

**SEPA Rules – WAC 197-11-970  
Determination of Nonsignificance**

***City of Forks Title 17 Update  
Implementing Regulations of the Forks Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update***

- Project Proponent:** City of Forks  
Tim Fletcher, Forks Mayor  
500 E Division Street, Forks, WA 98331  
timf@forkswashington.org
- Description of Proposal:** The City intends to adopt an ordinance updating its zoning regulations set forth in FMC Title 17, which will implement the City’s Comprehensive Plan update. In large part, the updates affect the City’s adopted definitions, land use matrix, accessory dwelling unit (ADU) provisions, middle housing development standards, and parking regulations. These amendments have been specifically prepared to implement requirements of the GMA and new or revised RCWs governing general zoning practices and land use requirements, including: House Bill (HB) 1110 (2023), HB 1337 (2023), HB 1293 (2023), HB 1998 (2024), and HB 1377 (2019). Collectively, these statutes require updates to the FMC related to middle housing, ADUs, administrative design review, co-living housing, and affordable housing density increases at properties owned or controlled by religious organizations. The proposed amendments to FMC Title 17 would implement each of these laws into local ordinance.
- Location of Property:** This is a non-project action proposing amendments to FMC Title 17. The FMC is widely applicable throughout the entirety of the City of Forks.
- Lead Agency:** Kimberly A. Gunderson  
Mahoney Planning, LLC  
City of Forks SEPA Responsible Official  
500 East Division  
Forks, Washington 98331
- Documents:** Review draft, in markup format, is available in the materials on file with the SEPA Register and can be provided by the City on request.
- Mitigation Required:** None.

The Lead Agency has determined that the above items do not have a probably significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2). This decision was made after review of a complete environmental checklist and other information on file with the Lead Agency. This information is available to the public on request.

**This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for a period of 14 days from the date of issuance to allow for review and comment from the general public.**

Comments must be submitted to the Forks SEPA Responsible Official at:

Kimberly Gunderson, Forks SEPA Responsible Official  
Forks City Hall  
500 East Division  
Forks, Washington 98331

Comments may be submitted prior to Noon, July 2, 2026. The City will review said comments together to determine the impact upon the stated DNS. Submittal of comments is not the same as a written appeal of this determination or asserting lead agency status.

You may appeal this determination no later than Noon, July 2, 2026, by filing a written appeal with the City Clerk of Forks at 500 East Division, Forks, Washington 98331. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. The appeal must be received prior to Noon, July 2, 2026. Contact Kimberly Gunderson at 253-389-1864 to read or ask about the procedures for appeals.



Date: June 18, 2026  
Kimberly A. Gunderson, Mahoney Planning LLC  
City of Forks SEPA Responsible Official