

ARCHAEOLOGICAL

16.33.015 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES POLICIES

A. Policies.

1. It is the city's policy to identify, inventory and preserve archaeological resources and archaeological sites located within the city.
2. Whenever a development proposal contains a known or suspected archaeological site, the responsible officials shall assess the probable effect of the impact and the need for mitigating measures.
3. Whenever the responsible official determines that a development project may contain an archaeological site or may adversely impact a known archaeological site, the proponent may be required to retain the services of a qualified professional archaeologist to assess the impact of the development, and to propose such mitigating measures as may be necessary.
4. The responsible official shall notify the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Department of Community Development, of any development activity that may adversely impact a recognized or suspected archaeological site.
5. If the responsible official makes a written finding that a development project will adversely impact an archaeological site, then the responsible official may condition or deny the development project to minimize such adverse impact.
6. Mitigation measures may include:
 - a. Reduction in size or scope of the project;
 - b. Requiring the implementation of mitigation measures as recommended by a professional archaeologist;
 - c. Requiring compliance with any permits or conditions as may be imposed or recommended by the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.
7. If archaeological resources are discovered on a development site after approval of the development by the city without the imposition of appropriate mitigation measures, then the responsible official may issue an order to cease and desist all development activity in the affected area until such time as an appropriate archaeological resources assessment can be undertaken and mitigating measures, if necessary, implemented.

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