



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Mount Vernon is considering code amendments to the below-described chapters of the Mount Vernon Municipal Code (MVMC):

**1. 15.06 (Environmental Policies)**

Changing the phrase “environmentally sensitive areas” to the phrase “critical areas” regarding categorical exemptions under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) in MVMC 15.06.095. Staff Contact: Rebecca Lowell. City File Number: **CA23-0200**

**2. 17.99 (Fences and Walls)**

Updating and amending the portions of Chapter 17.99 to regulate how and when barbed wire fences can be constructed. Staff Contact: Claire Kamak. City File Number: **CA23-0201**

**3. 17.210 (Temporary Homeless Encampments)**

Adding a hardship exemption to the portion of Chapter 17.210 regulating safe parking accommodations. Staff Contact: Rebecca Lowell. City File Number: **CA23-0202**

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Applies Citywide.

**PROJECT APPLICANT:** City of Mount Vernon; Development Services Department

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** A public hearing to consider the above-described proposed changes to the MVMC will be held by the Mount Vernon Planning Commission on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023**, starting at 6 pm; and anticipated before the City Council on **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2023** starting at 7 pm. The public hearings will be held at the Police and Court Campus located at 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon.

Any person may comment on the application, receive notice, participate in hearing(s) if there are any, and request a copy of the decision or recommendation once it is made. Final decisions on the code amendments described in this Notice can be appealed. To receive additional information regarding this project – including how, when, and the time limitations should you wish to submit an appeal - contact the Development Services Department and ask to become a party of record.

The application and supporting documentation are available for review upon request. Copies will be provided upon request at the cost of reproduction. Below are instructions regarding how you can submit comments on the proposed code amendments. Verbal or written comments can also be made at the public hearings. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH EMAIL.**

Comments provided before the public hearings are required to comply with the following:

- All comments must include: (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the name of the proposal you are commenting on.
- If you wish to submit comments electronically you must upload your comments into the city’s online permit portal because comments are NOT accepted via email. To upload comments into the City’s permit portal navigate to: <https://ci-mountvernon-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home>, once on this page you must create a user account by clicking “Sign Up” located at the upper right corner of the webpage. Once you have created and verified your user account log into the system and click on “Go” in the My Portal box, and then on the next page that appears click on “Apply” in the Apply Online box. On the new page that appears under Step 1 select “Public Comments” and on Step 2 select “Public Comments for Land Use Permits”

- Comments submitted on paper are required to be mailed or delivered to the Development Services Department at the address listed in this notice.

Comments not meeting the requirements of this section are considered as not being received by the city.

**DOCUMENT COPIES:** The technical reports, plans, and other materials (as applicable) are available for public viewing by following the directions below:

1. Navigate to: <https://ci-mountvernon-wa.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home>
2. Click on the blue "GO" link under the heading "Public Notices"
3. Accept the disclaimer.
4. Type the project number (this number is identified above in this notice) into the search bar at the top of the screen
5. Click on the project number below the search bar

The project materials are also available by emailing the City at [PermitTech@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:PermitTech@mountvernonwa.gov) or calling (360) 336-6214 and requesting copies of these documents.

**CITY CONTACT:**

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