

CITY OF KENNEWICK
ORDINANCE NO. 5928

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM
UPDATE AND AMENDING SECTION 18.59.010 OF THE KENNEWICK
MUNICIPAL CODE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 18.59.010 of the Kennewick Municipal Code, be, and the same hereby is,
amended to read as follows:

18.59.010: Designation, Rating and Mapping Wetlands.

- (1) Designating Wetlands. Wetlands are those areas, designated in accordance with the Washington State Wetland Identification and Delineation Manual, that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. All areas within the City of Kennewick meeting the wetland designation criteria in the Identification and Delineation Manual, regardless of any formal identification, are hereby designated critical areas and are subject to the provisions of this Title.
- (2) Wetland Ratings. Wetland Types I—IV shall be rated according to the Department of Ecology's Washington State Wetland Rating System for Eastern Washington (Ecology 2014, as amended). This document contains definitions and methods for determining if specific criteria are met by a particular wetland. The City of Kennewick contains few wetland areas and most of these have been subject to disturbance in the past. The City has evaluated the most significant wetland areas that are known within the City Limits and its urban growth boundary under the Ecology Rating System. These include: the wetlands associated with Elliot Lake, Zintel Canyon drainage way, wetlands around 36th and Olympia, and 27th and Washington; and wetlands within Columbia Park and the Columbia River shoreline zone, including Duffy's Pond near Clover Island. These wetlands all classify as Category III Wetlands. This effort leads the City to believe that any additional wetlands that may occur within the City limits will rank as Category III Wetlands or as Category IV wetlands and that it is unlikely that higher quality wetlands occur in the City of Kennewick. Provisions have been provided for Category I and II wetlands, should there be a future determination these exist in Kennewick.

The Washington State Wetland Rating System for Eastern Washington (Ecology 2014) defines Category III wetlands as those wetlands that are: 1) vernal pools that are isolated, and 2) wetlands with a moderate level of functions (scores between 30 and 50 points); and Category IV wetlands are considered to be wetlands that have the lowest level of functions (scores less than 30 points) and are often heavily disturbed.

- (3) Mapping. The approximate location and extent of known wetlands are shown on the adopted critical area map (Exhibit 1, or the latest revision of this map). This information is to be used as a guide for the City, project applicants and/or property owners, and may be updated as new information becomes available. In some instances (uncertified boundaries), it is a reference and does not provide a final critical area designation.

The exact location of a wetland's boundary shall be determined through the performance of a field investigation by a qualified professional applying the Washington State Wetlands Identification and Delineation Manual as required by RCW 36.70A.175 (Ecology Publication #96-94).

(Ord. 5928 Sec 1, 2021; Ord. 5206 Sec. 2, 2007)

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNEWICK, WASHINGTON, this 21st day of September, 2021, and signed in authentication of its passage this 21st day of September, 2021.

Attest:

DON BRITAIN, Mayor

TERRI L. WRIGHT, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 5928 filed and recorded
in the office of the City Clerk of the City of
Kennewick, Washington this 22nd day of
September, 2021.

Approved as to Form:

LISA BEATON, City Attorney

TERRI L. WRIGHT, City Clerk

DATE OF PUBLICATION _____