




## NOTICE OF APPLICATION and PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sumner PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING on an **update to Sumner Municipal Code Title 16 Environment – Critical Areas Regulations** as described below. **Written comments are due by March 27, 2024** to [annsi@sumnerwa.gov](mailto:annsi@sumnerwa.gov) or comment at the public hearing. The public has the right to review the contents of the official file for the proposal, provide written comments, participate in the public hearings/meetings, and request a copy of the final decision.

<b>Proposal Name:</b>	<b>2024 SUMNER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS – CRITICAL AREAS REGULATIONS</b>
<b>Proposal Description:</b>	<p>The City of Sumner is updating its Comprehensive Plan to meet the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act and other regional policies. As part of this update, the City will amend its Critical Areas Regulations to comply with new State requirements and current Best Available Science requirements. Proposed regulations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated definitions.</li> <li>• Clarify exemptions for minor development.</li> <li>• Update criteria for a variance/hardship.</li> <li>• Allow non-conforming uses to continue if no expansion into buffers.</li> <li>• Update stream buffer widths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Current “Best Available Science” indicates buffers should be 100-225 feet.</li> <li>○ Fish-Bearing Streams proposed to remain at 100 feet.</li> <li>○ Non-Fish-Bearing Streams proposed to increase from 25-50 feet to 100 feet to provide adequate protection for all streams that are segments of Fish-Bearing Streams.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Buffer reductions: Streamline process for reducing buffers, allow reductions to no less than 75 feet wide.</li> </ul> <p>More detailed information on proposed policy and code changes is contained in the Draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan documents for the Environment Element, located on the City’s website at: <a href="https://connects.sumnerwa.gov/planning-sumners-future">https://connects.sumnerwa.gov/planning-sumners-future</a> or scan the QR CODE:</p> <p>More detailed information on policy and code changes is contained in the Draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan documents for each chapter listed above, located on the City’s website at: <a href="https://connects.sumnerwa.gov/planning-sumners-future">https://connects.sumnerwa.gov/planning-sumners-future</a> or scan the QR code:</p> 
<b>Location / Parcel(s) #:</b>	City-wide
<b>Permit Application #</b>	CTA-2024-0003
<b>Applicant/Rep:</b>	City of Sumner
<b>Hearing Date and Time:</b>	April 4, 2024 at 6:00pm
<b>SEPA Environmental Review:</b>	The Comprehensive Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), evaluating potential impacts of proposed policy and regulation changes, was issued on March 1, 2024.
<b>Hearing Location / Zoom Virtual Meeting Link:</b>	The public is welcome to attend this hybrid meeting in-person at Sumner City Hall Council Chambers 1104 Maple Street, or virtually by using the meeting access link below. <b>JOIN VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM MEETING:</b> <a href="https://sumnerwa.gov.zoom.us/j/85115707843">https://sumnerwa.gov.zoom.us/j/85115707843</a>

	Or by phone: 12532158782 (Tacoma) Webinar ID: 851 1570 7843
<b>Comment Period:</b>	Written comments due: <b>March 27, 2024 by 5:00</b> pm, or oral comments taken during the public hearing. Submit written comments to <a href="mailto:annsi@sumnerwa.gov">annsi@sumnerwa.gov</a> , or Sumner Community Development 1104 Maple Street, Sumner WA 98390.
<b>Associated Documents:</b>	Click this link to view documents: <a href="https://sumnerwa.gov/public-notice/">https://sumnerwa.gov/public-notice/</a>
<b>Other Required Approvals:</b>	City Council, Puget Sound Regional Council, Dept of Commerce, other agencies.
<b>Staff Contact:</b>	Direct questions to: Ann Siegenthaler, Community Development Department, 253-299-5520 or <a href="mailto:annsi@sumnerwa.gov">annsi@sumnerwa.gov</a>
<b>Date of Application:</b> 02/15/24	Date of Complete Application: 02/22/24
<b>Published/Posted/Mailed:</b>	March 12, 2024
<p><i>La ciudad de Sumner usa Language Line para ofrecer servicios de traducción para muchos idiomas comunes, entre ellos español y lenguaje de señas americano. Para usar este servicio, comuníquese con los funcionarios municipales por teléfono o en persona y pregunte por "Language Line." Entonces configuraremos el servicio de traducción para usted.</i></p>	