not include any trail connection to the subject site. In fact, the open space Tract C is far removed from any trails or other public facilities called for in the Badger Mountain South renders the tract undesirable as an open space amenity. Therefore, the denial of the rezone would have no beneficial effect on the overall purpose and intent of the comprehensive plan.

The rezone would serve the overall purpose of the plan in that it would align the zoning of open space Tract C with all the surrounding properties within the Reata Ridge plat.

# THE BENEFITS OR DETRIMENTS ACCRUING TO THE CITY WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM THE GRANTING OR DENIAL OF THIS SPECIAL PERMIT

In some locations throughout the City there are common open space tracts within subdivisions that are under the ownership of homeowner's associations. At times, some of these properties are not maintained and can become repositories of refuse and/or noxious weeds which can create fire hazards. Taxes on properties that no entity takes responsibility for are sometimes left unpaid. While this is *not* currently the case with Tract C, retaining a large undeveloped property with no beneficial uses allowed to the adjacent owners could result in a lack of maintenance to the detriment of both the neighborhood and the City.

Conversely, approval of the rezone would allow the property owners to expand their back yards, adding improvements that would increase both their enjoyment of the property and the City's tax base.

# WHETHER THE PROPOSED REZONE REPRESENTS A BETTER USE OF THE LAND FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAN THE ORIGINAL ZONE

The plat of Reata Ridge is designated as Low Density Residential under the Badger Mountain South Sub Area Plan. The proposed rezone of Tract C would be entirely consistent with this land use designation and would serve to enhance the existing lots by allowing property owners to increase their existing lot sizes. This action would increase the value of the properties located within the plat. If denied, the property owners surrounding Tract C are left with adjacent land that they can not use.

# WHETHER THE PROPOSED REZONE REPRESENTS SPOT ZONING AND WHETHER A LARGER AREA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

The proposed rezone would match the existing zoning that is present in all the properties adjacent to the open space Tract C. It would result in R1-12 Single Family Residential zoning throughout the entire plat of Reata Ridge and therefore could not be considered a spot zone.

#### IDENTIFY IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

The proposed rezone would not result in an increase in density within the plat of Reata Ridge. In fact, it would provide opportunity for existing homeowners to increase the size of their properties wherever their lots border the open space Tract C. The open space Tract C has been disturbed in the past through farming and grading for use as a golf course hole. As such, it does not contain any natural habitat, features or amenities worthy for preservation. Therefore, there are no impacts on the environment that would result from the proposed rezone.

In terms of public safety, converting much of the property into yards that will be maintained by the adjacent homeowners will improve the value of the properties without increasing the demand or cost of public services. In fact, the land incorporated into the adjacent lots will likely be improved with landscaping and other amenities typical of residential backyards. Doing so would reduce the potential hazard of wildfire that could occur on an untended open space tract.

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- 1. I have read and examined this permit application and have documented all applicable requirements on the site plan.
- 2. The information provided in this application contains no misstatement of fact.
- 3. I am the owner(s), the authorized agents(s) of the owners(s) of the above referenced property, or I am currently a licensed contractor or specialty contractor under Chapter 18.27 RCW or I am exempt from the requirement of Chapter 18.27 RCW.
- 4. I understand this permit is subject to all other local, state, and federal regulations.

Note: This application will not be processed unless the above certification is endorsed by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or the owner(s) themselves. If the City of Richland has reason to believe that erroneous information has been supplied by an authorized agent of the owner(s) of the property in question and/or by the owner(s) themselves, processing of the application may be suspended.

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Applicant Name: Nicholas Benavides

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**Applicant Signature:** 

Applicant Name: Blake & Brittney Kluse

**Applicant Signature:** 

Applicant Name: Jeffrey & Renee Leaumont

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Applicant Name: Tony Henson & Kelli Corkill

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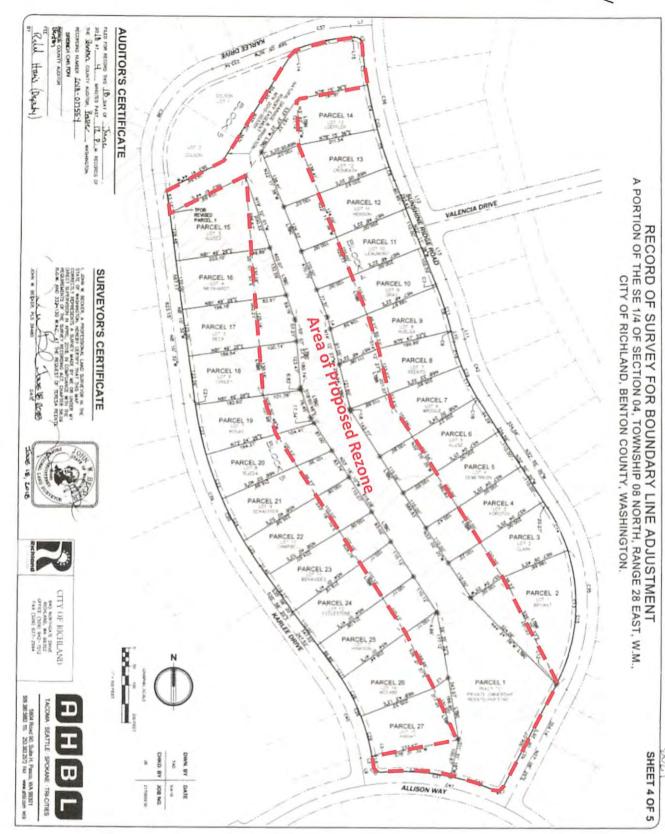
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**FIGURE 1** Proposed Boundary Line Adjustments from Open Space Tract into Adjacent Residential Lots



# Ownership FIGURE 2

# Ownership of Tract C

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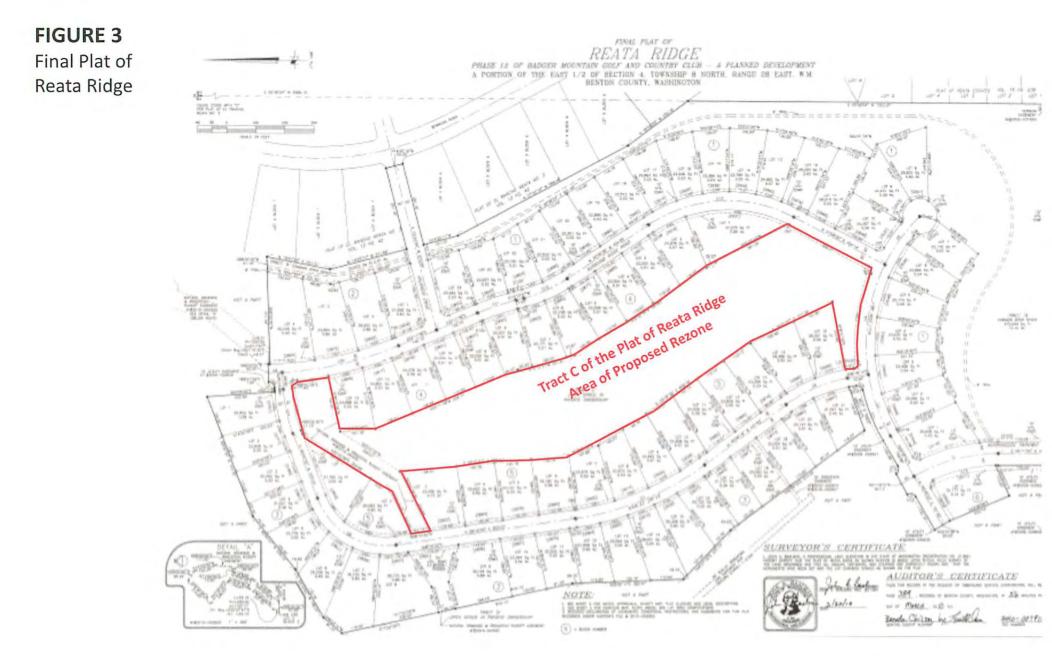
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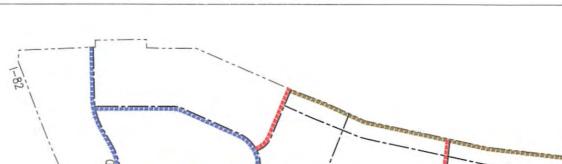


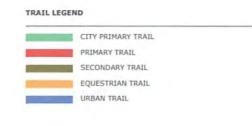
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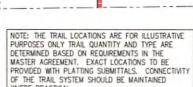
#### **5.G TRAILS INTRODUCTION**

The Illustrative Plan for Trail Layout and Trail Types identifies the location of the proposed trail system in Badger Mountain South. Four types of trails will be built within the community - Urban Trails located within the commercial centers, paved Primary and City Primary Trails for multi-uses, soft-surface Secondary Trails City mining infails for multi-uses, soft-surable secondary fraits for walking and jogging, and an Equestrian Trail connection located at the eastern edge of the community that will link to an existing equestrian trail. At full buildout the project will include approximately 10 miles of trails and walking paths, and will provide connection locations for future development.

Two Trail Types are located in the Greenway Parks: City Primary Trails and Secondary Trails. These trails are intended to be the cross-community trail system that links all neighborhoods within Badger Mountain South. The City Primary Trail meanders within the Greenway Parks, sometimes near the adjoining streets, but the Greenway Parks, sometimes hear the adjoining streets, but primarily away from the streets and within the Greenway Park itself. Secondary Trails act as connector trails which link one side of the Greenway Park to the other or to the City Primary Trail.







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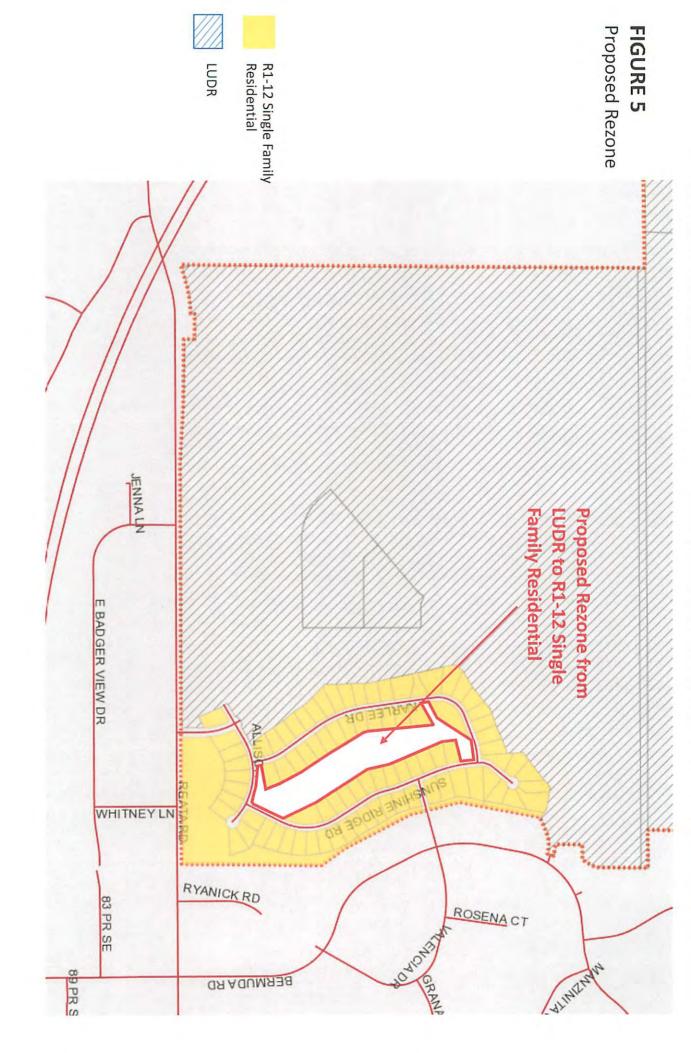
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## SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

#### 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 <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, 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 <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. 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

 Name of proposed project, if applicable: Comprehensive Plan and Rezone for Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge
 Name of applicant: Ken Hofstad and Teresa Reents 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
2853 Sunshine Ridge Road,
Richland, WA 99352
509.521.1055

4. Date checklist prepared: *February 22, 2022* 

5. Agency requesting checklist: *City of Richland Development Services* 

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Anticipating approval of the comprehensive plan and rezone applications by end of 2022.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. Boundary line adjustments transferring portions of Tract C into adjacent residential lots and the future construction of a walking path.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. *None* 

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. *Applicant to remove Tract C from the proovions of the Badger Mountain South Land Use and Development Regulations is currently under review by the City.* 

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. *Comprehensive Plan Amendment and rezone.* 

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.)

Change in the land use designation in the comprehensive plan from open space to Low Density Residential and corresponding change in zoning from Civic to R-1-12 Low Density Residential on a 12.9 acre parcel. Intent is to provide for adjacent residential lot owners to expand their lots through a series of boundary line adjustments

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.

Tract C of the Plat of Reata Ridge. Site is located east of Karlee Drive and west of Sunshine Ridge Road.

# **B.** Environmental Elements

# 1. Earth

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? *Less than 10%.* 

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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

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

No

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

None proposed.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. *No*.

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

Future walking path is the only impervious surface proposed and would be no more than 4% of the area contained on the site.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: *Compliance with existing dust and erosion control regulations.* 

# 2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

None

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

No

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: *None are needed.* 

## 3. Water

a. Surface Water:

- 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. *No.*
- 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. Not applicable.
- 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. *Not applicable.*
- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. No
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. *No*
- 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.

No discharges would be generated by the proposal.

- b. Ground Water:
  - Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
  - No
  - 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.

Not applicable

- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
  - 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.

No runoff anticipated over existing conditions.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. *No* 

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No.

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

None are needed

#### 4. Plants

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:
  - \_\_\_\_deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
  - \_\_\_\_evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

\_\_\_\_shrubs

\_\_x\_\_grass

\_\_\_\_pasture

\_\_\_\_crop or grain

- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- \_\_X\_\_other types of vegetation: sagebrush, cheatgrass

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

Only vegetation removal would be tto accommodate walking path. Additionally as homeowners expand their backyards, existing vegetation would be removed for residential landscaping.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. *None known to exist on site.* 

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

#### None proposed

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. *None known to exist on site.* 

#### 5. Animals

a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

Examples include:

birds: <u>hawk,</u> heron, eagle, <u>songbirds,</u> other: mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: <u>small rodents, coyotes</u> fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_ b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. *None known to exist on site.* 

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. *The site is part of the Pacific Flyway* 

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: *None proposed* 

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. *None known to exist on site.* 

# 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.

Not applicable

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

No

 c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None proposed.

## 7. Environmental Health

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.

No.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. *None known*
- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. *None*
- Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. None
- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

#### None

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: *None are proposed.* 

#### b. Noise

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

Noise typically associated with single family residences.

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.

Proposal would not result in increased noise levels.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: *None are proposed.* 

#### 8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

Site is undeveloped. Adjacent properties on all sides of the site are developed with single family homes.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?
- The site and all of the Reata Ridge plat were formerly used as agricultural lands, though none of the land was designated as agricultural land of long term commercial significance.
  - 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site. *There are no structurs on site* 

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? *Not applicable* 

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? The site is designated as "Civic Space" under the Badger Mountain South Land Use & Development Regulations. It is assessed as undeveloped land and is fully taxed, not taxed as open space. f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? *Open space under the Badger Mountain South Subarea Plan.* 

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? *Not applicable* 

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. *No* 

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? *No one would work or reside on the site.* 

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? *None* 

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: *None are needed* 

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: None are needed

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

No measures are proposed.

## 9. Housing

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

None

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

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: *None are needed* 

## 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?

No structures are proposed

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? *As no structures are proposed, no views would be altered.* 

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: *None are proposed* 

## 11. Light and Glare

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

None

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? *No* 

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? *Lights from adjacent residential lots* 

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: *None are needed.* 

## 12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? *None* 

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. *No existing recreational uses would be displaced.* 

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

The proposed walking path would provide Reata Ridge residents with a safe place to walk.

#### 13. Historic and cultural preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

No

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

None are known to exist on site. Site was previously disturbed with former agricultural use and mass grading of the site was completed when the site was planned to be converted into a golf course. Given the previous disturbance of the site and the fact that no additional disturbance of the site is proposed, except for a walking path, no professional studies were undertaken.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.
  If cultural resources are discovered during the installation of a walking path, work on the project shall be stopped and the City of Richland would be notified within 24 hours of discovery.

# 14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. *Site contains frontage along Karlee Drive, Sunshine Ridge Road and Allison Way.*
- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

No

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

None

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No

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

No

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

None

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. No

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: *None proposed.* 

## **15.** Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. *None are needed* 

## 16. Utilities

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

Full range of utilities serving adjacent residential homes is present in the vicinity.

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.

No utilities are needed, except as lot owners expand the size of their lots, they may desire to irrigate additional area. In order to do so, approval from the Badger Mountain Irrigation District will be required.

# 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.

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Signature: Complete file for Reents	/
Name of signee Ken Hofstad & Teresa Reents	
Position and Agency/OrganizationApplicants(owners)	
Date Submitted: February 23, 2022	

# D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

## (IT IS NOT NECESSARY to 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? The proposal does not involve the construction of structures, storage of toxic or non-toxis substances, discharges to water or production of noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: *None are needed.* 

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life? The proposal would have minimal impacts to plants or animals and no impact to fish or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: *None are proposed.* 

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? The proposal would not deplete energy resources and would not impact natural resources.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: *None are proposed.* 

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 site is not located within an identified environmentally sensitive area or critical area is not in or near a park, a wilderness, a river, a floodplain or a threatened or endangered species habitat. There are no known cultural or historic sites and the site is not been designated as prime farmland.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: *None are proposed.* 

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 site is far removed from any shoreline area. It would not result in additional development and so would result in minimal land use impacts.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: *None are proposed.* 

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

The proposal would not increase transportation demands or demands for public services and utilities. A possible exception is that adjacent lot owners increasing the size of their parcels may desire to increase the amount of their lot that is irrigated.

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

Land owners wishing to increase their irrigation usage would have to gain approval from the Badger Mountain Irrigation District.

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 exist.*