

Decision Criteria – Land Use Applications

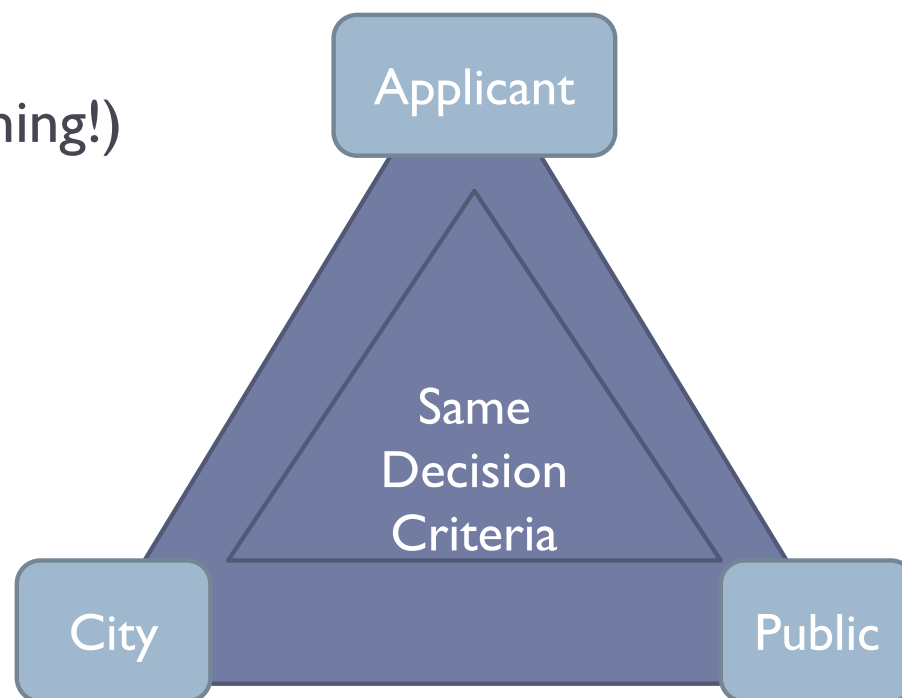
Neighborhood Notification

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References & Links

- ▶ Table 17G.060-3 lists specific applications
- ▶ Definitions Handout
- ▶ Spokane Municipal Code – [SMC 17G.060.170](#) – Decision Criteria
- ▶ [City of Spokane GIS](#) (find your zoning!)
- ▶ [SEPA](#) – Citizen Guidance



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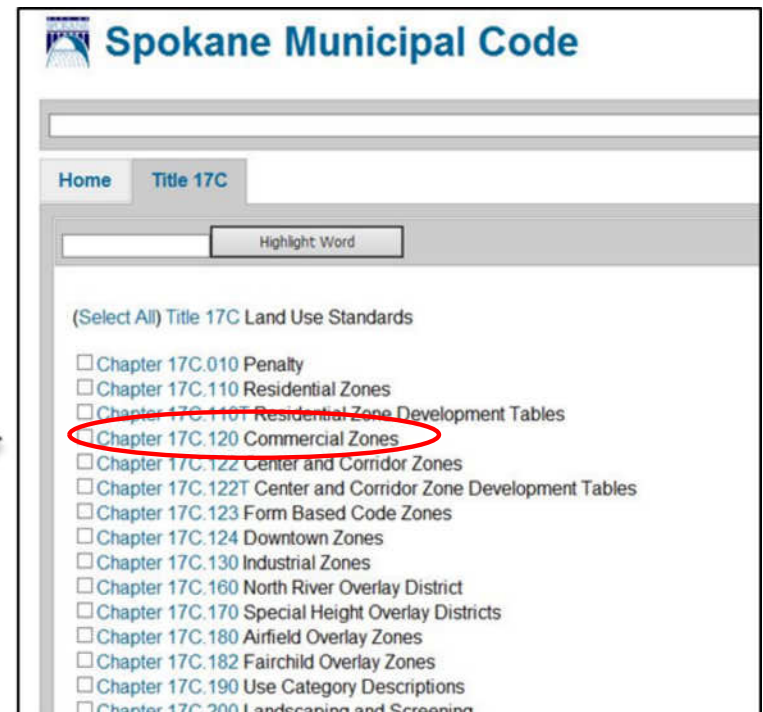
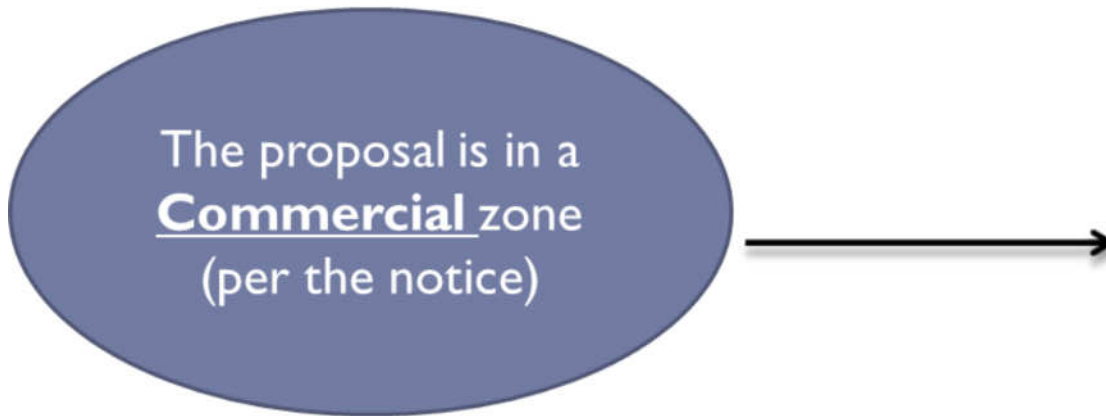
- Refer to **Title 17 Land Use Standards**, of the Spokane Municipal Code - <https://my.spokanecity.org/smc/?Title=17C>
- Types of zones
 - Residential
 - Commercial
 - Center and Corridor
 - Downtown
 - Industrial
 - Form Based (Context Area)



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Example:



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- Identify the Land Use Designation (i.e Residential, Office, General Commercial)
- Refer to the Comprehensive Plan - <https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/business/resources/mostrequested/comp-plan-2015-full.pdf>

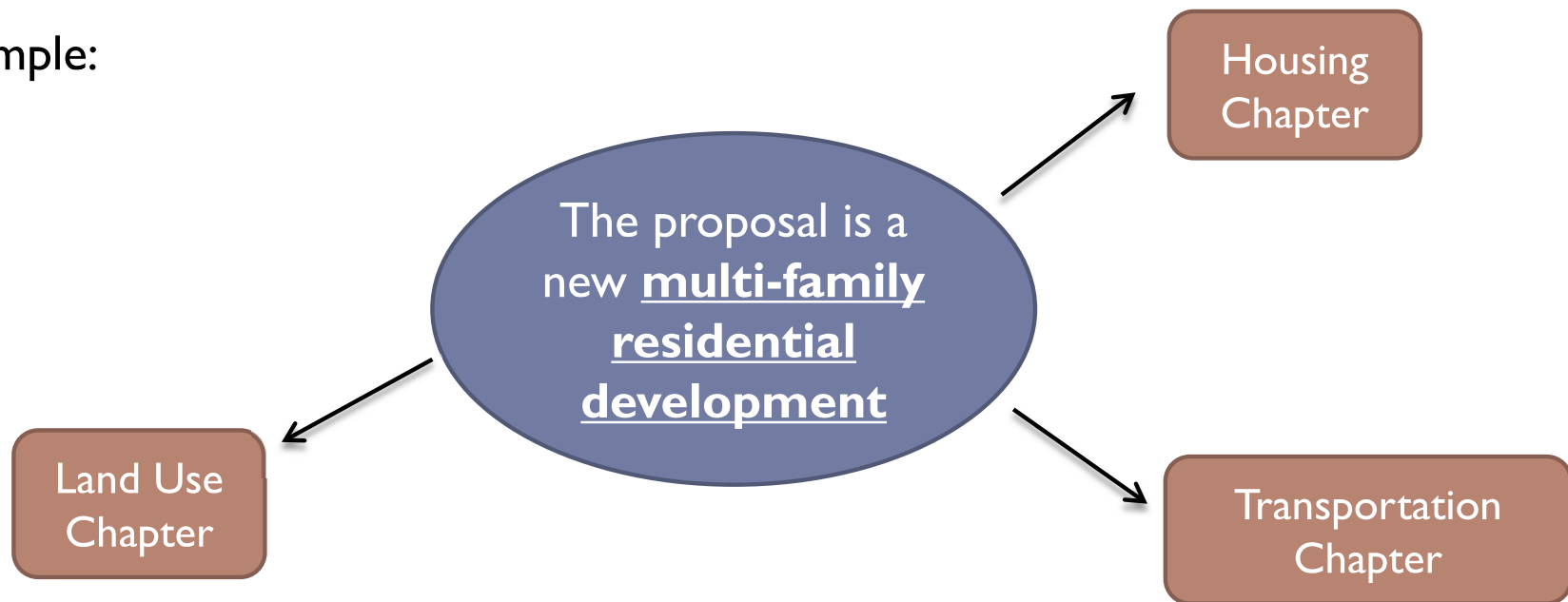
* A document adopted by the City, providing land use designations, goals and policies regarding land use, housing, capital facilities, housing, transportation, and utilities. Required by the State per chapter



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3. The proposal meets the concurrency* requirements of chapter **17D.010 SMC**.

- Chapter 17D.010 SMC = Concurrency Certification
- Reviews are done by other Departments and Agencies to review concurrency, i.e.:
 - Transportation
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Schools
 - Sewer and Stormwater

* Concurrency Test- The comparison of an applicant's impact on concurrency facilities to the available capacity.



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4. If approval of a site plan is required, the property is suitable for the proposed use and site plan considering the physical characteristics of the property.

Including but not limited to:

- Topography
- Soils
- Drainage
- Size
- Shape
- Location
- Existence of ground or surface water
- Existence of natural, historical, or cultural features



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5. The proposal will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment or the surrounding properties.

- Can conditions can be placed on the proposal if necessary?
- SEPA* review triggers
 - Projects creating 20 or more residential units
 - New structures exceeding 12,000 square feet and/or creating 40 or more parking stalls
 - Landfill & excavation exceeding 500 cubic yards

* State Environmental Policy Act – Identifies possible environmental impacts that may result from an approved project



Decision Criteria

- ▶ **Additional criteria for:**
 - ▶ Shoreline Substantial Development Permit
 - ▶ Shoreline Conditional Use Permit
 - ▶ Shoreline Variance Permit
 - ▶ Planned Unit Developments (PUD)
 - ▶ Plat, Short Plat, Binding Site Plan

- ▶ [Section 17G.060.170 \(D\)\(E\)](#)



NOTICE OF APPLICATION:

Near Nature Near Perfect Development is proposing a new 80 unit apartment complex on an empty lot in a residential high density zone.

- 80 units?! What about all of those existing native plantings that exist?- Decision Criteria #5 (SEPA would be required since it's exceeding 20 new units, and would require more than 40 parking stalls)
 - Wow! Does that lot have the capacity to create that many new units?- Decision Criteria #1 & #4
 - The closest Elementary school is already so packed! Can they really fit more children? – Decision Criteria #3
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Contact Information

- ▶ **Development Services Center**
 - ▶ City Hall 3rd Floor – 8am-5pm

- ▶ **Planning | 625-6188**
- ▶ **Building | 625-6114**
- ▶ **General Questions | 625-6300**