

**CITY OF GOLD BAR
DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE**

PROJECT: Shoreline Variance

THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

DATE OF ISSUANCE: September 29, 2020

APPLICANT: City Of Gold Bar
107 5th ST
Gold Bar, WA 98251

PROPOSAL LOCATION: 505 Croft Ave.
Gold Bar, WA 98251
Tax Parcel #00457502001300

ZONING: Community Business

PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION: The reduction of Setback from Croft Ave.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Gold Bar

CONTACT PERSON: Rich Norris, Public Works Director

Project Description

The proposed project is for the reduction of the Setback along Croft Ave. (Highway 2) from 20' (foot) to 5' (foot) .

The proposal is for the consideration of a variance for a building permit for a proposed pole building on Tax parcel # 00457502001300 within the City of Gold Bar. The building is proposed to be placed in the southern portion of the lot with the bay door access from within the lot rather than from Croft Ave.

WSDOT encourages access from other than Croft Ave. Reduction in the setback allows the building to be closer to Croft allowing access from north side.

The variance, if approved, will not constitute a grant of special privilege not enjoyed by the other properties in the area, and will be the minimum necessary to afford relief.

Threshold determination:

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable

significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information submitted and on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request and may be review at Gold Bar city hall.

Comments and Appeal:

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act upon this proposal for 21 days from the signature date below.

Any interested party may submit written comments on this determination. The City of Gold Bar must receive written comments or appeals before 5:00 PM, on October 14, 2020. Any appeal shall state with specificity the reason why the determination should be revised. Comments should be addressed to the responsible official designated below.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Rich Norris at (360) 793-1101.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Rich Norris
ADDRESS: City of Gold Bar
107 5TH Street
Gold Bar, WA 98251

Signature of Responsible Official

Date

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

A. Background [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [Public Works Building](#)
2. Name of applicant: [City of Gold Bar](#)
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
[Rich Norris- Public Works Director](#)
[107 5th ST](#)
[Gold Bar WA 98251](#)
[360-793-1101](#) r.norris@cityofgoldbar.us
4. Date checklist prepared: [5/14/2020](#)
5. Agency requesting checklist: [City Of Gold Bar](#)
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [Begin Building in Sept 2020 and complete by December 2020.](#)
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [None.](#)
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [None.](#)
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [NONE.](#)
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [Setback Variance, Building Permit](#)
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [Build new Public Works building for city and water dept. Used for maintenance and storage. Building will be pole construction with 3 vehicle bays and storage area.](#)
12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [Site address is 505 Croft Ave. Gold Bar WA 98251 Snohomish County Parcel No. 00457502001300. SE ¼, Sec. 6, Township 27, Range 9, Gold Bar Plat Blk 020, lots 13,14,15,16](#)

B. Environmental Elements [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Earth [\[help\]](#)

- a. General description of the site: **FLAT**

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? **<2%**

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils. **Pilchuck soils series, sandy alluvium**

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. **None.**

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. **Minimally soil disruption. Less than 10 cu. Yds in an area 35' x 70'**

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. **None.**

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)? **60%**

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: **Compliance with state and local building drainage codes.**

2. Air [\[help\]](#)

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known. **Normal amounts of exhaust from heavy equipment and shipment trucks.**

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. **None.**

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: **Equipment and vehicles comply with state air quality regulations.**

3. **Water** [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.
[Approximately 350 feet from southern lot boundary to Skykomish River.](#)

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [None.](#)

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. [None.](#)

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [None.](#)

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.
[No, the site is not in the 100 yr flood plain.](#)

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [No waste materials will be discharged to surface water.](#)

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [Water service will be provided by the City of Gold Bar.](#)

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [The site currently has an approved on site septic and drainfield. Proposed building will have an on site raindrain sufficient for the 1800 sq. ft. building surface coverage.](#)

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [Proposed building will have an on site raindrain sufficient for the 1800 sq. ft. building surface coverage.](#)

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [NO.](#)

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [NO.](#)

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [Proposed building placement retains current Stormwater catch basins and adds the raindrain described above.](#)

4. Plants [\[help\]](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

shrubs

grass

pasture

crop or grain

Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.

wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [Four small cedar trees will be removed to provide better access.](#)

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [None known.](#)

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [Proposed building site is currently used for parking and sand/gravel storage. No proposed additional landscaping.](#)
- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [None known.](#)

5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

- a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

[birds: hawks, songbirds, dove, and crow](#)

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [None known.](#)
- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [None known.](#)
- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [None.](#)
- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [None known.](#)

6. **Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. [Snohomish Co. PUD No. 1 will provide electricity to the proposed building from an existing pole. Power provided for lights, heat, shop tools, and small hand tools.](#)
- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. [No.](#)
- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: [Compliance with energy code as required.](#)

7. **Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe. **No.**

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses. **None known.**
- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity. **None known.**
- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. **None.**

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required. **None.**
- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: **None.**

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? **Site is adjacent to US-2 but noise will not be an issue.**

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. **No additional noise or traffic will be generated by the project.**

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: **None.**

8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. **The proposed use and current use for the site are the same. No impact to current uses of neighboring properties.**

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use? **Not used for farm or forest lands.**

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how: [No impacts.](#)
- c. Describe any structures on the site. [Two existing structures include the water dept. office and a large covered shed for equipment storage.](#)
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [No.](#)
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [Public Facilities](#)
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [Public Facilities](#)
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
[Not applicable due to distance from the river.](#)
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.
[None specified.](#)
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
[Two employees.](#)
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [None.](#)
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [None.](#)
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [Site plan developed in compliance with Gold Bar Municipal Code and Comprehensive Plan.](#)
- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [No impacts.](#)

9. **Housing** [\[help\]](#)

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, mid-
dle, or low-income housing. [No housing provided.](#)

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [No housing eliminated.](#)

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [None.](#)

10. Aesthetics [\[help\]](#)

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? [Building will have a maximum height of 16 ft. The exterior will be anodize corrugated aluminum.](#)

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [None.](#)

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [native shrubs or evergreens along the southern side of the building.](#)

11. Light and Glare [\[help\]](#)

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [No light or glare impacts anticipated. Building used during daylight hours.](#)

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [No.](#)

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [None.](#)

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [None.](#)

12. Recreation [\[help\]](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [Railroad Park is across the street from the proposed building site.](#)

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [No displacement of recreational uses.](#)

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [None.](#)

13. Historic and cultural preservation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers ? If so, specifically describe. [None.](#)

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [None.](#)

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [None.](#)

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required. [None.](#)

14. Transportation [\[help\]](#)

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [Site is accessed from 5th street and 5th connects to Croft Ave. \(US-2\)](#)

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? [Community Transit serves the Gold Bar area. Nearest stops are at 3rd and Lewis Ave. or 7th and Lewis Ave.](#)

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [Proposal eliminates two parking positions.](#)

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [No additional improvements required.](#)

- e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [No water rail or air transportation available at this location.](#)

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? **No additional trips will be generated by this proposed building.**
- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe. **No impacts.**
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: **None.**

15. Public Services [\[help\]](#)

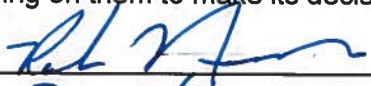
- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. **No impacts.**
- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. **None.**

16. Utilities [\[help\]](#)

- a. Utilities currently available at the site:
Electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, septic system, cable services.
- c. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. **Site is currently served by Frontier for telephone, Snohomish County PUD for electricity, Gold Bar City for water and Waste Management for refuse. On-site septic system.**

C. Signature [\[HELP\]](#)

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 
 Name of signee **Rich Norris**
 Position and Agency/Organization **Public Works, City of Gold Bar**
 Date Submitted: **9-21-2020**