



CHELAN COUNTY CRITERIA SHEET

Title 15 Development Standards

Chapter 15.70 Forest Practices

Overview:

The purpose of the criteria sheet is to provide a general listing of the criteria found under Title 15 Development Standards, Chapter 15.70. Forest Practices.

Chelan County Code 15.70.050

Criteria for Exemptions:

1. Class I and Class II forest practices located outside of Urban Growth Areas (UGA).
2. Class I and Class II forest practices located within UGAs that do not involve road construction or timber harvesting.
3. Forest practices on lands in a UGA where the landowner submits a 10-year statement of non-conversion to the Department of Natural Resources (reforestation agreement together with either an acceptable 1-Year Forest Management Plan or proof that the land is currently enrolled in Current Use Assessment-Timber Lands, under the provisions of RCW 84.33.
4. The removal of less than five thousand (5,000) board feet of timber (including live, dead, and down material) for personal use in any twelve month period.
5. The culture and harvest of Christmas trees.
6. The abatement of an emergency (e.g. removal of diseased -or dangerous trees-or fire control and suppression).
7. Landscape maintenance or pruning which does not impair the health or survival of trees required to be retained or planted under the authority of CCC Title 15.
8. Removal of trees oil behalf of and with the approval of the Chelan County Public Works Director for maintenance of public roads and facilities.
9. Commercial nurseries and Christmas tree farms including the removal of trees which have been grown to be sold as Christmas trees or used in landscaping.
10. Forest activity requiring a forest practices application located within an Urban Growth Area pursuant to RCW 36. 70All 0, shall be governed by the local critical areas code.

Chelan County Code 15.70.080

Criteria for Conversion Option Harvest Plan (COHP):

1. COHP approvals shall require compliance with all applicable Titles of the Chelan County Code and policies .as set forth in Section 15.70.070.
2. Applications for COHP approval will be consistent with the application requirements outlined in Section 15.70.070 and comply with the standards in Section 15.70.080.

3. The Director shall review all requests for approval of COHP applications, any comments received, and applicable County regulations or policies and shall inspect the property prior to rendering a decision.
4. The Director may approve an application for a COHP, approve the application with conditions, require modification of the proposal to comply with specified requirements or local conditions, or deny the application if it fails to comply with requirements of this Chapter.
5. The Director shall approve COHP if the application is consistent with this Chapter including the standards referenced in section 15.10.080.
6. Reforestation: Reforestation regulations shall apply at the completion of the harvest operation in accordance with standards in chapter 222-34 WAC.
7. Vesting: Residential plat applications submitted within 10 years following COHP approval shall be subject to local land development codes in effect on the date of COHP approval, except that subsequently enacted critical area ordinance amendments related to recovery of threatened or endangered fish and or designated habitat area shall apply.
8. Recorded Notice: A document shall be recorded with the Chelan County Auditor giving notice of the Conversion Option Harvest Plan and approval conditions with the protective measures relating to the conversion. This notice shall be binding upon the landowner and successors in interest for a period of ten years from the date of timber harvest.

Chelan County Code 15.70.100

Criteria for Development Moratorium:

1. The person requesting the release did not attempt to avoid the County review or the requirements of a forest practice conversion application;
2. The forest practices conducted on the site meet the standards set forth in Section 15.70.080;
3. Critical areas or critical area buffers have not been damaged or damage to critical areas or critical area buffers can be repaired with restoration, and;
4. Corrective actions are implemented which would bring the forest practices into compliance with this Chapter.

Chelan County Code 15.70.080

Criteria for a Single-family Development Moratorium:

1. The parcel is a legal lot of record;
2. The building site area intended as developed property shall not exceed 2 acres in size;
3. The construction activity is consistent with the provisions of all applicable Chelan County codes including but not limited to Title I I, Chelan County Zoning Resolution and the Shoreline Master Program.
4. The harvest was conducted under, and consistent with, an approved Forest Practices Permit in compliance with the State Forest Practices Act.
5. A binding written commitment submitted to, and approved by th~ County. and recorded by the applicant with the County Auditor, so as to run with the land. which:

- i. Contains a site plan depicting the building site area, any critical areas within the building site area, and access roads; and
 - ii. Commits the applicant to complete the reforestation in accordance with applicable Forest Practice reforestation requirements for areas other than the building site area.
6. The Development Moratorium shall remain in effect for all other non-forestry uses of the site that are subject to County determination.
7. Rescission of Development Moratorium: Upon request of the property owner a development moratorium may be rescinded by the Director if an approved forest practices application has been either withdrawn or expired, and no subsequent timber harvest has taken place.