State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
Non-Project Action
Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Name of Proposal: Proposed Ordinance 2018-0241.2 - Regulations for Wineries, Breweries and Distilleries.

Description of Proposal: Amending King County’s land use and zoning standards concerning wineries, breweries, distilleries and similar adult beverage uses. Proposed regulations affect definitions, zoning designations where uses are allowed, identifying different scales and types of uses, establishing permitting thresholds. Regulations affecting access, setbacks, lot sizes, parking and requirements for production facilities and tasting rooms. Proposed regulations establishing demonstration projects locations and criteria.

Establishing business licensing regulations. Modifying citation penalties for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms.

Additional information about the proposal can be found here: https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/issues/winery-code.aspx

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Location of Proposal: Unincorporated areas of King County

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

The responsible official finds that the above-described 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 May 17th, 2019. 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. 2018-0241.2 will be held before the Metropolitan King County Council, Room 1001, King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington, on the 12th day of June, 2019. Information on the public hearing can be found here after the first week of May, 2019 https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk/ordinances_advertised.aspx

Signature

Date April 26, 2019