

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING/AFFORDABLE UNITS LAND USE CODE OMNIBUS ORDINANCE

Pursuant to SMC 25.05.340 and WAC 197-11-340

The proposal would:

1. Delete obsolete and redundant code phrasing and definitions related to affordable housing and eligible residents;
2. Update the definition of “low-income housing” and add new unit-specific definitions for “low-income unit,” “moderate-income unit,” and “restricted unit;”
3. Simplify and increase consistency of housing affordability provisions by using those defined terms, as applicable, throughout Title 23;
4. Expand design review exemption and authorization to request waiver or modification of certain development standards currently allowed for “permanent supportive housing” to include all “low-income housing;”
5. Increase consistency of standard provisions for low-income housing and other developments with units subject to housing affordability restrictions;
6. Consolidate all affordable housing-related provisions of incentive zoning in downtown zones in SMC Chapter 23.58A; and
7. Simplify and improve clarity of code provisions related to restricted units (residential units subject to restrictive housing covenants recorded on the property title), including those in otherwise market-rate buildings.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) has determined that the amendments described above will not have a probable significant adverse environmental impact, and has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act (no Environmental Impact Statement required).

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments regarding this DNS or potential environmental impacts may be submitted through May 4, 2023. Comments may be sent to:

City of Seattle, SDCI
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HOW TO APPEAL

Appeals of the decision to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) must be submitted to the Office of the Hearing Examiner by 5:00 p.m., May 11, 2023. Appeals should be addressed to the Hearing Examiner and must be accompanied by an \$85.00 filing fee in a check payable to the City of Seattle. The appeal must be sent to:

City of Seattle
Hearing Examiner

**PO Box 94729
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the DNS and the proposal may be obtained online at [Changes to Code - SDCI
| seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/development/changes-to-code). Questions about the proposed amendments and the environmental determination can be directed to Laura Hewitt Walker at laura.hewitt@seattle.gov.