

**CITY OF LEAVENWORTH
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Notice of Determination of Non-significance

Notice of Public Comment Period

and

Notice of Public Hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Leavenworth has issued a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) per the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (SEPA) Chapter 197-11 WAC) and the Leavenworth Municipal Code:

2017 Comprehensive Plan Update / Amendment

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Leavenworth Planning Commission on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**, beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers at City Hall**, located at 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, Washington. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public testimony regarding the proposed amendment(s), including but not limited to:

2017 Comprehensive Plan Update / Amendment

The Comprehensive Plan is a broad statement of the community's vision for the future and contains policies primarily to guide the physical development of the City of Leavenworth, as well as certain aspects of its social and economic character. The Comprehensive Plan directs regulations, implementation actions and services that support the vision. The Comprehensive Plan reflects the long-term values and aspirations of the community as a whole and shows how various aspects, such as land use, housing, transportation, capital facilities and services work together to achieve the desired vision.

While a Comprehensive Plan is meant to provide a strong and constant vision for the future, it is also a living document that must be able to accommodate change, such as a new technology, an unforeseen impact, change in statutes, or an innovative method of achieving a component of the vision. It is therefore regularly updated to account for changing issues or opportunities facing Leavenworth, while still maintaining the core values of the community. The Comprehensive Plan assists in the management of future development by providing policies to guide decision-making. The Comprehensive Plan can be reviewed ("track changes" / redlined) on the City's Webpage under the "Development Services Department" – "2017 Comprehensive Plan Update" page –

<http://cityofleavenworth.com/city-government/development-services-department/2017-comprehensive-plan-update/>

A comment period for the DNS begins on **October 4, 2017** and will end on **December 4, 2017**. Interested citizens are encouraged to comment on the proposal and to attend the public hearing. Written comments may be sent before the hearing to Leavenworth City Hall, P.O. Box 287, Leavenworth, WA 98826. Public comments will be considered by the City to create recommendations to the Council. The recommendation of the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the City Council for a public hearing which is **tentatively scheduled for February 27, 2018**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers during the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council.

An appeal of the SEPA determination must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Only those persons who comment during the SEPA comment period are entitled to file a SEPA appeal. The contents of the appeal must meet the requirements outlined in the Leavenworth Municipal Code.

The materials may be reviewed during normal business hours at City Hall, a copy may be obtained by contacting Nathan Pate at Leavenworth City Hall, 700 Highway 2, Leavenworth, (509) 548-5275, or reviewed on the City of Leavenworth Development Services Department webpage <http://www.cityofleavenworth.com>.

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Dated: September 27, 2017

Leavenworth Echo October 4, 2017