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Notice of SEPA Non-Project Threshold Determination of Non-Significance

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Project Location: **Non-Project Action, legislation would apply throughout unincorporated King County**

Project Description: **Proposed ordinance amending King County Code Title 20 – Amendments to King County Code (K.C.C.) Chapter 20.36 related to policy and administration of King County’s Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS) current use assessment program.**

The proposal is the legislative adoption of an update to standards regulating the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRS) current use tax assessment program. The program offers an incentive to preserve open space on private property in King County by providing a tax reduction.

The proposed updates would: 1) Create a new ecological enhancement category to encourage additional conservation and protection of open space resources; 2) makes procedural changes in the PBRS application review process for applications from incorporated areas of King County; and 3) make amendments to clarify language and consistency in implementation.

SEPA Threshold Determination: **Determination of Non-Significance issued effective September 14, 2022**

Comment/Appeal Procedure:

This Determination of Non-significance (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340. The Permitting Division has determined after review of the proposed legislation, an environmental checklist and associated documents, that existing State of Washington and King County regulations and codes are sufficient to address potential impacts associated with the proposed legislation. Therefore, An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The issuance of this DNS does NOT constitute approval or adoption of the subject legislation.

You may comment on this DNS by submitting comments to address or email below. Emailed comments are encouraged. Comments must be received no later than **4:00 pm on October 4, 2022**. The King County Council will not act until after the comment period.

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The DNS is for a non-project action. There is no administrative appeal to the King County Hearing Examiner.

Public Hearing: Further action by the County Council has not yet been scheduled. You may check the Clerk of the Council's website for potential schedule.

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/council/clerk.aspx>

Additional information:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wlr.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding this threshold determination or the proposed legislation, please contact the Project Contact or SEPA Official at the phone number or e-mail listed above.

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