



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Determination of NonSignificance

January 6, 2023

Lead agency: City of Issaquah

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Agency File Number: Title 18 Land Use Code Update

Project Description: The City is updating the Land Use Code (Title 18) to improve user-friendliness and to bring elements of the code in line with best practices. The update consists of consolidating standalone code documents into one place and streamlining the code with easier to understand language. Some substantive changes have been made to provisions related to critical areas, tree preservation, urban design, site design, building design, and procedures for permits and subdivision review. This update also includes updates to the City's Shoreline Master Program. Details of the substantive changes are presented in the SEPA checklist. The update also includes changes to formatting and layout.

Project Location: The proposal impacts all incorporated areas of the City of Issaquah subject to the Land Use Code (Title 18) and the City's Shoreline Master Program.

Project Proponent: City of Issaquah Community Planning and Development Department
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The City of Issaquah has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030. We have reviewed the attached Environmental Checklist and Attachments. This information is available at: issaquahwa.gov/proposedamendments.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

1. The City has undertaken this Code Update effort with the overarching purpose of making the Land Use Code easier to use, more clearly written, and in closer alignment with the City's goals for its future. Environmental protection is of the utmost importance to the City of Issaquah, and to that end, the update increases protection standards for several critical areas, including fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, wetlands, geologically hazardous areas, and critical aquifer recharge areas. The

Code Update also includes new provisions to protect forested hillsides and encourage retention and replacement of the tree canopy. Elements of the City's Climate Action Plan are also being integrated into the updated Title 18.

2. The Title 18 Update does not increase development potential or densities, rezone areas of the City; therefore no significant increase in development potential will result from this update.

For these reasons, the lead agency determines there is unlikely to be a significant adverse impact to the environment as a result of this proposal.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and the comment period will end on January 20, 2023.

Responsible Official: Minnie Dhaliwal, Director, Community Planning & Development,
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Signature _____
(electronic signature or name of signor is sufficient)

Date January 6, 2023

Appeal process: Pursuant to Section 18.04.256 of the Issaquah Municipal Code, an appeal of this determination may be filed with the Permit Center at by 5:00 pm on (28th day after issuance of DNS) February 3, 2023. A \$1,575.00 filing fee must be submitted at the same time.