



Notice of Public Hearing & SEPA DNS

Including written comment period, public hearing date, and environmental review.

Publish Date:	July 6, 2022
Proposal Name:	Ordinance 4025 amending Anacortes Municipal Code Chapter 19.70, Critical Areas, Article III, <i>Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas</i> regarding stream buffers to comply with the Growth Management Hearings Board Final Decision and Order concerning Case No. 21-2-0002c and amending AMC Ch. 19.70, Article II <i>Wetlands</i> regarding buffer width averaging.
Documents Available at:	https://www.anacorteswa.gov/198/Anacortes-Municipal-Code-Updates
Lead Agency:	City of Anacortes Planning, Community & Economic Development Department
Contact Person	Don Measamer, Director
Public Hearing Body:	Anacortes Planning Commission
Public Hearing Date:	Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 6:00 PM (Special Meeting)

Proposal Description

The proposed amendments would establish riparian corridor and stream protection provisions based on Riparian Management Zones and WDFW Priority Habitats and Species Site Potential Tree Height. The provisions include definitions, development standards for land within riparian corridors, including for new development and for existing platted lots, and critical area report requirements. The amendments also would revise AMC 19.70.235(F)(5) to limit allowed wetland buffer width reduction in buffer width averaging proposals to no more than 75% of the standard wetland buffer width.

SEPA Threshold Determination

The City of Anacortes has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file and available upon request.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). The City of Anacortes will not act on this proposal for 14 calendar days from the date of issuance. Comments and/or appeals regarding this DNS must be submitted to the contact below no later than July 20, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

How to Comment

Comments regarding the proposed amendments are accepted via email, paper, or verbally. Written comments regarding the amendments will be accepted up until 5:00 PM on July 20, 2022, and must include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the proposal name (“Ordinance 4025 Amending Critical Areas Regs”).

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to don@cityofanacortes.org. Please include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Paper comments may be mailed or delivered to:

City of Anacortes
Planning, Community & Economic Development Department
ATTN: Don Measamer
P.O. Box 547 / 904 6th St.
Anacortes, WA 98221

Verbal comments may be made at the Public Hearing. Virtual participation in the public hearing is available. Meeting access information can be found on the Planning Commission agenda, posted Thursday prior to the meeting here:

<https://www.anacorteswa.gov/700/Meeting-Documents-and-Video>