



Richland

CITY OF RICHLAND COMBINED NOTICE OF APPLICATION, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT (CA2024-102 & EA2024-116)

The City of Richland is proposing to adopt an ordinance amending sections 23.22 and 23.26 of the Richland Municipal Code to prohibit Mini-Warehouses within a limited geographic area of the city to be referred to as the Horn Rapids Employment Center.

Pursuant to Richland Municipal Code [RMC] Section 19.20 the Richland Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing and review of the proposed code amendment on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Richland City Hall Council Chambers, 625 Swift Blvd. All interested parties are invited to attend and present testimony at the public hearing.

Environmental Review: The proposal is subject to environmental review. The City of Richland is lead agency for the proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts. A Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued by the City on October 2, 2024. Comments regarding the SEPA Checklist and DNS are due by 5:00 PM, Thursday, October 17, 2024.

Any person desiring to express his/her views regarding the proposed text amendment or to be notified of any decisions pertaining to this application should notify Mike Stevens, Planning Manager, 625 Swift Blvd., MS-35, Richland, WA 99352. Comments may also be emailed to planning@ci.richland.wa.us. Written comments should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024 to be incorporated into the staff report. Comments received after that date will be entered into the record at the hearing.

Copies of the Staff Report and recommendation will be available on the City of Richland website www.ci.richland.wa.us beginning Friday, October 18, 2024.



File No. EA2024-116

CITY OF RICHLAND
Determination of Non-Significance

Description of Proposal: Zoning text amendment to prohibit mini-warehouses in the Horn Rapids Employment Center.

Proponent: City of Richland Economic Development
Darin Arrasmith
625 Swift Blvd., MS-19
Richland, WA 99352

Location of Proposal: The Horn Rapids Employment Center includes: Horn Rapids Industrial Park, Horn Rapids Business Center, Horn Rapids Commercial Plaza, Horn Rapids Retail Plaza, and the City-owned property fronting along the south side of Highway SR 240.

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: October 2, 2024

Comments Due: October 17, 2024

Signature _____



Code Amendment Application

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

APPLICANT

☐ Contact Person

Company: City of Richland - Economic Development Division

UBI#:

Contact: Mandy Wallner, Economic Development Manager

Address: 625 Swift Blvd., MS-19, Richland, WA 99352

Phone: 509.942.7595

Email: mwallner@ci.richland.wa.us

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

See attached Amendment List and proposed Plates.

APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

1. Completed application and filing fee
2. SEPA Checklist (if necessary)
3. Other information as determined by the Administrator

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE:

Section(s) of code proposed to be amended (include code citation):

See attached Amendment List and proposed Plates.

Summary of requested code amendment(s):

See attached Amendment List and proposed Plates.

Reason(s) for code amendment(s):

The Hom Rapids Industrial Park, Hom Rapids Business Center, Hom Rapids Commercial Plaza and Hom Rapids Retail Plaza were established as centers for employment, sales tax revenue and commercial and industrial enterprises that contribute to and stimulate the economy of the City in funding its operations and programs, as well as for other districts such as schools and the port. Mini-warehouse uses provide no employment, no sales taxes, and have a negative impact on neighboring property values.

AMENDMENT LIST (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION – MAY 2024)

Amend RMC Chapter 23.22 Commercial Zoning Districts with the following:

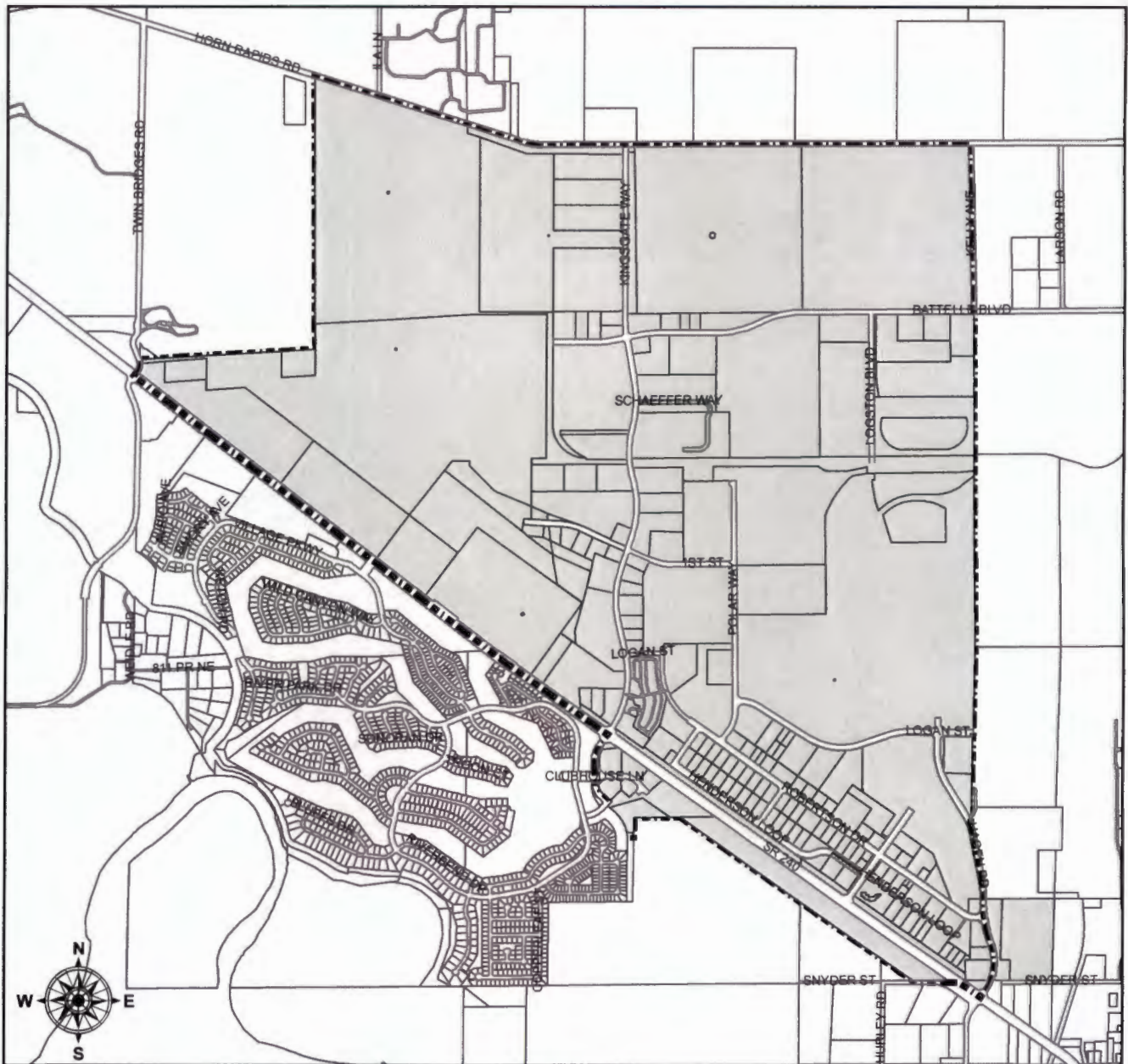
- 23.22.030 Adding a superscript number 31 to the "P" symbol for Mini-Warehouse in the C-3 column of the Business and Personal Services section.
- 23.22.030 Adding footnote number 31 – “Mini-warehouse uses are prohibited in the Horn Rapids Employment Center.”
- 23.22.040 Adding footnote number 15 – “The Horn Rapids Employment Center is established as shown by Plate 23.22.040(4).”
- 23.22.040 Adding Plate No. 4 “Horn Rapids Employment Center”.

Amend RMC Chapter 23.26 Industrial Zoning Districts with the following:

- 23.26.030 Adding a superscript number 15 to the "P" symbol for Mini-Warehouse in the I-M column of the Business and Personal Services section.
- 23.26.030 Adding footnote number 15 – “Mini-warehouse uses are prohibited in the Horn Rapids Employment Center.”
- 23.26.040 Adding footnote number 3 – “The Horn Rapids Employment Center is established as shown by Plate 23.26.040(1).”
- 23.26.040 Adding Plate No. 1 “Horn Rapids Employment Center”.

PLATE NO. 4 - 23.22.040

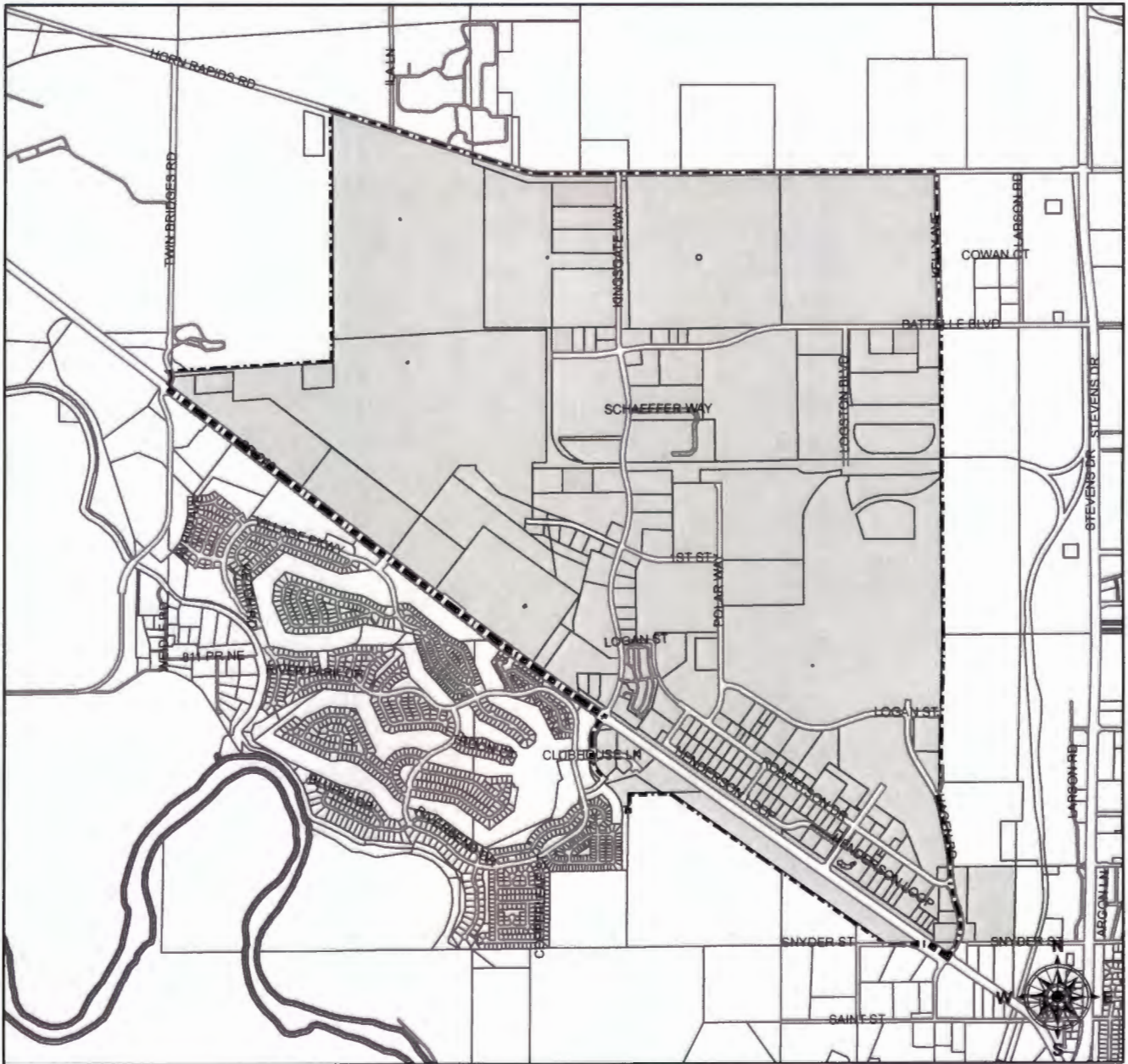
PLATE 4



HORN RAPIDS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

PLATE NO. 1 - 23.26.040

PLATE 1



HORN RAPIDS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-XX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTERS 23.22 AND 23.26 OF THE RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT MINI-WAREHOUSE BUSINESSES IN THE HORN RAPIDS EMPLOYMENT CENTER.

WHEREAS, the City has need, from time to time, to amend the Richland Municipal Code (RMC) to bring it into alignment with best practices; and

WHEREAS, The City of Richland annexed the land to be known as the Horn Rapids Employment Center into its boundaries through an annexation recorded in September of 1967, Ordinance number 428; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified the Horn Rapids Employment Center to be an area for significant employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the mini-warehouse use type does not meet the goal of providing significant employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Richland as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 23.22.030 of the Richland Municipal Code, entitled Commercial use districts permitted land uses, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 28-05, and last amended by Ordinance No. 2022-19, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23.22.030 Commercial use districts permitted land uses

In the following chart, land use classifications are listed on the vertical axis. Zoning districts are listed on the horizontal axis.

A. If the symbol “P” appears in the box at the intersection of the column and row, the use is permitted, subject to the general requirements and performance standards required in that zoning district.

B. If the symbol “S” appears in the box at the intersection of the column and row, the use is permitted subject to the special use permit provisions contained in Chapter 23.46 RMC.

C. If the symbol “A” appears in the box at the intersection of the column and the row, the use is permitted as an accessory use, subject to the general requirements and performance standards required in the zoning district.

D. If a number appears in the box at the intersection of the column and the row, the use is subject to the general conditions and special provisions indicated in the corresponding note.

E. If no symbol appears in the box at the intersection of the column and the row, the use is prohibited in that zoning district.

Land Use	C-LB	C-1	C-2	C-3	CBD	WF	CR	CW
Agricultural Uses								
Raising Crops, Trees, Vineyards								P
Automotive, Marine and Heavy Equipment								
Automotive Repair – Major				P				
Automotive Repair – Minor		P	P	P	S			
Automotive Repair – Specialty Shop		S	P	P	S			
Automobile Service Station		P ¹	P ¹	P ¹	S ¹			
Auto Part Sales		P	P	P	S			
Boat Building				P				
Bottling Plants				P				p ²⁸
Car Wash – Automatic or Self-Service		P ²	P ²	P ²	S ²			
Equipment Rentals			P	P				
Farm Equipment and Supplies Sales				P				
Fuel Station/Mini Mart	S	P	P	P	P			
Heavy Equipment Sales and Repair				P				
Manufactured Home Sales Lot				P				
Marinas						P	P	
Marine Equipment Rentals				P		P	P	
Marine Gas Sales						A	A	
Marine Repair				P		P	P	
Towing, Vehicle Impound Lots				S ³				
Truck Rentals			P	P				
Truck Stop – Diesel Fuel Sales			S	P				
Truck Terminal				P				
Vehicle Leasing/Renting			P ⁴	P	S ⁴			
Vehicle Sales			P ⁴	P	S ⁴			
Warehousing, Wholesale Use				P				
Business and Personal Services								
Animal Shelter				S ⁵				
Automatic Teller Machines	P	P	P	P	P	P		P

Land Use	C-LB	C-1	C-2	C-3	CBD	WF	CR	CW
Commercial Kennel				P ⁵				
Contractors' Offices		P	P	P	P			
Funeral Establishments			P	P				
General Service Businesses	A	P	P	P	P	P		
Health/Fitness Facility	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	
Health/Fitness Center			P	P	P		P	
Health Spa		P	P	P	P	P		P
Hospital/Clinic – Large Animal				S ⁵				
Hospital/Clinic – Small Animal			S ⁵	P ⁵	P			
Laundry/Dry Cleaning, Com.				P	P ²⁹			
Laundry/Dry Cleaning, Neighborhood		P	P	P	P			
Laundry/Dry Cleaning, Retail	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Laundry – Self-Service		P	P	P	P			
Mini-Warehouse				P ^{6, 31}				
Mailing Service	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Personal Loan Business	P	P	P	P	P			
Personal Services Businesses	A	P	P	P	P	P		
Photo Processing, Copying and Printing Services	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Telemarketing Services	P		P	P	P			
Video Rental Store		P	P	P	P	P		P
Food Service								
Cafeterias	A		A	A	A	A	A	
Delicatessen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Drinking Establishments		P ⁷	P	P	P	P	P	P
Micro-Brewery			P	P	P	P	P	P
Portable Food Vendors ²⁶	A ²⁷	A ²⁷	A ²⁷	A ²⁷	A ²⁷	A ²⁷	A ²⁷	A ²⁸
Restaurants/Drive-Through		S ⁸	P ⁸	P ⁸	S ^{8, 9}	S ^{8, 9}		
Restaurants/Lounge		P ⁷	P	P	P	P	P	P
Restaurants/Sit Down	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Restaurants/Take Out		P	P	P	P	P		P

Land Use	C-LB	C-1	C-2	C-3	CBD	WF	CR	CW
Restaurants with Entertainment/Dancing Facilities		P ⁷	P	P	P	P	P	P
Vehicle-Based Food Service		p ³⁰	p ³⁰	p ³⁰	p ³⁰	p ³⁰		
Wineries – Tasting Room		P ⁷	P	P	P	P	P	P
Industrial/Manufacturing Uses								
Laundry and Cleaning Plants				P				p ²⁸
Light Manufacturing Uses				P				p ²⁸
Warehousing and Distribution Facilities				P				p ²⁸
Wholesale Facilities and Operations				P				p ²⁸
Wineries – Production				P				P
Office Uses								
Financial Institutions	P	P/S ²²	P	P	P/S ²²	P		
Medical, Dental and Other Clinics	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Newspaper Offices and Printing Works			P	P	P			
Office – Consulting Services	P	P	P	P	P	P		p ²⁸
Office – Corporate	P		P	P	P	P		p ²⁸
Office – General	P	P	P	P	P	P		p ²⁸
Office – Research and Development	P		P	P	P			p ²⁸
Radio and Television Studios			P	P	P			
Schools, Commercial	P		P	P	P	P		
Schools, Trade			P	P	P			p ²⁸
Travel Agencies	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Public/Quasi-Public Uses								
Churches	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰	P	P ¹⁰		
Clubs or Fraternal Societies	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰		
Cultural Institutions	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰		P ¹⁰	P ¹⁰		P ¹⁰
General Park O&M Activities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hospitals	P		P	P	P			
Passive Open Space Use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Land Use	C-LB	C-1	C-2	C-3	CBD	WF	CR	CW
Power Transmission and Irrigation Wasteway Easements and Utility Uses	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹
Public Agency Buildings	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Public Agency Facilities	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹	P ¹¹
Public Campgrounds				S			S	
Public Parks	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Schools	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²		
Schools, Alternative	P ¹³	P ¹³	P ¹³	P ¹³	P ¹³			
Special Events Including Concerts, Tournaments and Competitions, Fairs, Festivals and Similar Public Gatherings	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Trail Head Facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Trails for Equestrian, Pedestrian, or Nonmotorized Vehicle Use	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Recreational Uses								
Art Galleries			P	P	P	P	P	P
Arcades		P	P	P	P	P	P	
Boat Mooring Facilities						P	P	
Cinema, Indoor			P	P	P	P	P	
Cinema, Drive-In			P	P				
Commercial Recreation, Indoor		S ⁷	P	P	P	P	P	
Commercial Recreation, Outdoor			P	P		P	P	
House Banked Card Rooms				P ¹⁴	P ¹⁴	P ¹⁴	P ¹⁴	
Recreational Vehicle Campgrounds				S ¹⁵			S ¹⁵	
Recreational Vehicle Parks				S ¹⁶			S ¹⁶	
Stable, Public				S ¹⁷				
Theater		P ⁷	P	P	P	P	P	P
Residential Uses								
Accessory Dwelling Unit		A	A	A	A	A		A
Apartment, Condominium (3 or more units)	P		P ¹⁸		P	P		
Assisted Living Facility	P		P		P ¹⁸	P		

Land Use	C-LB	C-1	C-2	C-3	CBD	WF	CR	CW
Bed and Breakfast	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Day Care Center	p ¹⁹	p ¹⁹	p ¹⁹	p ¹⁹	p ¹⁹	p ¹⁹		
Dormitories, Fraternities, and Sororities	P				P	P		
Dwelling, One-Family Attached						p ²⁵		
Dwelling, Two-Family Detached						P		
Dwelling Units for a Resident Watchman or Custodian				A				p ²⁸
Emergency Housing	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Emergency Shelters	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Family Day Care Home	p ¹⁹					p ¹⁹		
Houseboats						P	P	
Hotels or Motels	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Nursing or Rest Home	P		P		p ¹⁸	P		
Permanent Supportive Housing	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Recreational Club	A				A	A		
Senior Housing	P				p ¹⁸	P		
Temporary Residence	p ²⁰	p ²⁰	p ²⁰	p ²⁰	p ²⁰	p ²⁰		P
Transitional Housing	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
Retail Uses								
Adult Use Establishments				p ²¹				
Apparel and Accessory Stores		P	P	P	P	P		P
Auto Parts Supply Store		P	P	P	P			
Books, Stationery and Art Supply Stores	A	P	P	P	P	P		P
Building, Hardware, Garden Supply Stores		P	P	P	P			
Department Store			P	P	P			
Drug Store/Pharmacy	A	P/S ²²	P	P	P	P		
Electronic Equipment Stores		P	P	P	P	P		
Food Stores		P	P	P	P	P		
Florist		P	P	P	P	P		P

Land Use	C-LB	C-1	C-2	C-3	CBD	WF	CR	CW
Furniture, Home Furnishings and Appliance Stores		P	P	P	P			
Landscaping Material Sales			A	P				
Lumberyards				P				
Nursery, Plant				P				P
Office Supply Store	A	P	P	P	P	P		
Outdoor Sales				P				
Parking Lot or Structure	P	P	P	P	A	P		P
Pawn Shop				P				
Pet Shop and Pet Supply Stores		P	P	P	P			
Retail Hay, Grain and Feed Stores				P				
Secondhand Store			P	P	P	P		
Specialty Retail Stores		P	P	P	P	P		P
Miscellaneous Uses								
Bus Station				P	P			
Bus Terminal				P	P			
Bus Transfer Station	P		P	P	P		P	
Cemetery	P		P	P				
Community Festivals and Street Fairs	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Convention Center	P		P	P	P	P	P	
Macro-Antennas	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Monopole			S ²³	P/S ²³	S ²³			
On-Site Hazardous Waste Treatment and Storage	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Outdoor Storage		A ²⁴	A ²⁴	P ²⁴				
Storage in an Enclosed Building	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A ²⁸

1. RMC 23.42.280
2. RMC 23.42.270
3. RMC 23.42.320
4. RMC 23.42.330
5. RMC 23.42.040
6. RMC 23.42.170
7. RMC 23.42.053
8. RMC 23.42.047

9. RMC 23.42.055
10. RMC 23.42.050
11. RMC 23.42.200
12. RMC 23.42.250
13. RMC 23.42.260
14. RMC 23.42.100
15. RMC 23.42.230
16. RMC 23.42.220
17. RMC 23.42.190
18. Use permitted on upper stories of multistory buildings, if main floor is used for commercial or office uses.
19. RMC 23.42.080
20. RMC 23.42.110
21. RMC 23.42.030
22. Use permitted, requires special use permit with drive-through window.
23. Chapter 23.62 RMC
24. RMC 23.42.180
25. RMC 23.18.025
26. See definition, RMC 23.06.780.
27. RMC 23.42.185
28. Activities permitted only when directly related to and/or conducted in support of winery operations.
29. Within the central business district (CBD), existing commercial laundry/dry cleaning uses, established and operating at the time the CBD district was established, are allowed as a permitted use. All use of the land and/or buildings necessary and incidental to that of the commercial laundry/dry cleaning use, and existing at the effective date of the CBD district, may be continued. Commercial laundry/dry cleaning uses not established and operating at the time the CBD district was established are prohibited.
30. RMC 23.42.325
31. [Mini-Warehouse uses are prohibited in the Horn Rapids Employment Center.](#)

Section 2. Subsection 23.22.040 of the Richland Municipal Code, entitled Site requirements and development standards for commercial use districts, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 28-05, and last amended by Ordinance No. 15-21, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23.22.040 Site requirements and development standards for commercial use districts.

In the following chart, development standards are listed on the vertical axis. Zoning districts are listed on the horizontal axis. The number appearing in the box at the intersection of the column and row represents the dimensional standard that applies to that zoning district.

Standard	C-LB	C-1	C-2	C-3	CBD	WF	CR	CW
Minimum Lot Area	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Maximum Density – Multifamily Dwellings (units:square feet)	1:1,500	N/A	N/A	N/A	None	1:1,000	N/A	N/A
Minimum Lot Width – One-Family Attached Dwellings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30 feet	N/A	N/A
Minimum Front Yard Setback ¹⁴	20 feet	45 feet ¹	0 feet ²	0 feet ²	CBD, Parkway, Uptown Districts: 0	Note 4,5	Note 4	20 feet

Standard	C-LB	C-1	C-2	C-3	CBD	WF	CR	CW
					feet min. – 20 feet max. ^{3,11,13} Medical District: 0 feet min.			
Minimum Side Yard Setback	0 feet ⁶	0 feet ⁷	None	None	0 feet ^{6,8}	0 feet ^{5,9}	0 feet	0 feet ^{6,8}
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	0 feet ^{6,8}	0 feet ⁷	None	None	0 feet ^{6,8}	0 feet ^{5,8,10}	0 feet	0 feet ^{6,8}
Maximum Building Height ¹⁴	55 feet	30 feet	80 feet	80 feet	CBD: 110 feet Medical: 140 feet Parkway: 50 feet Uptown: 50 feet	35/55 feet ¹²	35/55 feet ¹²	35 feet
Minimum Dwelling Unit Size (in square feet, excluding porches, decks, balconies and basements)	500 feet	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	500 feet	N/A	N/A

1. Each lot shall have a front yard 45 feet deep or equal to the front yards of existing buildings in the same C-1 district and within the same block.
2. No setback required if street right-of-way is at least 80 feet in width. Otherwise, a minimum setback of 40 feet from street centerline is required.
3. Unless a greater setback is required by Chapter 12.11 RMC, Intersection Sight Distance.
4. Front and Side Street. No building shall be closer than 40 feet to the centerline of a public right-of-way. The setback area shall incorporate pedestrian amenities such as increased sidewalk width, street furniture, landscaped area, public art features, or similar features.
5. In the case of attached one-family dwelling units, setback requirements shall be as established for attached dwelling units in the medium-density residential small lot (R-2S) zoning district. Refer to RMC 23.18.040.
6. In any commercial limited business (C-LB), central business (CBD) or in any commercial winery (CW) zoning district that directly abuts a single-family zoning district, the following buffer, setback and building height regulations shall apply to all structures:
 - a. Within the commercial limited business (C-LB), the central business district (CBD) and the commercial winery (CW) districts, buildings shall maintain at least a 35-foot setback from any property that is zoned for single-family residential use. Single-family residential zones include R-1-12 – single-family residential 12,000, R-1-10 – single-family residential 10,000, R-2 – medium-density residential, R-2S – medium-density residential small lot, or any residential planned unit development that is comprised of single-family detached dwellings.
 - b. Buildings that are within 50 feet of any property that is zoned for single-family residential use in commercial limited business (C-LB) and the commercial winery (CW) districts and buildings that are within 50 feet of any property that is zoned for and currently developed with a single-family residential use in the central business district (CBD) (as defined in footnote (6)(a)) shall not exceed 30 feet in height.

Beyond the area 50 feet from any property that is zoned for single-family residential use, building height may be increased at the rate of one foot in building height for each additional one foot of setback from property that is zoned for single-family residential use to the maximum building height allowed in the C-LB, CW and CBD zoning districts, respectively.

c. A six-foot-high fence that provides a visual screen shall be constructed adjacent to any property line that adjoins property that is zoned for single-family residential use, or currently zoned for and developed with a single-family residential use in the CBD district. Additionally, a 10-foot landscape strip shall be provided adjacent to the fence. This landscape strip may be used to satisfy the landscaping requirements established for the landscaping of parking facilities as identified in RMC 23.54.140.

d. In the C-LB and CW districts, a 20-foot setback shall be provided for any side yard that adjoins a street.

7. Side yard and rear yard setbacks are not required except for lots adjoining a residential development, residential district, or a street. Lots adjoining either a residential development or residential district shall maintain a minimum 15-foot setback. Lots adjoining a street shall maintain a minimum 20-foot setback. Required side or rear yards shall be landscaped or covered with a hard surface, or a combination of both. No accessory buildings or structures shall be located in such yards unless otherwise permitted by this title.

8. No minimum required, except parking shall be set back a minimum of five feet to accommodate required landscape screening as required under RMC 23.54.140.

9. Side Yard. No minimum, except parking shall be set back a minimum of five feet, and buildings used exclusively for residences shall maintain at least one foot of side yard for each three feet or portion thereof of building height. Side yards adjoining a residential district shall maintain setbacks equivalent to the adjacent residential district.

10. No minimum, except parking shall be set back a minimum of five feet. Rear yards adjoining a residential district shall maintain setbacks equivalent to the adjacent residential district.

11. Commercial developments such as community shopping centers or retail centers over 40,000 square feet in size and typically focused around a major tenant, such as a supermarket grocery, department store or discount store, and supported with smaller “ancillary” retail shops and services located in multiple building configurations, are permitted front and street side maximum setback flexibility for the largest building. Maximum setback standards on any other new buildings may be adjusted by the planning commission as part of the alternative design review as set forth in the performance standards and special requirements of RMC 23.22.020(E)(9).

12. All buildings that are located in both the waterfront (WF) district and that fall within the jurisdictional limits of the Shoreline Management Act shall comply with the height limitations established in the Richland shoreline master program (RMC Title 26). Buildings in the WF district that are not subject to the Richland shoreline master program shall not exceed a height of 35 feet, unless the planning commission authorizes an increase in building height to a maximum height of 55 feet, based upon a review of the structure and a finding that the proposed building is aesthetically pleasing in relation to buildings and other features in the vicinity and that the building is located a sufficient distance from the Columbia River to avoid creating a visual barrier.

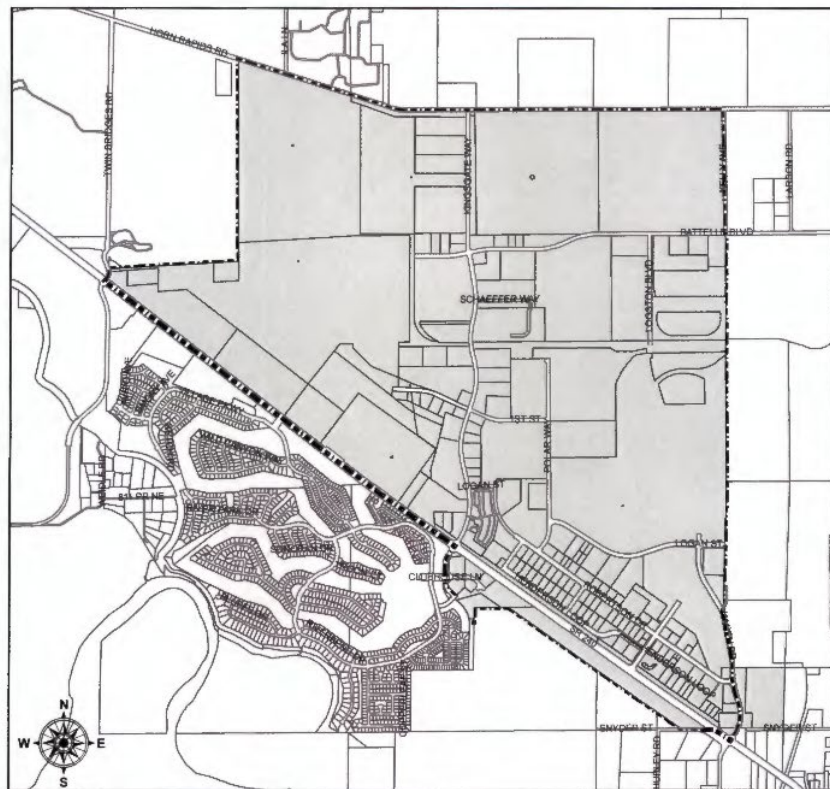
13. Physical additions to existing nonconforming structures are not subject to the maximum front yard setback requirements.

14. The medical, uptown and parkway districts of the CBD zoning district are established as shown by Plates 23.22.040(1), (2) and (3).

[15. The Horn Rapids Employment Center is established as shown by Plate 23.22.040\(4\).](#)

PLATE NO. 4 - 23.22.040

PLATE 4



HORN RAPIDS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

Section 3. Subsection 23.26.030 of the Richland Municipal Code, entitled Industrial use districts permitted land uses, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 28-05, and last amended by Ordinance No. 2022-19, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23.26.030 Industrial use districts permitted land uses.

In the following chart, land use classifications are listed on the vertical axis. Zoning districts are listed on the horizontal axis.

A. If the symbol “P” appears in the box at the intersection of the column and row, the use is permitted, subject to the general requirements and performance standards required in that zoning district.

B. If the symbol “S” appears in the box at the intersection of the column and row, the use is permitted subject to the special use permit provisions contained in Chapter 23.46 RMC.

C. If the symbol “A” appears in the box at the intersection of the column and the row, the use is permitted as an accessory use, subject to the general requirements and performance standards required in the zoning district.

D. If a number appears in the box at the intersection of the column and the row, the use is subject to the general conditions and special provisions indicated in the corresponding note.

E. If no symbol appears in the box at the intersection of the column and the row, the use is prohibited in that zoning district.

Land Use	I-M	M-2
Automotive, Marine and Heavy Equipment Uses		
Automotive Repair – Major	P	P
Automotive Repair – Minor	P	
Automotive Repair – Specialty Shop	P	
Automobile Service Station	P	
Automobile Wrecking		S ¹
Boat Building	P	P
Bottling Plants	P	P
Car Wash – Automatic or Self-Service	P ²	A
Equipment Rentals	P	
Farm Equipment and Supplies Sales	P	S
Gas/Fuel Station	P	S
Heavy Equipment Sales and Repair	P	P
Marine Repair	P	P
Towing, Vehicle Impound Lots	P ³	
Truck Rentals	P	

Land Use	I-M	M-2
Truck Stop – Diesel Fuel Sales	P	P
Truck Terminal	P	P
Vehicle Sales	P	
Warehousing, Wholesale Use	P	P
Business and Personal Services		
Animal Shelter	S ⁴	
Contractors' Offices and Shops	P	
General Service Businesses	P	P
Health/Fitness Facility	P	A
Health/Fitness Center	P	
Laundry/Dry Cleaning, Commercial	P	
Laundry/Dry Cleaning, Retail	P	
Mini-Warehouse	P ^{5, 15}	
Mailing Service	P	
Personal Loan Business	P	
Personal Services Businesses	P	
Photo Processing, Copying and Printing Services	P	
Telemarketing Services	P	
Food Service		
Cafeterias	A	A
Delicatessen	A	A
Drinking Establishments	P	P
Restaurants/Sit Down	P	
Restaurants/Drive-Through	P ⁶	A ⁶
Restaurants/Lounge	P	
Restaurants/Take Out	P	
Restaurants with Entertainment/Dancing Facilities	P	
Wineries	P	
Industrial/Manufacturing Uses		
Airport, Industrial	P	

Land Use	I-M	M-2
Excavating, Processing, Removal of Topsoil, Sand, Gravel, Rock or Similar Natural Deposits	S ⁷	S ⁷
Junkyard		S
Laundry and Cleaning Plants	P	P
General Manufacturing Uses	P	P
Heavy Manufacturing Uses		P
Light Manufacturing Uses	P	P
Research, Development and Testing Facilities	P	P
Warehousing, Storage and Distribution	P	P
Wholesale Facilities and Operations	P	P
Office Uses		
Financial Institutions	P	
Medical, Dental and Other Clinics	P	
Office – Consulting Services	P	
Office – Corporate	P	
Office – General	P	
Office – Research and Development	P	P
Public/Quasi-Public Uses		
General Park Operations and Maintenance Activities	P	P
Passive Open Space Use	P	P
Power Transmission and Irrigation Wasteway Easements and Utility Uses	P ⁸	P ⁸
Public Agency Buildings	P ⁸	P ⁸
Public Agency Facilities	P ⁸	P ⁸
Public Parks	P	
Special Events Including Concerts, Tournaments and Competitions, Fairs, Festivals and Similar Public Gatherings	P	P
Trail Head Facilities	P	P
Trails for Equestrian, Pedestrian, or Nonmotorized Vehicle Use	P	P
Recreational Uses		
Commercial Recreation, Outdoor	S ⁹	
Residential Uses		

Land Use	I-M	M-2
Accessory Dwelling Unit	A	
Day Care Center	S ¹⁰	
Dwelling Units for a Resident Watchman or Custodian	A	A
Emergency Housing	S	S
Emergency Shelters	S	S
Hotels or Motels	S	S
Permanent Supportive Housing	S	S
Temporary Residence	p ¹¹	p ¹¹
Transitional Housing	S	S
Retail Uses		
Adult Use Establishments	p ¹²	
Airport, Commercial	P	
Parking Lot or Structure	P	P
Miscellaneous Uses		
Bus Station	P	
Bus Terminal	P	
Bus Transfer Station	P	P
Community Festivals and Street Fairs	P	P
Farming of Land	P	P
Macro-Antennas	P	P
Monopole	p ¹³	p ¹³
On-Site Hazardous Waste Treatment and Storage	P	P
Outdoor Storage	p ¹⁴	p ¹⁴
Storage in an Enclosed Building	P	P

1. RMC 23.42.290
2. RMC 23.42.270
3. RMC 23.42.320
4. RMC 23.42.040
5. RMC 23.42.170
6. RMC 23.42.047
7. RMC 23.42.070
8. RMC 23.42.200
9. RMC 23.42.175
10. RMC 23.42.080

11. RMC 23.42.110
12. RMC 23.42.030
13. Chapter 23.62 RMC
14. RMC 23.42.180
15. [Mini-Warehouse uses are prohibited in the Horn Rapids Employment Center.](#)

Section 4. Subsection 23.26.040 of the Richland Municipal Code, entitled Site requirements for industrial use districts, as first enacted by Ordinance No. 28-05, and last amended by Ordinance No. 32-11, is hereby amended to read as follows:

23.26.040 Site requirements for industrial use districts.

In the following chart, development standards are listed on the vertical axis. Zoning districts are listed on the horizontal axis. The number appearing in the box at the intersection of the column and row represents the dimensional standard that applies to that zoning district.

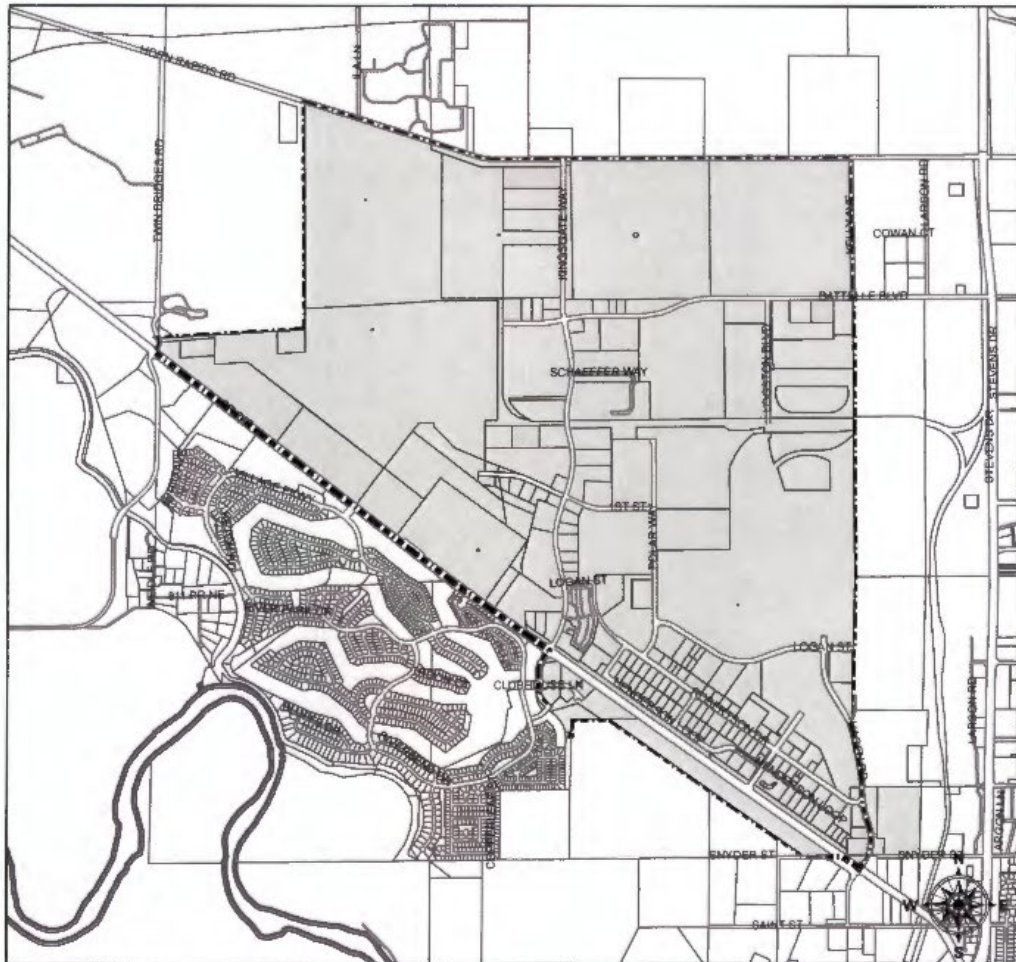
Standard	I-M	M-2
Minimum Lot Area	None	None
Minimum Front Yard Setback	0 feet ¹	0 feet ¹
Minimum Side Yard Setback	None	None
Minimum Rear Yard Setback	None	None
Maximum Building Height – Main Building	55 feet ²	None

1. No setback required if street right-of-way is at least 80 feet in width. Otherwise, a minimum setback of 40 feet from street centerline is required.
2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the maximum building height in the I-M district shall be 55 feet:
 - a. Any building or structure located within 300 feet of any residential use district shall be limited to 24 feet in height.
 - b. Any building further than 300 feet but less than 600 feet from districts described in note (2)(a) of this section shall not exceed 55 feet in height.
 - c. Except as provided in notes (2)(a) and (b) of this section, buildings may exceed the maximum height in accordance with the provisions of RMC 23.38.090.

3. [The Horn Rapids Employment Center is established as shown by Plate 23.26.040\(1\).](#)

PLATE NO. 1 - 23.26.040

PLATE 1



HORN RAPIDS EMPLOYMENT CENTER

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publication in the official newspaper of the City of Richland.

Section 6. Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 7. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's errors/clerical errors, section numbering, references, or similar mistakes of form.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Richland, Washington, at a regular meeting on the ____ day of _____, 2024.

Theresa Richardson, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to Form:

Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Heather Kintzley, City Attorney

First Reading: _____

Second Reading: _____

Date Published: _____

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 [Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions \(Part D\)](#). 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:

Zoning Text Amendment to prohibit mini-warehouse uses in the Horn Rapids Employment Center.

2. Name of applicant:

City of Richland - Economic Development Division

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

Darin Arrasmith, Economic Development Division
625 Swift Blvd., MS-19 Richland, WA 99352

4. Date checklist prepared:

May 15, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Richland, Development Services Department

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Summer 2024

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. None. This is a stand-alone amendment.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. No additional environmental information is being prepared for this proposal.

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 other governmental approvals are required.

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

City Council approval of zoning text amendment.

- 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.)**

Zoning text amendment to prohibit mini-warehouses in the Horn Rapids Employment Center.

- 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 Horn Rapids Employment Center includes: Horn Rapids Industrial Park, Horn Rapids Business Center, Horn Rapids Commercial Plaza, Horn Rapids Retail Plaza, and the City-owned property fronting along the south side of Highway SR 240.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth [Find help answering earth questions](#)

a. General description of the site:

Industrial park and commercial centers.

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

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?** Not applicable. Proposed amendment would apply to all of the Horn Rapids industrial and business center areas.
- 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.** Various silty sandy loams.
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.** N/A. Proposal would apply to the entire Horn Rapids industrial park and business center areas.
- 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.** Not applicable.
- f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.** Not applicable.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?** Not applicable.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.** Not applicable.

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. Not applicable.
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. Not applicable.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any. Not applicable.

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. *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
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 a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. Not applicable.
5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. Not applicable.
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. Not applicable.

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. *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
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.

Not applicable.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

1. **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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
2. **Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.** Not applicable.
3. **Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.** Not applicable.
4. **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.** Not applicable.

4. Plants [Find help answering plants questions](#)

- a. **Check the types of vegetation found on the site:** Not applicable. Applies to Horn Rapids industrial and commercial properties.
- ☐ 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
 - ☐ other types of vegetation
- b. **What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- c. **List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- d. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- e. **List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**
Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.

5. 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

Examples include:

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

- b. **List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- c. **Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.** The Horn Rapids Employment Center is located within the City of Richland, which is within the Pacific Fly Way.
- d. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

- e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- b. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

- 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- c. **Describe special emergency services that might be required.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.** *Not applicable.*

This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.

b. Noise

1. **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
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)?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
3. **Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
 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?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- c. **Describe any structures on the site.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- d. **Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- e. **What is the current zoning classification of the site?** C-LB, C-1, C-3, I-M, M-2.
- f. **What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?** Industrial, Commercial

- 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- i. **Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- j. **Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- k. **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- l. **Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- m. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

9. Housing [Find help answering housing questions](#)

- a. **Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- b. **Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- b. **What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- b. **Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- c. **What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

12. Recreation [Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. **What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- b. **Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- c. **Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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 applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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).** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- d. **Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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?** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

- 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- g. **Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- b. **Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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:** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*
- 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.** *Not applicable. This is a non-project related code amendment. All future site-specific development projects will be subject to SEPA analysis, if required.*

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 Official

Type name of signee: Darin Arrasmith

Position and agency/organization: Economic Development Planner, City of Richland – Economic Development Division.

Date submitted: May 15, 2024

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?

It is not anticipated that development authorized by the proposed code amendment would result in any increase of discharge to water, emissions to air, productions, storage, the release of toxic or hazardous substances or production of noise.

- **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 text amendment will not result in any detrimental impacts to plants or animals.

- **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 text amendment will not result in additional 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 text amendment will not change a development proposal's requirement to comply with all local, state, and federal environmental regulations.

- **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?

Amendment not located within shorelines. Mini-warehouses would be prohibited in the Horn Rapids Employment Center.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:** The proposed text amendment will not change a development proposal's requirement to comply with all local, state, and federal environmental regulations.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities? The proposed text amendment is not likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities.

- **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. There is not a conflict as this will be consistent with Chapters 25.21 and 35A.21 RCW.