

**CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (SEPA)
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Date of Issuance: October 15, 2025

Lead Agency: City of Port Townsend
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Agency File Number: LUP25-046

Proposal Description: Port Townsend 2025 GMA Periodic Update, consisting of the Comprehensive Plan, Development Regulations, and Active Transportation Plan – The proposed action is the completion of the 2025 GMA Periodic Update, which consists of adopting amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, implementing Development Regulations, and adopting an Active Transportation Plan, necessary to comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA) periodic update requirement (RCW36.70A.130). On Monday, February 18, 2025, City Council adopted Resolution No. 25-005, setting a docket of allowed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The docket includes revisions responsive to GMA mandated changes, and optional amendments related to housing, residential and commercial density, climate resilience, parks and open space, arts, critical areas, revisions for ease of reading and implementation, and the adoption of an Active Transportation Plan.

Location: The proposed Periodic Update's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, and development regulations will apply city-wide.

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Determination of Non-Significance: The City of Port Townsend, as SEPA lead agency for this project, has determined that the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and issued a Determination of Non-Significance under the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (WAC 197-11-340). This determination was made after a review of a

completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City of Port Townsend which can be obtained from the address on the first page of this document.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions: The Environmental Checklist (Ex. A) adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed amendments. As described in the Environmental Checklist, the uses and density allowed in this update are consistent with or lesser than the impacts identified in the Environmental Impact Statement of the 1996 Comprehensive Plan. Subsequent project actions (e.g. construction/repair projects) may require further project-level under SEPA, Critical Areas (PTMC 19.05), or Shorelines Master Program. No probable significant adverse impact on the environment has been identified from adoption of the proposed amendments to Chapter 17.22.020 PTMC Marine-Related and Manufacturing Districts – Permitted, Conditional, and Prohibited Uses, therefore a Determination of Non-significance is warranted.

SEPA Public Comment Deadline: Written comments/appeals concerning the environmental analysis and SEPA determination must be submitted to the Development Services Department no later than 4:00 p.m., October 29, 2025. This comment period will be the only time to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project. Any appeal of a SEPA determination for Type V applications is heard by the City Council. Please address comments/appeals to the staff contact.

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Signature: _____ **Date:** October 14, 2025

TO: All Permit and Review Authorities

ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

The environmental review consisted of analysis based on the following documents included in the environmental record.

DOCUMENTS/REFERENCES:

- Exhibit A: Environmental Checklist, dated October 9, 2025
- Exhibit B: 2025 Periodic Review Comprehensive Plan
- Exhibit C: 2025 Periodic Review Development Regulations
- Exhibit D: 2025 Periodic Review Active Transportation Plan
- Exhibit E: 1996 Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Unless otherwise noted, the above information is available for review at the Department of Planning and Community Development , City Hall, 250 Madison Street, Suite 3, between the hours of 9 am to 1 pm Monday through Thursday.