

City of Lake Forest Park

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

Proposed Code Amendments regarding Retaining Walls

The City of Lake Forest Park City Council has been reviewing proposed amendments to the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code (LFPMC) regarding Retaining Walls. Interim development regulations were adopted on June 22, 2023, by Ordinance No. 23-1272 (“Interim Regulations”). A public hearing will be held to accept public comments on the following:

- The Interim Regulations as adopted.
- Possible revision to Interim Regulation section 12.050.010(B) and (C) similar to the following language: B. Recognize that retaining walls can be built from different materials to achieve the strength required and achieve mitigation and aesthetic goals; C. Require aesthetic and other design features that mitigate these wall impacts and reflect the ~~character of the~~ community environment, as adopted in Retaining Wall Design Standards and this Chapter 12.50.
- Possible revisions to Interim Regulation section 12.050.020(B)(3) similar to the following language: “For purposes of sending notice of the Neighborhood meeting under LFPMC 16.26.050(B), notice shall be mailed to owners of real property within 500 feet of either side of the right-of-way for the entire length of the retaining wall project. For projects involving more than one lot, notice of the Neighborhood Meeting shall also be sent to the Planning Commission and Tree Board. For purposes of sending the notice of application under LFPMC 16.26.040(D)(1)(b), notice shall be mailed to owners of real property within 500 feet of either side of the right-of-way for the entire length of the retaining wall project.
- Possible revision to Interim Regulation section 12.050.020(C)(4) that provides language similar to “The Public Works director shall may take into account long term maintenance requirements, constructability, and recommendations on same from the applicant’s engineers, and independent third-party engineers.
- Possible revision to Interim Regulation section 12.050.020(C)(6) that provides language similar to “The applicant shall provide documentation of how the retaining wall design satisfies, or exceeds, applicable WSDOT traffic noise policy and procedures including noise abatement. ~~The documentation should include an assessment of noise impacts from the proposed design, including consideration of tree and vegetation removal, reflected noise, and proximity to residences, as well as proposed reflection and absorption techniques such as the use of tilted retaining walls to direct noise upward and variations in the facade to break up low to high frequencies.~~

The public hearing will be conducted during the City Council’s regular meeting on **July 27, 2023**. The meeting will begin at **7:00 P.M.** and the public hearing will commence thereafter. The public hearing will be held in person at the City Council Chambers and virtually. Instructions for how to participate in the virtual public hearing may be found on the agenda for the meeting. Written testimony will be accepted prior to the meeting and distributed to the City Council and verbal testimony will be accepted during the public hearing.

Written comments should be submitted to City Clerk Matt McLean at mmclean@cityofflp.com no later than 5:00 p.m. local time on the date of the hearing. Any person wishing to provide oral testimony at the hearing is encouraged to register via the Remote Public Comment Sign-in Form on the City's *Hybrid City Council Meetings* webpage (<https://www.cityofflp.com/615/Hybrid-City-Council-Meetings>) by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Persons who have not signed up on the online public hearing sign-in sheet will be called upon to raise their hand through the Zoom meeting webinar feature and will be added to the speakers' queue by the City Clerk, to be called upon by the Meeting Chair or designee. A request to speak can also be made by phone directly to the City Clerk at (206) 368-5540 prior to 5:00 pm on the date of the meeting.

Matt McLean
City Clerk
July 19, 2023