

Notice of Public Hearing

Zoning Code Update Forks Municipal Code Title 17

Forks City Council
10 August 2026
7:30 P.M.
Forks City Council Chambers

Notice is hereby given that during the Council's Regular Meeting on 10 August 2026, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed update to Title 17 of the Forks Municipal Code commonly referred to as the Forks Zoning Code,

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 Growth Management Act (GMA) and new or revised RCWs governing general zoning practices and land use requirements, including: House Bill (HB) 1377 (2019), HB 1110 (2023), HB 1337 (2023), HB1293 (2023), and HB 1998 (2024). Collectively, these statutes require updates to the FMC related to middle housing ADUs, administrative design review, co-living housing, and affordable housing density increases to include properties owned or controlled by religious organizations. The proposed amendments would implement each of these laws into local ordinance.

The City Council is expecting to receive a recommendation in time for this public hearing from the Planning Commission regarding the proposed changes to Title 17 following the Planning Commission's Special Meeting on 29 July 2026. City Council may act on the proposed zoning code update following the public hearing.

A markup copy of the proposed updated Title 17 may be accessed at:
<https://forkswashington.org/documents/zoning-code-update-chapter-17/>

Copies can also be provided by contact Rod Fleck, Attorney/Planner at 360/374-5412, Ext 111.

Written comment should be sent to the City Council clearly indicating that it is for the Title 17 Update at 500 East Division Street, Forks, WA 98331

The Council Chamber is ADA accessible. Arrangements for reasonable accommodation for special needs, including handicap accessibility or language interpreter, will be made upon receiving 24-hour advance notice. Contact Mr. Fleck at 360/374-5412, ext. 111, in person at the address noted above.