

REGULATORY NOTE  
CHECKLIST OF CRITERIA

Proposed No.: 2019-XXXX

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Yes No N/A

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**NEED: Does the proposed regulation respond to a specific, identifiable need?**

The proposed legislation responds to the 2020 update to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan (2020 update) Scope of Work, adopted via Motion 15329 on February 27, 2019. The Scope addresses a series of specific, identifiable needs in the areas of housing, environment, land use and zoning, and other planning issues.

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**If so, is county government the most appropriate organization to address this need?**

The Comprehensive Plan is the County document that governs these issues, and it is appropriate for the County to address this need.

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**ECONOMY & JOB GROWTH: Has the economic impact of the proposed regulation been reviewed to ensure it will not have a long-term adverse impact on the economy and job growth in King County?**

The proposed regulations comport with Growth Management Act requirements and fall within the County's authority to regulate. Impacts from some regulations, such as Fossil Fuel Facilities, may have net positive economic impacts. Impacts from other regulations, such as Sea Level Rise, are intended to proactively address environmental risks to building and structures, which will be more cost-effective in the long run. Other long-term impacts are likely to be net-positive as the County engages with residents regarding a variety of planning issues.

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**PURPOSE: Is the purpose of the proposed ordinance clear?**

The proposed legislation has a clear focus, as defined in the adopted scope of work.

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**Are the steps for implementation clear?**

The steps for implementation are clear, and the Executive transmittal includes amendments to the King County Code to implement the policy changes.

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**EVALUATION: Does the proposed ordinance identify specific measurable outcomes that the proposed regulation should achieve?**

N/A.

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Yes No N/A  
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**Is an evaluation process identified?**

N/A.

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**INTERESTED PARTIES: Has adequate collaboration occurred with all those affected by the proposed regulation (including the public, the regulated and the regulators)?**

The 2020 update has included extensive outreach and engagement. This is described in two documents in the Executive transmittal: *Technical Appendix S: Public Participation Summary for the 2020 Update*, and the *Public Comment and Response Report for the 2020 Update*. As the Council reviews the proposed restructure, there will be opportunities for public input.

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**COSTS & BENEFITS: Will the proposed regulation achieve the goal with the minimum cost and burden?**

The proposed policy, code and land use and zoning changes are intended to be proactive and move decisions upstream, where they will be more efficient. The effect of this is likely to be that they minimize costs and burdens.

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**Has the cost of not adopting the proposed regulation been considered?**

The Council directed that there be in a 2020 update, in Workplan Action 14 in the Comprehensive Plan, adopted by Ordinance 18810 on October 29, 108. Hence, the cost of not acting was not considered.

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**Do the benefits of the proposed regulations outweigh the costs?**

The proposed policy, code and land use and zoning changes are intended to be proactive and move decisions upstream, where they will be more efficient. The effect of this is likely to be that they minimize costs and burdens.

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**VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE: Does the proposed ordinance inspire voluntary compliance?**

N/A.

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**CLARITY: Is the proposed ordinance written clearly and concisely, without ambiguities?**

Yes.

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**CONSISTENCY: Is the proposed regulation consistent with existing federal, state and local statutes?**

All of the proposed policy, code and land use and zoning changes are within the County's authority under applicable laws. There has been extensive involvement and coordination with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in the development of 2020 Executive Recommended Plan.