State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Non-Project Action

Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Name of Proposal: Proposed Ordinance 2021-0346 – Building and Construction Standards

Description of Proposal: This is a non-project action identified in Proposed Ordinance 2021-0346 amending King County Code (KCC) Title 16 Building and Construction Standards and KCC Title 17 Fire Code relating to building and energy construction requirements for structures. The proposed ordinance would:

- Update the KCC to reflect the current building construction codes adopted by Washington state.
- Improve identification of, and access, structures for fire responder personnel.
- Support King County entry into the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) system with improved emergency radio reception within structures.
- Clarify plumbing review oversight, fee application and plan submittal requirements.
- Improve energy efficiency of, and reduce onsite fossil fuel combustion within, buildings to reduce building owner energy cost burden and reduce emission of air pollutants, specifically the release of climate-altering greenhouse gas emission.

Additional information about the proposal can be found here: https://mkcclegisearch.kingcounty.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5131560&GUID=21434003-36DD-435D-9B78-82DA5F682AB3&Options=Advanced&Search=

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Location of Proposal: Unincorporated areas of King County

Lead Agency: King County Department of Local Services – Permitting Div.

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Threshold Determination

The responsible official finds that the above-described non-project proposal does not pose a probable significant adverse impact to the environment. This finding is made pursuant to RCW 43.21C, KCC 20.44 and WAC 197-11, after reviewing the environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency, considering the extent to which the proposed action will cause adverse environmental effects in excess of those created by existing regulations, and considering mitigation measures which the agency or the proponent will implement as part of the proposal. The responsible official finds this information reasonably sufficient to evaluate the environmental impact of this proposal and conclude the proposed action will not have a significant impact to current or continued use of the environment. THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST (for a nominal copying fee or by email).

THIS DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal until after July 1, 2022. Comments must be received by King County Department of Local Services – Permitting Division prior to 4:00 PM on that date.

For additional information, please contact the proponent’s contact or the responsible official listed above.

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Public Hearing: A public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 2021-0346 will be scheduled before the Metropolitan King County Council. When available, information on the public hearing and schedule can be found here: https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/ordinancesadvertised.aspx

6/02/2022

Signature Date