

**SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)  
SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT)  
2019 CAFÉS IN THE PUBLIC PLACE CODE AMENDMENTS AND DIRECTOR'S RULE, AND  
RELATED SEATTLE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 15 UPDATES**

**Description of proposal:** The non-project proposal amends and adds provisions in the Seattle Municipal Code Title 15 relating to cafés in the public place as last updated in 2011 by Ordinance 123659, as well as related updates to sections of Title 15 to maintain consistency in standards across various permitted uses of the right-of-way, including vending, merchandise display, and communication cabinets. Title 15 amendments include eliminating the setback from residential zoning for cafés and clarifying standards and SDOT authority related to permitting cafés in the curb space of the roadway, commonly known as "streeteries." The Director's Rule will formalize the fence-free design option and establish a process to allow for deviations from certain standards when appropriate given local conditions. The proposed amendments will require adoption by the City Council. Future café activities will require permits and review as provided for in the Sidewalk and Street Use Code.

**Proponent:** Seattle Department of Transportation  
Street Use - Public Space Management  
P.O. Box 34996  
Seattle, WA 98124-4996

**Location of proposal including street address, if any:** The Code Amendments and Director's Rule applies to the entire City of Seattle.

**Lead Agency:** SDOT

SDOT has determined that this proposal would not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information may be examined in the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections Public Resource Center at 700 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA, 98104. Documents are also at the Seattle Central Library, at 1000 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA, 98104 and at <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/public-space-management-programs/sidewalk-seating>.

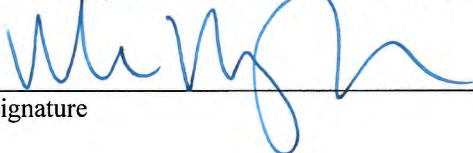
There is no comment period.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 25.05.340; the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the issue date below. **Comments must be submitted by 5:00 PM April 22, 2019.**

**Issue Date:** April 8, 2019

**SEPA Responsible Official:** Mark Mazzola, Environmental Manager, SDOT

  
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Date

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Any interested person may appeal this DNS by submitting a Notice of Appeal and a \$85.00 filing fee to the Office of the Hearing Examiner located at 700 5th Avenue, Suite 4000, Seattle; mailing address: P.O. Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124; telephone: (206) 684-0521. **The appeal must be filed no later than 5:00 PM April 29, 2019.** The appellant should be prepared to make specific factual objections. See SMC 25.05.680 A(2)(a)(ii) for SEPA appeal procedures.