



**Ordinance Updating the City of Seattle Water Code
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

Description of Proposal

Seattle Public Utilities proposes to amend Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 21.04 – Water Rates and Regulations and SMC 21.12 – Miscellaneous Provisions. The proposal is a non-project, non-site-specific action that would take effect throughout the Seattle Direct Water Service Area. Objectives for updating sections of the Code are:

- Improve and clarify existing Code language;
- Update outdated and inconsistent terminology and practices in the Code, which was originally adopted in 1893 and 1935.

Proponent

Seattle Public Utilities
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Location of Proposal

The geographic area affected by this proposed non-project action is mainly within the City of Seattle, Washington but includes areas outside of the City of Seattle that are within Seattle's Direct Water Service Area. The Direct Water Service Area has a land area of 90.5 square miles (234.4 square kilometers) and is located at latitude 47° 62' North and longitude 122° 33' West.

Lead Agency

Seattle Public Utilities, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that it does 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 is available to the public on request.

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the issuance date below.

Copies of the draft ordinance and the environmental checklist are available online at <http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/about/policies>

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by November 5, 2020 and must be sent by email to:

Betty Meyer, SEPA Responsible Official
Seattle Public Utilities
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Signature: _____

Betty Meyer

Issue Date: October 22, 2020

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$85 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2020. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19: <http://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner>