



**City of White Salmon
Tree Protection Ordinance
SEPA DNS, Public Comment Period, and Public Hearing Notice**

Proponent/ Lead agency: City of White Salmon
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White Salmon, WA 98672

White Salmon has prepared draft amendments to their Heritage Tree Ordinance to become a separate Tree Protection Ordinance, along with targeted incentives to retain mature trees, as encouraged by the City's adopted Community Forest Management Plan and initial comments provided by the community, City Tree Board and Planning Commission. Proposed amendments to the City's Tree Code are available for review at: <https://www.whitesalmonwa.gov/planning/page/heritage-tree-ordinance-update>.

Written Public Comment Period

Written public comments will be accepted from July 10th, 2024 to August 9th, 2024. Send comments to Erika Castro-Guzman, Planning Project Coordinator at White Salmon City Hall, 100 N Main St., White Salmon, WA 98672, or email to Erikac@whitesalmonwa.gov.

SEPA Threshold Determination

White Salmon has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination of nonsignificance (DNS) was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and available upon request.

SEPA Comment and Appeal Period

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). White Salmon will not act on this proposal for 14 calendar days from the date of issuance. **The SEPA comment and appeal period runs from July 10th, 2024 to July 24th, 2024.**

Public Hearing

A public hearing, with a virtual / telephonic attendance option, will be held during the **Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday August 28th at 5:30 PM** or as soon thereafter as possible. The hearing will be located in the City Council Chambers, 119 NE Church.

Please navigate to the Planning Commission page (<https://www.whitesalmonwa.gov/bc-pc>) for a link participate in the Public Hearing remotely *via* Zoom.

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Posted on bulletin boards at White Salmon City Hall, White Salmon Post Office, and White Salmon Library. E/mailed to local agencies on July 10, 2024.