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**OPTIONAL DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) NOTICE MATERIALS**

The attached materials are being sent to you pursuant to the requirements for the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355). A DNS on the attached proposal is likely. This may be the only opportunity to comment on environmental impacts of the proposal. Mitigation measures from standard codes will apply. Project review may require mitigation regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for this proposal may be obtained upon request.

File No. 09-105413-AB

Project Name/Address: Amendments to Bellevue Sign Code (ch. 22B.10) for Consistency with Bel-Red Land Use Code Amendments

Planner: Matthews Jackson, Planning Manager

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**Minimum Comment Period: MARCH 19, 2009**

Materials included in this Notice:

- Blue Bulletin
- Checklist
- Plans
- Other:

**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST  
(Integrated SEPA/GMA Process)**

**A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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**PROPOSAL TITLE:** Bellevue Sign Code amendments – Bel-Red Sub Area consistency

**PROPERTY OWNERS' NAME:** N/A

**PROPOSAL LOCATION:** Bel-Red Subarea

**PROPONENT'S NAME:** City of Bellevue, Development Services Department

**CONTACT PERSON'S NAME:** Catherine A. Drews, Legal Planner

**CONTACT PERSON'S ADDRESS:** Development Services Department  
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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL'S SCOPE AND NATURE:**

1. **General description:** The proposal is to amend the City's Sign Code (ch. 22B.10 BCC) to incorporate new land use districts in the Bellevue Subarea into appropriate sign code provisions. The Bel-Red land use code amendments (File No. 07-138331-AD) will be adopted concurrently with the Sign Code amendments. The amendment also updates terms for clarity and consistency.
2. **Site acreage:** Applies to all property in the Bel Red Subarea
3. **Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished:** N/A
4. **Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed:** N/A
5. **Square footage of buildings to be demolished:** N/A
6. **Square footage of buildings to be constructed:** N/A
7. **Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards):** N/A

8. **Proposed land use:** This proposal provides sign regulation to the new Bel-Red land use districts, which will be adopted concurrently with the sign code amendments. (See file no. 07-138331-AD).
9. **Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials:** N/A
10. **Other:** N/A

**Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):**

A public hearing on the proposal is anticipated in March of 2009. City Council final action on the proposal will follow that public hearing.

**Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.**

If the City Council adopts the proposal, future development proposals will be subject to the updated sign code.

**List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.**

SEPA checklist, environmental analysis, and threshold determination for the comprehensive plan amendment related to this proposed Land Use Code amendment (see file no. 08-114836-AC).

SEPA checklist, environmental analysis, and threshold determination for a separate land use code amendment adding development regulations for the Bel-Red Subarea plan, (see file no. 07-138331-AD).

**Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known.**

The City has various proposals under development under review. New proposals would be processed according to the proposed amendments to the sign code, if the Council adopts the amendments.

**List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.**

City Council adoption of the ordinance.

**B. Environmental Elements**

No discussion of the individual Environmental Elements is required for GMA actions per WAC 197-11-235.3.b.

**C. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (do not use this sheet for project actions)**

**SUMMARY**

Project Summary: The proposal is to amend the Bellevue Sign Code to incorporate new Bel-Red land use districts into appropriate sign code provisions and update terms and definitions for consistent use and clarity.

Environmental Summary per WAC 197-11-235(3)(b):

State the proposal's objectives: To comply with the requirements of the GMA by adopting development regulations that implement and are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Specify the purpose and need to which the proposal is responding: To ensure that sign regulation is applicable to the new Bel-Red land use districts and update terms to ensure consistent use and clarity.

State the major conclusions, significant areas of controversy and uncertainty: Development regulations that are consistent with and implement the Comprehensive Plan are required under the GMA. Little controversy exists related to this proposal.

State the issues to be resolved, including the environmental choices to be made among alternative courses of action: Alternative courses of action include a no action alternative to not amend the Sign Code, which has the affect of leaving signage unregulated in the Bel-Red Subarea. In terms of environmental impacts, the two alternatives are not significantly different.

State the impacts of the proposal, including any significant adverse impacts that cannot be mitigated: The proposal is a nonproject action to regulate signage in the Bel-Red Subarea. There are no significant adverse impacts resulting from that action. Any specific proposal to construct new development with signage would require project level review. Adoption of the proposed regulations will ensure that the City is in compliance with GMA requirements for consistency.

Describe any proposed mitigation measures and their effectiveness: No specific development is being approved with this proposal. No significant environmental impacts have been identified, therefore no mitigation measures are proposed. Future development under the provisions of the regulation will be subject to SEPA review, as well as to the City's existing development regulations.

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?**

The proposed code amendment will not increase the potential impacts to water, air and earth resources or noise production.

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: N/A**

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

The proposed code amendment will not increase the potential impacts to plants and animals.

**Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish or marine life are: N/A**

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

No adverse impacts to energy or natural resources are anticipated.

**Proposed measures to project or conserve energy and natural resources are: N/A**

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?**

The proposal will not directly affect any environmentally sensitive areas. The City addresses the impacts of development on environmentally sensitive areas (critical areas) through the substantive regulations adopted in the Land Use Code. The amendments to the sign code will not impact those substantive regulations.

**Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: N/A**

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?**

The proposal will not affect any land uses or shoreline area because it does not modify the substantive regulations with which those projects must comply under the Land Use Code.

**Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: N/A**

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

None of the proposed amendments to the sign code are likely to change the demands on the transportation system.

**Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:** N/A

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

No conflicts are known or anticipated.

- D. **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 3/2/09

Date Submitted Catherine A. Dress