ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL ORDINANCE SECTION 11.10.230

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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

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 study 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.

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. 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

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the <u>Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D)</u>. 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.

A. Background

- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: ZTA-0002-2024
- 2. Name of applicant: Spokane County
- 3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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509-477-7213

- 4. Date checklist prepared: March 20, 2024
- 5. Agency requesting checklist: Spokane County Building and Planning
- 6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Planning Commission Workshop: 3/28/2024
Planning Commission Public Hearing: 4/11/2024

Board of County Commissioners Consideration: 5/7/2024

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

None Proposed

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

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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.

NONE KNOWN

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

The approval of the proposed zoning text amendment will receive a recommendation from the Spokane County Planning Commission. That recommendation will be forwarded to the Spokane County Board of County Commissioners for their consideration and adoption or denial.

11. Give a 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.

During the summer of 2023, Spokane County had two of the largest and most destructive wildfires in the county's history start on the same day (August 18, 2024). Those fires destroyed the homes, accessory structures, and property of hundreds of Spokane County residents. During the rebuild effort, many Spokane County residents are unable to rebuild quickly and will rely on temporary housing options until their permanent residence is complete. The proposed amendment would allow for a renewal process for temporary uses, when demonstrated need is shown.

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.

The proposal is a nonproject action, and is an amendment to the Spokane County Zoning Code.

13. Does the proposed action lie within the Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA)?

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Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

- 14. The following questions supplement Part A.
 - a. Critical Aquifer Recharge Area
 - i. Describe any systems, other than those designed for the disposal of sanitary waste, installed for the purpose of discharging fluids below the ground surface (includes systems such as those for the disposal of stormwater or drainage from floor drains.) Describe the type of system, the amount of material to be disposed of through the system, and the types of material likely to be disposed of (including materials which may enter the system inadvertently through spills or as a result of firefighting activities).



ii. Will any chemicals (especially organic solvents or petroleum fuels) be stored in aboveground storage tanks? If so, what types and quantities of material will be stored?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

iii. What protective measure will be taken to insure that leaks or spills of any chemicals stored or used on site will not be allowed to percolate to groundwater. This includes measures to keep chemicals out of disposal systems.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

iv. Will any chemicals be stored, handled, or used on the site in a location where a spill or leak will drain to surface, groundwater, or to a stormwater disposal system discharging to surface or groundwater?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

b. Stormwater

i. What are the depths on the site to groundwater and to bedrock (if known)?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

ii. Will stormwater be discharged into the ground? If so, describe any potential impacts.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

B. Environmental Elements

1. Earth

a. General description of the site:



Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

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- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.



2. Air

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- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobiles, odors, industrial, wood smoke) during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.
 - Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.
 - Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if anv.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, or wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

- Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent (within 200 feet) to the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.
 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.
 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- 4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.
 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- 5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.



6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

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b. Ground Water:

1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

c. Water Runoff

a) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

 b) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

c) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.



d) Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any.

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Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

4. Plants

a.	Check the types of vegetation found on the site: Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
	 □ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other □ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other □ shrubs □ grass □ pasture □ crop or grain □ orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops. □ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other □ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other □ other types of vegetation
b.	What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
C.	List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
d.	Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any. Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
e.	List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
5	Animals

5. Animals

a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.



Examples include:

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

b. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

c. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

d. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

 What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

2. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

3. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.

Evaluation for Agency Use Only 1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

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Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

 Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

- 3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.
 - Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- 4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- 5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

b. Noise

- What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?
 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- 2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.



8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.
 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

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- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
 - 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how? Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?



h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

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Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

I. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any.



10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

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Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?



 Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

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Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

 Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.
 Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.
 - Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.
 - Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.
 - Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.
 - Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.



b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

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Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and non-passenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

Note: to assist in review and if known, indicate vehicle trips during PM peak, AM peak, and Weekday (24 hours).)

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.



Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

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16. Utilities

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other: Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.
- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Does not apply. The proposal is a nonproject action.

C. Signature

I, the undersigned, swear under penalty of perjury that the above responses are made truthfully and to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that should there be any willful misrepresentation of willful lack of full disclosure on my part, the agency must withdraw any determination of Nonsignificance that it might issue in reliance upon this checklist.

Date: March 27, 2024 Signature:

Please print or Type:

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Spokane, WA 99260

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File No. ZTA-0002-2024

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Staff member(s) reviewing checklist: Michael Weir	
Based on this staff review of the environmental checklist and other pertinent information, the staff concludes that:	
$\underline{\mathcal{X}}$ A. There is no probable significant adverse impacts and recommends a Determination of Nonsignificance.	
B. Probable significant adverse environmental impacts do exist for the current proposal and recommends a Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance with conditions.	
C. There are probable significant adverse environmental impacts and recommends a Determination of Significance.	

D. Supplemental Sheet for Non-project Actions

IT IS NOT REQUIRED to use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

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 intent of the proposal is to provide relief to wildfire victims in Spokane County who had their home or residence destroyed. Temporary housing or other temporary uses could create sewage, use water, create vehicular trips, and potentially create noise.

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:
 The proposal is intended to affect uses that are temporary in nature. All permitting requirements will remain in place. Sewage disposal requirements, county sound ordinances, etc., shall remain in place and effective. The landowners will be required to demonstrate the need for the temporary use on an annual basis.
- 2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life? The burn areas for the Gray and Oregon Road fires were devastating to vegetation and animal habitat. Spokane County anticipates little to no change in post-wildfire conditions in relationship to this proposal.
 - Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

Spokane County Shoreline Ordinance requirements, Critical Areas Ordinance requirements, Floodplain Development Requirements, and Stormwater Requirements all remain in place.

- 3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources? The county anticipates little depletion of natural resources in relation to the adoption of this proposal.
 - Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are: None

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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?

Spokane County anticipates little affect to environmentally sensitive areas, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands.

 Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

Spokane County Shoreline Ordinance requirements, Critical Areas Ordinance requirements, Floodplain Development Requirements, and Stormwater Requirements all remain in place. Areas within the burn areas do contain prime agricultural soils, however the agricultural uses for the prime agricultural soils will still be allowed, and no zoning designation changes are proposed.

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?

Many of the properties affected by the Gray Fire are located within areas within areas of shoreline environment designations. Properties effected by the fire and within a shoreline environment designation shall be required to obtain building permit approval, meet shoreline, critical areas, and zoning code requirements.

 Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

Spokane County shoreline management program requirements are still implemented for structures being re built due to being burned from the wild fire.

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

Spokane County anticipates no increases in demand on transportation facilities in relation to the adoption of the proposed Zoning Code Amendment.

- Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:
- 7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The county has not identified any code conflicts with federal or state laws.

