



City of Stanwood
Community Development Department
10220 270th St NW
Stanwood, WA 98292
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Critical Areas Exemption Application / Review Checklist
Pursuant to Stanwood Municipal Code 17.114.110 and 150(1)

Property Owner: _____ Applicant/Contact: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Parcel Identification Number _____ Related Permit(s): _____
Site Address: _____
Proposed use(s)/activity: _____

If requesting an exemption from critical area review, please select one of the following allowances. If your project does not comply with any of the allowed activities, please complete the critical areas checklist on the reverse side.

___ Emergency activities pursuant to SMC 17.114.110(4)(a) to prevent an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare, or that pose an immediate risk of damage to private property that require remedial or preventative action in a timeframe too short to allow for compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

___ Operation, maintenance, or repair of existing structures, infrastructure improvements, utilities, public or private roads, dikes, levees, or drainage systems, pursuant to SMC 17.114.110(4)(b) that do not require construction permits, if the activity does not further alter or increase the impact to the critical area or buffer.

___ Passive outdoor activities pursuant to SMC 17.114.110(4)(c) including light recreation, education, and scientific research activities that do not degrade the critical area.

___ Non-conversion forest practices pursuant to SMC 17.114.110(4)(d) regulated and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 76.09 RCW and forest practices regulations, WAC Title 222, and those that are exempt from the city's jurisdiction.

___ Minor site investigative work necessary for land use submittals, such as surveys, soil logs, percolation tests, and other related activities pursuant to SMC 17.114.110(4)(e) where such activities do not require construction of new roads or significant amounts of excavation.

___ Maintenance, repair and remodel of existing structures pursuant to SMC 17.114.110(4)(f) provided there is no further intrusion into a critical area or its buffer.

___ Construction of single-family units, additions, and accessory structures pursuant to SMC 17.114.110(4)(g) that meet the city's floodplain regulations in Chapters 17.120 SMC, but do not impact streams, wetlands, or their buffers.

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Exemption **Denied**

Exemption **Approved** with the following conditions:

Exemption from this chapter does not give permission to degrade a critical area or ignore risk from natural hazards. All exempted activities shall use reasonable methods to avoid potential impacts to critical areas.

Any incidental damage to, or alteration of, a critical area that is not a necessary outcome of the exempted activity shall be restored, rehabilitated, or replaced at the responsible party's expense.

Activities shall be consistent with the provisions of other local, state, and federal laws and requirements.

A recorded covenant on the title of the property is required prior to the issuance of any permit stating as follows: Persons with interest in this property are advised that this property is potentially subject to flooding, geologic (seismic), and volcanic lahars (mudflow) hazards.

Authorized Staff Signature

Date

Critical Areas Checklist

Please answer the following questions concerning Critical Area indicators **located on or within 300 feet of the project area.**

- a. Are you aware of any environmental documentation that has been prepared related to critical areas that includes the subject area? (*If yes, please attach a list of document titles).
 Yes* No Unknown
- b. Are there any surface waters (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, bogs, fens, swamps, marshes)?
 Yes No Unknown
- c. Is there vegetation that is associated with wetlands?
 Yes No Unknown
- d. Have any wetlands been identified?
 Yes No Unknown
- e. Are there areas where the ground is consistently inundated or saturated with water?
 Yes No Unknown
- f. Are there any State or Federally listed sensitive, endangered or threatened species and habitats?
 Yes No Unknown
- g. Are there slopes of 15% or greater?
 Yes No Unknown
- h. Are there any landslide hazard areas?
 Yes No Unknown
- i. Is the project located within a Flood Hazard Zone?
 Yes No Unknown

I grant permission to the field inspector to enter the building site to determine the presence or absence of critical areas.

I understand that if the information on this form is later determined to be incorrect, the project or activity may be subject to conditions or denial as necessary to meet the requirements of SMC 17.114-.135, Stanwood Critical Areas Performance Standards.

Applicant's Signature

Date