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**PART I – REQUIRED MATERIAL**

**\*\*THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THE REQUIRED MATERIALS ARE NOT PROVIDED\*\***

- Completed SEPA Checklist
- Application Fee
- Reduced Site Plan of proposal in 8½" by 11" or 11" by 17" size
- Trip Distribution and Generation Letter, if requested by Development Engineering.

**PURPOSE OF CHECKLIST:**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:**

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

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.

**USE OF CHECKLIST FOR NON-PROJECT PROPOSALS:**

Complete this checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS (Part D).



For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:
  
2. Name of applicant:
  
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
  
4. Date checklist prepared:
  
5. Agency requesting checklist:
  
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
  
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal?      If yes, explain.
  
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to 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.
  
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
  
11. Give 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.)

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including 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.
  
13. Does the proposed action lie within the Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA)?  
The general Sewer Service Area?  
Priority Sewer Service Area?  
(See: Spokane County's ASA Overlay zone Atlas for boundaries).
  
14. The following questions supplement Part A:
  - a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA) / Aquifer Sensitive Area (ASA).
    1. Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste, installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains). Describe the type of system, the amount of materials to be disposed of through the system and the types of material likely to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities).
  
    2. Will any chemicals (especially organic solvents or petroleum fuels) be stored in aboveground or underground storage tanks? If so, what types and quantities of material will be stored?
  
    3. What protective measures will be taken to ensure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater? This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems.
  
    4. Will any chemicals be stored, handled, or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface or groundwater or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater?
      - b. Stormwater
        1. What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)?
  
        2. Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts.

**B. Environmental Elements****1. Earth**

- a. General description of the site (circle one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other
- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, much)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any prime farmland.
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.
  
- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Also indicate source of fill.
  
- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
  
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
  
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth, if any:

**2. Air**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.
  
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
  
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

**3. Water****a. Surface:**

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.



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.

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 and the source of fill material.

4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

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.

b. Ground:

1. Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities known.

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.

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1. Describe the source of runoff (including stormwater) 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.

2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

**4. Plants**

- a. Circle types of vegetation found on the site:
  1. Deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
  2. Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
  3. Shrubs
  4. Grass
  5. Pasture
  6. Crop or grain
  7. Wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
  8. Water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
  9. Other types of vegetation
- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?
- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.
- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

**5. Animals**

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:
  1. Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other
  2. Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other
  3. Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other
- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.
- c. Is the site part off a migration route? If so, explain.
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

**6. Energy and natural resources**

- 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.
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?  
List other measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

**7. Environmental health**

- 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.

1. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

2. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

b. Noise

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
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.

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

**8. Land and shoreline use**

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
  - k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
  - l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans. If any:
- 9. Housing**
- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
  - b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.
  - c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:
- 10. Aesthetics**
- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas? What is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?
  - b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?
  - c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:
- 11. Light and glare**
- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?
  - b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?
  - c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?
  - d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:
- 12. Recreation**
- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?
  - b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:
13. Historic and cultural preservation
- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.
  - b. Generally, describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.
  - c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:
14. Transportation
- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
  - b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?
  - c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?
  - d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).
  - e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.
  - f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.
  - g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:
15. Public services
- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.



- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

**16. Utilities**

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

1. Electricity
2. Natural gas
3. Water
4. Refuse service
5. Telephone
6. Sanitary sewer
7. Septic system
8. Other-describe

- 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.

**C. Signature**

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions**

(Do not 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 of 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?

- a. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

- a. Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:



3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?
  - a. Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:
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?
  - a. Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
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?
  - a. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:
6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?
  - a. Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:
7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

**E. Signature**

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that, should there be any willful misrepresentation or willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the agency may withdraw any Determination of Non-Significance that it might issue in reliance upon this check list.

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

Please print or type:



Proponent:

Address:

Phone:

Person completing form (if different from proponent):

Name:

Address:

Phone:

**DISCLAIMER:** By accepting this permit and proceeding with the work, the applicant/permittee and owner acknowledges and agrees that: 1) If this permit is for construction of or on a dwelling, the dwelling is/will be served by potable water. 2) Ownership of this City of Spokane Valley permit inures to the property owner. 3) The applicant/permittee is the property owner or has full permission and authority to represent the property owner in this project and carry out the work specified in the permit. 4) All construction is to be done in full compliance with the City of Spokane Valley Municipal Code. The applicable codes are available for review at the City of Spokane Valley Permit Center. 5) The applicant/permittee further declares that they are either: (A) a contractor currently registered and properly licensed in accordance with Chapter 18.27 RCW; (B) the registered or legal owner or authorized agent of the property for which I am applying for permit and not a licensed contractor; or (C) otherwise exempt from the requirements set forth in RCW 18.27.090 and will abide by all provisions and conditions of the exemption as stated. 6) The City of Spokane Valley permit is a permit to carry out the work as specified therein and is not a permit or approval for any violation of federal, state, or local laws, codes, or ordinances. 7) Compliance with all federal, state, and local laws shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant/permittee and property owner. 8) Plans or additional information may be required to be submitted and subsequently approved before this application can be processed. The City is not responsible for any code violation through the issuance of this permit. 9) Failure to request and obtain the necessary inspections and inspection approvals may necessitate stoppage of work and/or removal of certain parts of the construction at the applicant's/permittee's or property owner's expense.