CITY OF SAMMAMISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL

Proposed Changes to Sammamish Shoreline Master Program and related amendments to Chapter 21A.50 SMC to respond to the Department of Ecology

Notice is hereby given under SMC 24.25.160 that on June 20, 2011 the City of Sammamish City Council will hold a public hearing regarding proposed changes to the Sammamish Shoreline Master Program and related changes to Chapter 21A.50 SMC to be held at Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish, WA.

SUMMARY of AMENDMENTS:

The city's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) was amended and adopted by the City Council in October 2009 to comply with State Shoreline Management Act Guidelines as set forth in the Washington Administrative Code 173-26 and 173-27. All jurisdictions in the State of Washington with state shorelines (lakes with surface areas greater or equal to 20 acres and streams with 20 cfs (cubic feet per second) are undertaking this process.

The city's shorelines are currently regulated under the existing SMP, which has been in place with King County since 1978 and with the City of Sammamish since its incorporation. Following a 5-year process, the adopted SMP was submitted to the Washington Department of Ecology for their review. Ecology has provided Sammamish with a set of required and recommended changes to the adopted SMP.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for public testimony related to the Department of Ecology required and recommended changes in order to inform the City's response. The City has the option to accept all or some of the changes, or to propose alternatives.

Relevant documents can be found on the Department of Ecology website at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/shorelines/smp/mycomments/sammamish.html

HEARING SCHEDULE:

Public testimony will be taken on June 20, 2011 at the regular city council meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Adoption by the City Council is anticipated on July 18, 2011. The Washington State Department of Ecology must review and approve the city's ordinance prior to it becoming effective.

CITY CONTACT AND PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO:

Written comments can also be submitted until the close of the public hearing. Please submit comments attention: Melonie Anderson, City Clerk, Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish, WA or by email at manderson@ci.sammamish.wa.us