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: [help]

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:
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: [help]

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: [help]
Periodic update of development regulations.

2. Name of applicant: [help]
City of Milton

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [help]

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4. Date checklist prepared: [help]
April 28th, 2015.

5. Agency requesting checklist: [help]
City of Milton

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [help]
Adoption is schedule for late June.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [help]
Future updates to the City Development Regulations may occur in the future as deemed necessary by the City Council. This update is required as part of the GMA mandated periodic review/update of Comprehensive Plans and Development Regulations.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [help]
No environmental information has been prepared, or will be prepared with the exception of this checklist.

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. [help]
There are two projects that are vested to the City's current critical areas regulations.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [help]
None.

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.) [help]

The project will be updating numerous sections of the Municipal Code which are outlined below.

Frontage improvements – Requiring single family homes to be responsible for frontage improvements consistent with the policies for requiring frontage improvement in developed areas.

Expenditure of Traffic Impact Fees – Updating code to reference 10 years instead of 6.

Critical Areas Regulations – Will be updated to reflect the new wetland rating system adopted by the Department of Ecology in December 2014. Furthermore, definitions will be updated for consistency with the GMA, the buffer width table is being updated for consistency with the new rating system and the latest guidance for small cities on critical areas regulations.

Concurrency Management – The City will be adopting a new concurrency management section.

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. [help]

The proposal applies to the entire City of Milton.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [help]

Pursuant to WAC 197-11-960, Section B does not provide meaningful analysis of a the proposed development regulation update, and is therefore not mandatory.

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 Chris Larson

Position and Agency/Organization Associate Planner/City of Milton

Date Submitted: 4/28/15

D. **SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS** [help]

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?

It is not anticipated that this GMA required update to the City's Development Regulations will increase discharges to water, emissions to air, production, storage or release or toxic or hazardous substances, or production of noise.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

There are no proposed measures to reduce such increases in emissions at this time. Any measures to reduce such emissions will be a function of a future non-exempt project action.

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

It is not anticipated that this GMA required update to the City's Development Regulations, in and of itself, will negatively affect plants, animals, fish or marine life. This update will bring the City into conformance with the latest guidance from the Department of Ecology for wetlands. Any future non-exempt project actions will require environmental review at the time of the project permit application.

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

Any measures to preserve these items will be a function of a future non-exempt project action.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

It is not anticipated that this GMA required update to the City's Development Regulations will directly deplete energy or natural resources. Any future non-exempt project actions will require environmental review at the time of the project permit application.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

No measures proposed as part of this GMA required update to the City's Development Regulations. Any measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources will be a function of a future non-exempt project action.

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?

It is not anticipated that this GMA required update to the City's Development Regulations will have a negative effect on environmentally sensitive areas or areas designation for governmental protection including parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains or prime farmlands. The proposed amendments will bring the City's Critical Areas regulations into compliance with the latest guidance from the Department of Ecology. Any future non-exempt project action will require environmental review at the time of the project permit application.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:
None proposed as part of this GMA required update to the City's Development Regulations. Any measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources will be a function of a future non-exempt project action.

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?
It is not anticipated that this GMA required update to the City's Development Regulations will have an effect on land and shoreline uses, allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans. No amendments to shoreline regulations or the City's Shoreline Master Plan is being proposed. Any future non-exempt project action will require environmental review at the time of the project permit application.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:
None proposed as this time. Any measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources will be a function of a future non-exempt project action.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

It is not anticipated that this GMA required update to the City's Development Regulations will increase the demand for transportation, public services or utilities. Any future non-exempt project action will require environmental review at the time of the project permit application.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:
None proposed as this time. Any measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources will be a function of a future non-exempt project action.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

These amendments are being adopted in order to maintain compliance with the Washington State Growth Management Act. The proposal is not in violation of any federal laws.