

## 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 [\[help\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:	City of Port Townsend Critical Areas Periodic Review
2. Name of applicant:	City of Port Townsend
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:	Adrian Smith, Long Range Planner <a href="mailto:asmith@cityofpt.us">asmith@cityofpt.us</a> Planning & Community Development Department 250 Madison Street, Suite 3 Port Townsend, WA 98368. Phone: 360-379-4423
4. Date checklist prepared:	January 3, 2025
5. Agency requesting checklist:	City of Port Townsend
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):	The code changes are intended to take effect immediately upon their adoption by the City Council, subject to state and local requirements.
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.	Yes, the CAO will be periodically updated in future consistent with the GMA. The City is currently working on additional policy and development regulations amendments as part of its periodic comprehensive plan and shoreline master program updates.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.	This is a non-project regulatory document. Project/site specific information has not been developed as part of 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.	There are no applications pending with direct relationship to this regulatory text amendment proposal. However, future development proposals submitted after adoption of the proposed revisions will be subject to the updated critical areas ordinance.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.	The City Council has final decision-making authority for this proposal. Washington State Department of Ecology will determine if the revised CAO is incorporated into the Shoreline Master Program making it applicable in shorelines jurisdiction.

11. 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.)

This is a non-project action to conduct a periodic review and update of the City's Critical Areas Ordinance in accordance with best available science, updated state guidance, and changes in state law. In addition, staff has recommended amendments to improve clarity and facilitate implementation. The intent of the CAO is to protect critical areas (i.e., aquifer recharge areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas and critical drainage corridors, geologically hazardous areas, and wetlands) and their functions and values; guide development proposals to the most environmentally suitable and stable portion of a development site; and prevent cumulative adverse environmental impacts to critical areas.

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

If adopted, critical areas regulations will apply to all future development activities within designated critical areas throughout the City of Port Townsend.

## B. Environmental Elements [\[help\]](#)

### 1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

Circle one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_  
The City of Port Townsend's topography is varied, ranging from steep waterfront palisades to flat and hilly uplands.

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

Slope steepness in Port Townsend varies, from the near-vertical shoreline palisades to nearly flat beach areas and uplands.

<p>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.</p>	<p>Soil types in Port Townsend are varied, ranging from sandy types along the shore, to rocky types in the shoreline bluffs and palisades, to gravelly types in the uplands.</p>
<p>d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.</p>	<p>Soils in the community's marine shorelands areas may be subject to liquefaction or slide. Soils elsewhere in the city are stable.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and will have no direct impact on grading, dredging, or filling.</p>
<p>f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and will have no direct impact on impact from clearing, construction, or use.</p>
<p>g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and will have no direct impact on the extent of impervious surfaces.</p>
<p>h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and will have no direct impact earth-related impacts. No mitigation measures are proposed.</p>

**2. Air [\[help\]](#)**

<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no construction, operation, or maintenance activity.</p>
<p>b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and does not propose specific projects on sites subject to emissions or odor.</p>
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and does not propose any measures to reduce or control emissions or impact to air.</p>

**3. Water [\[help\]](#)**

<p>a. Surface Water <a href="#">[help]</a></p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>The City of Port Townsend lies on a peninsula jutting into Puget Sound, with several smaller freshwater lakes and ponds inside city limits.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no work over, in, or adjacent to surface waters.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no fill or dredge activity.</p>
<p>4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no surface water withdrawals or diversions.</p>
<p>5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.</p>	<p>Portions of Port Townsend lie within a 100-year floodplain. Any subsequent development proposals must comply with the City’s flood damage protection ordinance (Chapter 16.08 and 19.05 Critical Areas Ordinance).</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no discharge of waste materials to surface waters.</p>

a. Ground Water <a href="#">[help]</a>	
1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.	This is a non-project action and proposes no ground water withdrawal.
2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.	This is a non-project action and proposes no waste material discharge into ground water.
b. 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.	This is a non-project action and proposes no activity which will impact water runoff. Any development will be subject to individual environmental review and permitting.
2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.	This is a non-project action and proposes no activity which may cause waste materials to enter ground or surface waters.
3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.	This is a non-project action and will not have any impact on established drainage patterns within Port Townsend.
d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:	This is a non-project action with no impact to runoff, surface, or ground water. No measures are proposed.

**4. Plants [help]**

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	shrubs
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	grass
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	pasture
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	crop or grain
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
	<input type="checkbox"/>	other types of vegetation
b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?:	This is a non-project action and will result in no removal or alteration of vegetation.	
c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.	This is a non-project regulatory document. Project/site specific information has not been developed as part of this proposal. A variety of threatened and endangered plant species both terrestrial and marine may be found within the city limits including but not limited to: bull kelp, eelgrass, and prairie plants such as camas and Harvest brodiaea. Critical areas regulations are designed to protect threatened and endangered species.	
d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:	This is a non-project action and proposes no landscaping or measures to preserve or enhance vegetation.	
e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.	Noxious weeds and invasive species known to be in Port Townsend include but are not limited to: poison hemlock, Himalayan blackberry, reed canary grass.	

**5. Animals** [\[help\]](#)

<p>a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.</p>	<p>Birds: <b>hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds</b>, other:  Mammals: <b>deer, bear, elk, beaver</b>, other:  Fish: <b>bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish</b>, other _____:</p>
<p>b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.</p>	<p>This is a non-project regulatory document. Project/site specific information has not been developed as part of this proposal. A variety of threatened and endangered species both terrestrial and marine may be found within the city limits including but not limited to: Puget Sound Chinook, Hood Canal Summer-run Chum, Bocaccio and yellow eye rockfish, Southern Resident killer whales, surf smelt and pacific sand lance. Critical areas regulations are designed to protect threatened and endangered species.</p>
<p>c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.</p>	<p>Since Washington is within the Pacific Flyway route, migration routes exist in Port Townsend. However, this is a non-project action and will not impact any migration routes.</p>
<p>d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:</p>	<p>This is a non-action proposal with no impact on wildlife. No measures are proposed.</p>
<p>e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.</p>	<p>Invasive species known to be in Port Townsend include but are not limited to: European starling, English sparrow.</p>

**6. Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project proposal and will not have any effect on energy demand.</p>
<p>b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.</p>	<p>This is a non-project proposal with no direct effect on access to solar energy.</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>This is a non-project proposal and does not incorporate energy conservation features.</p>



**7. Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

<p>a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.</p>	<p>This is a non-project proposal and will result in no additional exposure to environmental health hazards.</p>
<p>1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no groundwater withdrawal or discharge of water into the ground.</p>
<p>2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.</p>	<p>This is a non-project proposal and will not result in the construction of a project subject to hazardous chemicals or conditions. Future development will be subject to individual environmental review and permitting.</p>
<p>3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no development or construction which may store toxic or hazardous chemicals.</p>
<p>4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action with no impact on emergency services.</p>
<p>5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:</p>	<p>This is a non-project action with no impact on environmental health, so no measures to reduce or control health hazards are proposed.</p>
<p>b. Noise</p>	
<p>1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?</p>	<p>Port Townsend is a waterfront community with a variety of marine, industrial, and transportation facilities generating varied levels and types of noise.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project proposal and will result in no noise impacts. Site specific evaluations will be assessed for future development proposals.</p>

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

There are no proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts with non-project action.

**8. Land and Shoreline Use** [\[help\]](#)

<p>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.</p>	<p>Port Townsend has a variety of land uses within its city limits, ranging from low-intensity residential areas and open spaces to an intense working marine waterfront.</p>
<p>b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or non-forest use?</p>	<p>Portions of Port Townsend have been used as working farmlands or forest lands, but virtually all land within the city is now either dedicated to or planned for urban use.</p>
<p>1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversized equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:</p>	<p>This is a non-project proposal and will have no impact on farm or forest uses.</p>
<p>c. Describe any structures on the site.</p>	<p>Port Townsend has a variety of structure types and land use intensities within its city limits, including residential, institutional, commercial, industrial, and recreational.</p>
<p>d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no demolition to existing structures.</p>
<p>e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?</p>	<p>Port Townsend has a variety of land uses within its city limits, ranging from low-intensity residential areas and open spaces to an intense working marine waterfront.</p>
<p>f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?</p>	<p>Port Townsend plans for a variety of land uses within its city limits, ranging from low-intensity residential areas and open spaces to an intense working marine waterfront.</p>
<p>g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?</p>	<p>Port Townsend has an extensive and varied shoreline environment, both marine and freshwater.</p>

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.	Port Townsend has multiple critical areas and a critical areas ordinance to regulate development in or near them. This is a non-project action and will have no impact on the community's critical areas.
i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?	This is a non-project action and will have no direct impact on population growth.
j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?	This is a non-project proposal and will have no displacement impacts.
k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:	This is a non-project proposal and will have no displacement impacts.
l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:	This is a non-project proposal and will have no direct impact on land use compatibility.
m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:	This is a non-project proposal and will have no impact to agricultural or farm lands, so no measures are proposed.

## 9. Housing [\[help\]](#)

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.	This is a non-project action and proposes no housing construction.
b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.	This is a non-project action and proposes no elimination of housing units.
c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:	This non-project action .

## 10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?	This is a non-project action and does not include proposals for building construction.
b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?	This is a non-project action and will have negligible impact on the alteration or obstruction of views.

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

This is a non-project action.

**11. Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

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

No light or glare will result from this non-project proposal.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No light or glare will result from this non-project proposal.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

This is a non-project action. Subsequent development may be affected by off-site sources of light or glare and will be subject to appropriate permitting and environmental review.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action and proposes no measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts.

**12. Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

<p>a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?</p>	<p>Port Townsend has a network of designated and informal recreational opportunities throughout the city and its surroundings, including Fort Worden State Park, a marine shoreline, walking trails, and multiple city parks.</p>
<p>b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and will not displace any existing recreational uses.</p>
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:</p>	<p>This non-project action proposes no measures to reduce or control recreation impacts.</p>

**13. Historic and cultural preservation** [\[help\]](#)

<p>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.</p>	<p>Port Townsend has a rich inventory of historic buildings and districts, many of which are listed and recognized as such. Both the downtown and “uptown” have scores of listed buildings, and the community projects an image of a “Victorian port city.”</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This part of the Olympic Peninsula has had centuries of human occupation. Port Townsend has historic cemeteries and there is the potential of discovering historic/archaeological resources during development activities. However, this is a non-project regulatory document. Project/site specific information has not been developed as part of this proposal.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no construction which could potentially impact cultural and historic sites. Any subsequent development proposals will be subject to appropriate permit review.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and proposes no measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to historic or cultural resources.</p>

**14. Transportation** [\[help\]](#)

<p>1. 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.</p>	<p>Not applicable. This is a non-project regulatory document that encompasses significant portions of the City of PT, which includes an extensive street system.</p>
<p>2. 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?</p>	<p>Not applicable. This is a non-project regulatory document that encompasses significant portions of the City of PT, which includes an extensive transit system by Jefferson Transit.</p>
<p>3. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?</p>	<p>Not applicable. This is a non-project action and proposes no actual development.</p>
<p>4. 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).</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and will require no improvements to the existing transportation system.</p>
<p>5. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.</p>	<p>This is a non-project regulatory document. Project/site specific information has not been developed as part of this proposal.</p>
<p>6. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?</p>	<p>This is a non-project proposal and will not directly result in the generation of vehicular trips. However, increased housing construction may increase opportunity for more intensely populated spaces. Subsequent development proposals will be subject to appropriate permit review.</p>
<p>7. 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.</p>	<p>This is a non-project action and will have no impact on the movement of agricultural and forest products.</p>
<p>8. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:</p>	<p>This non-project action proposes no measures to reduce or control transportation impacts.</p>

**16. Utilities** [\[help\]](#)

a. Check utilities currently available at the site:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electricity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural gas
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Refuse service
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Telephone
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sanitary sewer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Septic system
	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.	This is a non-project action and will propose no changes to the community's utilities environment.	

**C. Signature** [\[HELP\]](#)

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

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

Name of signee: Emma Bolin, AICP

Position and Agency/Organization: Community Development Director, City of Port Townsend

Date Submitted: \_January 14, 2025

**D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project actions)

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

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

<p>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?</p>	<p>These code amendments will have no effect on discharge to water, emissions to the air, production of noise, or the production, storage or release of toxic or hazardous substances.</p>
<p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:</p>	<p>No measures are necessary.</p>
<p>2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?</p>	<p>Critical areas regulations are intended to protect sensitive plants, animals, fish, and marine life. Proposed revisions to wetlands regulations are designed to comply with current state guidance.</p>
<p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:</p>	<p>No measures are necessary.</p>
<p>3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?</p>	<p>Revisions to the critical areas ordinance would not be likely to deplete energy or natural resources. The proposal would improve current conservation and protection practices.</p>
<p>Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:</p>	<p>No measures are necessary.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The proposed regulatory document improves upon existing levels of protections for environmentally-sensitive areas such as wetlands and other critical areas within the City of PT.</p>



<p>Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:</p>	<p>No measures are necessary.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>The proposed regulatory document works in conjunction with other Port Townsend regulations pertaining to land and shoreline use.</p>
<p>Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:</p>	<p>No measures are necessary.</p>
<p>6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?</p>	<p>Proposed regulatory changes to protect critical areas would not increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities. Areas conserved would likely reduce demand.</p>
<p>Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:</p>	<p>No measures are necessary.</p>
<p>7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.</p>	<p>These code amendments are designed and developed specifically to fulfill provisions of the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A) and local comprehensive plan policy.</p>