



**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
& NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FILE NOs: CA18-002**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The City of Mount Vernon is considering code amendments to the single-family and multi-family portions of Mount Vernon Municipal Code (MVMC) Chapter 17.70 amending the City's Design Standards. New design standard regulations are also proposed for the historic downtown and surrounding areas. Additional amendments to the following sections of the MVMC are also proposed to ensure consistency with the Design Standards amendments: MVMC 14.05 (Process), 17.15 (SF Residential), 17.18 (Duplexes), 17.24 and 17.27 (R-3 & R-4 MF Residential), 17.87 (Signs), and 17.99 (Fences). A new chapter to be named MVMC 2.61 Design Review Board is also proposed in conjunction with application fees for Design Review.

LOCATION: this is a non-project action that would apply city-wide.

APPLICANT & LEAD AGENCY: City of Mount Vernon, Development Services Department

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposed amendments will not have a probable 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 upon request.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Public hearings to consider the above-described proposed changes to the referenced MVMC sections are scheduled before the Mount Vernon Planning Commission at 6 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**; and before the City Council at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018**. Both hearings will be held at the Police and Court Campus, 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon.

Environmental Determination Comment Process: Comments on the environmental determination must be received in writing on or before **November 19, 2018** (14 days from the date of issuance). Comments received within the 14 days will be reviewed and considered by the Development Services Department. Those persons wishing to submit comments will receive a response from the Responsible Official prior to the end of the SEPA appeal period.

Environmental Determination Appeal Process: Appeals of the environmental determination must be filed in writing on or before 5 PM **December 3, 2018** (10 days following the 14 day comment period).

Appeals must be filed in writing together with the required \$100.00 application fee with: Hearing Examiner, City of Mount Vernon, P.O. Box 809, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Appeals to the Examiner are governed by City of Mount Vernon Municipal Code Section 15.06.215. Additional information regarding the appeal process may be obtained from the City of Mount Vernon Development Services Department, (306) 336-6214.

CONTACT PERSON:

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The application and supporting documentation are available for review at the Development Services Department located at City Hall. Copies will be provided upon request at the cost of reproduction. If you wish to comment on the proposed amendments, you may provide verbal or written comment at the public hearings. You may also provide signed, written comments until 5 p.m. on the day before the hearing to the contact person listed above.

SEPA RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Rebecca Lowell, Senior Planner

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SENT TO: SEPA REGISTER, DOE, COE, COMMERCE, CNG, WDFW, DNR, DIKE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS (as applicable), DOT, FRONTIER, FRONTIER NW, DAHP, NW CLEAN AIR AGENCY, PORT OF SKAGIT COUNTY, PSE, SAMISH TRIBE, SCOG, SKAGIT COUNTY PDS, PUD #1, SKAGIT RIVER SYSTEM COOPERATIVE, SKAGIT RIVER SYSTEMS, SVC, SKAT, SWINOMISH TRIBE, AND UPPER SKAGIT TRIBE

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