



# CITY OF RICHLAND Determination of Non-Significance

**Description of Proposal:** Construct a 15,175-sf addition to an existing 13,551 sf building

and associated site improvements.

Proponent: Jason Archibald

**Archibald & Company Architects** 

660 Symons St Richland, WA 99354

Location of Proposal: The project is located at 2588 N. Columbia Center Blvd,

Richland WA. Portion of the NW 1/4, S29, T9N, R29E, WM,

Parcel # 129992000007000 and 129992000008000.

**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: December 13, 2023

Comments Due: December 29, 2023

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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 **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

# **Instructions for lead agencies**

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

# Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the <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 Find help answering background questions

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

New Vintage Church Remodel and Expansion

2. Name of applicant:

Archibald & Company Architects, PS

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

Archibald & Company Architects, PS - Jason Archibald 660 Symons Street, Richland, WA 99354 (509) 946-4189

4. Date checklist prepared:

11/28/2023

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Richland

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

December 2023 - December 2024

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

No

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.

No

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

City of Richland site plan approval, building/development permits and utility permits.

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

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13. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The project is located at 2588 N Columbia Center Blvd, Richland WA. Portion of the NW 1/4, S29, T9N, R29E, WM, Parcel # 129992000007000 and 129992000008000

#### **B. Environmental Elements**

- **1. Earth** Find help answering earth questions
- a. General description of the site:

The site is fully developed with parking and a building on the east end.

Circle or highlight one: Flat rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

2%

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.

Finley stony fine sandy loam

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.
  Approximately 1,500 cy of excavation will be required for the site to prepare for the new building and expanded parking area.
- f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

  Yes, erosion could occur during ground disturbance due to rain or wind on disturbed soils.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Impervious areas (including buildings, pavement, and sidewalks) will cover about 87% of the site. There will be areas of landscaping primarily on the east and west ends of the site and along the south property line.

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

Follow BMP's for sediment and erosion control for construction activities and minimize the length of time an area is disturbed. Stabilize soils after grading activities.

### 2. Air Find help answering air questions

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.

Emissions include dust and exhaust during construction, with minimal emissions after completion.

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

Nο

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

Dust control during construction and stabilize all disturbed areas.

- 3. Water Find help answering water questions
- a. Surface Water: Find help answering surface water questions
- 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. The Columbia River is approximately 900 ft to the north.
- 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

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.

None

4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a 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

#### b. Ground Water: Find help answering ground water questions

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 a 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 (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.

None

#### 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.

Storm water will surface drain to catch basins and then to swales with infiltration trenches.

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

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

Follow BMP's for new infiltration facilities and register new UIC's with Ecology.

| 4. | Plants Find help answering plants questions  |
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| a. | Check the types of vegetation found on the site:   |
|    | deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other   |
|    | evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other  |
|    | <u> </u>   |
|    | □ 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   |
|    | other types of vegetation  |
| b. | What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?   |
|    | None, the site is fully developed.   |
|    |  |
| C. | List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.  None known  |
|    | Notice known   |
| d. | Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation                            |
|    | on the site, if any.   |
|    | Landscaping will be provided along Columbia Center Blvd, along the south property line,                                    |
| ^  | in the parking lot, and around the building.  List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. |
| e. | None known   |
|    | THORE MIGWIT   |
|    |  |
|    | Animals Find help answering animal questions   |
| a. | List any birds and other animals that 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:   |
|    | <ul> <li>Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:</li> </ul>  |
| h. | List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.  |
| ٠. | None known   |
|    | Tions Miswin   |
| c. | Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.   |
|    | Yes, it is within the Pacific Flyway   |
| 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.  |
|    | None known   |

#### 6. Energy and Natural Resources Find help answering energy and natural resource questions

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.

Electricity will be used for all energy needs.

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.

Follow requirements of the energy code. LED lights with photocells will be used for exterior lighting.

#### 7. Environmental Health Find help with answering environmental health questions

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.

No

1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

None known

a. 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

b. 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.

Small amounts of chemicals will be used for maintenance including pesticides and herbicides.

c. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Standard emergency services such as police, ambulance, and fire will be required.

d. 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)?

None

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)?

Short-term: typical construction noises during the construction phase of the project. Long-term: Small amounts of noise from church members using the facility.

**3.** Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any. Construction will follow City's noise ordinance.

#### 8. Land and Shoreline Use Find help answering land and shoreline use questions

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.

The site has a 13,689 sf building used as a church. The project will not affect the land uses of nearby and adjacent 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 because 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.

A 60ft x 144 ft building originally constructed as a cinema and previously remodeled for use as a church.

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

No

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

C-2 Retail Business

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

RR Retail Regional

| g. | Not applicable   |
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| 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?  None   |
| j. | Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?  None  |
| k. | Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.  None   |
| I. | Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any. Follow City's zoning codes                         |
| m. | Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.  None                                |
|    | Housing Find help answering housing questions  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  |

#### **10. Aesthetics** Find help answering aesthetics questions

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

30'-0" is the tallest height of the proposed buildings. The exterior of the buildings will be a mix of CMU, stucco, metal siding, and glass.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? None

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

Modulations to building exterior, entrance canopies, and mix of materials create an aesthetically attractive building.

#### **11. Light and Glare** Find help answering light and glare questions

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? There will be exterior lights for security that will be on during non-daylight hours.
- 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?
  None
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

Shield outside lights per RMC 23.58.030

#### **12. Recreation** Find help answering recreation questions

- 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

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

None

# **13. Historic and Cultural Preservation** Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions

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.

No

- 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. None
- 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.
   None, site is completed developed

#### 14. Transportation Find help with answering transportation questions

- 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 Columbia Center Blvd is on the west side of the site and used for access.
- 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?
   Yes, Benton Franklin Transit Route 1 runs along N Columbia Center Blvd.
- c. 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

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

No

e. 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?

The project is ITE Land Use 560 - Church. The gross floor area is 28,726 sf (15,175 sf is new). Average Daily Trips = 6.95 trips/1000 sf x 28,726 sf = 200 trips (109 new trips) AM Peak Hr = 0.33 trips/1000 sf x 28,726 sf = 9 trips (5 new trips)

- f. 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
- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any. None

#### 15. Public Services Find help answering public service questions

- 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.
  - There would be a small increase in public services for fire and police because the church is being expanded.
- Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.
   None

#### **16. Utilities** Find help answering utilities questions

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity natural gas water refuse service, telephone sanitary sewer septic system, other:
- 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.

Project has existing utility services including water, sewer, gas, electricity and communications. The water service will be relocated with this project.

# C. Signature Find help about who should sign

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

SEPA Responsible Offical

Type name of signee: Jason M. Archibald

Position and agency/organization: Principal Architect / Archibald & Co. Architects, PS

**Date submitted:** 11/28/2023

# **D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

- 1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?
  - 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?
  - 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.

