



**Staff Report**

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Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review

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**BACKGROUND:** The City of Camas is undertaking a periodic review of its Shoreline Master Program (SMP), as required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The city’s current plan was amended in its entirety in 2012, with limited amendments adopted in 2015.

The state requires each SMP be reviewed and revised, if needed, on an eight-year schedule. The review ensures the SMP stays current with changes in laws and rules, remains consistent with other City plans and regulations, and is responsive to changed circumstances, new information and improved data.

**SUMMARY:** Council adopted the amended SMP by Ordinance Number 21-003 on February 16, 2021. The ordinance along with the amendments were forwarded to the Department of Ecology for final approval.

On April 5, the Department of Ecology issued a recommendation to approve the SMP and includes a recommendation to incorporate the newly amended Flood Hazard Regulations. The Flood Hazard Regulations within the Camas Municipal Code (CMC) were adopted by Ordinance 21-006. The municipal code and the SMP had identical Flood Hazard Regulations prior to the adoption of Ordinance 21-006.

Specifically, Ecology recommends the City remove the incorporation by reference to CMC Chapter 16.57 and replace it with a soft reference with an explanation that these provisions are applicable but implemented separately from the SMP. The city must consider whether to move forward with the SMP as approved or incorporate the recommendation by Ecology.

**EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Considerations

Response

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?	Consider whether to amend the SMP with the revised CMC regulations.
What’s the data? What does the data tell us?	The Department of Ecology provides documentation to demonstrate need for changes to our SMP.
How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?	The city’s website has provided timely updates throughout the process, along with staff updates during public workshops. A video with

	information was posted on YouTube and social media networks. Shoreline property owners received information mailed to their homes. Legal notices were published in the Camas Post Record.
Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?	n/a
What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?	Opportunities to participate and provide meaningful comments have been provided throughout the process. A public hearing to adopt an amended ordinance would allow additional public participation.
Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact.	No, this program applies to all owners of property along shorelines and to the public use and enjoyment of shorelines.
Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities?	This is a non-project action.
What potential hurdles exist in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?	There is a possibility that having two versions of the Floodplain Regulations would be confusing.
How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?	The city's website will continue to communicate the status of the project and provide current drafts under review.
How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?	This periodic review is required by the Washington State Shoreline Management Act (SMA), RCW 90.58.080(4). The city's current plan was amended in its entirety in 2012, with limited amendments adopted in 2015.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** The city was awarded a \$22,400 grant to assist with mandated update.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council provide direction to staff in response to Ecology's recommendation.