CITY OF SEQUIM

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS)
ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DSEIS)

Date of Issuance: July 13, 2026

Description of Proposal: 2025 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Update. The City of Sequim is proposing amendments to its Comprehensive Plan and Title 18 Zoning/Development Regulations, including related goals, policies, maps, implementing measures, and development code amendments associated with the City's periodic update and related legislative actions under the Growth Management Act. The proposal is a nonproject action.

Updates to the plan include new narrative, goals and policies, maps and growth forecasts for projected housing, population and job growth. Updates to development regulations/Title 18 bring regulations into consistency with changes in state law or support proposed changes in the plan, as well as overall formatting and consolidation efforts. As part of the periodic update, the city must evaluate how it can plan for its 20-year growth projections for population and housing. These projections are based on guidance from the Washington State Office of Financial Management, Washington State Department of Commerce, and distribution by Clallam County.

The 2025 Sequim Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Periodic Update is available on the City's website www.sequimwa.gov, search 2025 Comprehensive Plan. A hard copy is available for review at the Sequim Civic Center and the Sequim Library.

Proponent/Applicant: City of Sequim | 152 W. Cedar Street Sequim, WA 98382 | planningdept@sequimwa.gov

Location of Proposal: Citywide, within the corporate limits of the City of Sequim, WA

Lead Agency: City of Sequim, WA

Threshold Determination: The Responsible Official has determined that this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) be prepared. The SEIS will analyze impacts and alternatives broadly and at the level of detail for this non-project proposal in accordance with WAC 197-11-442 and WAC 197-11-443. There are existing environmental documents being adopted, but do not fully address all probable significant adverse environmental impacts or updated circumstances associated with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and Development

Regulations proposal. Accordingly, the City is using the adopted documents together with a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS): The City is issuing a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for this proposal. The DSEIS supplements the adopted environmental document(s) identified above and addresses those probable significant adverse environmental impacts, updated conditions, and reasonable alternatives not fully analyzed in the previously prepared environmental document(s). The DSEIS identifies and analyzes alternative approaches including a No Action Alternative and an Action Alternative.

Title of existing environmental documents being adopted: Since 1996, the City of Sequim has issued the following environmental review documents regarding the City of Sequim Comprehensive Plan:

- Sequim Comprehensive Plan, Final EIS, July 1996
- Sequim Comprehensive Plan Update, Determination of Nonsignificance and associated SEPA Checklist, June 2006

Description of the documents (or portion) being adopted: The City of Sequim has independently reviewed the above-referenced existing environmental document(s) and adopts those portions of the prior environmental review that remain relevant to the current proposal. The adopted document(s) analyzed environmental impacts associated with prior comprehensive planning and development regulation actions affecting the City of Sequim.

Subsequent Environmental Review

A Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Final SEIS or FSEIS) will be prepared for the proposal. The FSEIS will revise the DSEIS as appropriate and respond to comments as required in WAC 197-11-560.

Phased Environmental Review

Phased review pursuant to WAC 197-11-060(5) is anticipated. Phased review assists agencies and the public to focus on issues that are ready for decision and exclude from consideration issues already decided or not yet ready for decision. In phased review, broader environmental documents, such as a DSEIS, may be followed by narrower documents that incorporate prior general discussion by reference and concentrate solely on the issues specific to that phase of the proposal.

Basis for this Notice:

This Determination of Significance, Notice of Availability of DSEIS and Adoption Notice is issued under WAC 197-11-360, WAC 197-11-600, WAC 197-11-620, WAC 197-11-630 and WAC 197-11-510. The Notice of Availability of DSEIS is issued concurrently with this notice.

Comments must be submitted to:

This DSEIS has a 30-day public comment period pursuant to WAC 197-11-502(5)(b). The City of Sequim is requesting comments from residents, agencies, affected tribes, and all interested parties on the DSEIS from July 13, 2026 to August 13, 2026. **Comments on the DSEIS are due by 4:00 p.m. on August 13, 2026. Submittal of comments by email is preferred.** Please include the subject line "Sequim DSEIS Comments" and include your comments in the body of the email rather than as an attachment if possible. Email to: planningdept@sequimwa.gov

All written comments via US Mail should be directed to:
City of Sequim Community and Economic Development Department
152 W Cedar Street
Sequim, WA 98382

Public Review Locations:

1. City's website www.sequimwa.gov search 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update, DSEIS.

2. Sequim Civic Center, 152 W Cedar Street, Sequim, WA

3. Sequim Library, 630 N Sequim Avenue, Sequim.

Anticipated Public Hearings on the 2025 Sequim Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Periodic Update:

Planning Commission Anticipated Public Hearing Date: September 1, 2026
City Council Anticipated Public Hearing Date: September 28, 2026

Responsible Official:

Karla Boughton
Department of Community Development Director/SEPA Responsible Official
City of Sequim
Signature:



Date: July 13, 2026

Appeal: RCW 36.70A.280 identifies for SEPA appeals on GMA legislative actions. Once the legislative process is complete and adopted, the City of Sequim 2025 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations and SEIS may be appealable to the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB) within 60 days following publication in the City paper of record pursuant to RCW 36.70.290(2) and WAC 242-03.