



STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)

January 6, 2023

Lead agency: City of Issaquah

Agency Contact: Minnie Dhaliwal, minnied@issaquahwa.gov, 425-837-3100

Agency File Number: Shoreline Master Program Locally Initiated Amendments

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 City's adopted Shoreline Master Program adopts the critical area regulations found in Title 18 IMC as an appendix. To incorporate those changes the City is pursuing a locally initiated shoreline master program update pursuant to WAC 173-26-090.

Additionally, the City is updating certain standards based on new information since the 2019 Periodic Review. Those standards include dock lighting along Lake Sammamish and the elimination of Lake Sammamish buffer exceptions found in the SMP. Further, to facilitate the policy of creating a more natural nearshore environment new standards for when bulkhead removal is warranted. Details of the substantive changes are presented in the SEPA checklist. The update also includes changes to code citations to reflect the updated Title 18 IMC.

Project Location: The proposal impacts all incorporated areas of the City of Issaquah subject to the Shoreline Management Act and the 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. Environmental protection is of the utmost importance to the City of Issaquah, and to that end, the update increases protection standards for Shoreline Jurisdiction by including fish and wildlife habitat

conservation areas standards, updated wetlands standards, updated stream buffers for shorelines of the state, geologically hazardous areas standards, and critical aquifer recharge areas.

2. The locally initiated 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 February 6, 2023.

Responsible Official: Minnie Dhaliwal, Director, Community Planning & Development,
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Signature _____ Date 1-6-2023
(electronic signature or name of signor is sufficient)

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 by 5:00 pm on (45th day after issuance of DNS) February 20, 2023. A \$1,575.00 filing fee must be submitted at the same time.