

Other Land Use Action for publication in the Seattle Services Portal (LUIB) & DJC on June 8, 2023

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE FOR PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A BUILDING EMISSIONS PERFORMANCE STANDARD

Pursuant to SMC 25.05.340 and WAC 197-11-340

The proposal would establish a standard using greenhouse gas intensity targets (GHGIT) that step lower over time intervals, to require that affected buildings meet a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions standard (or authorized alternative performance level) by a certain year between 2041-2050 depending on the building size, across a variety of use types. This would apply to non-residential buildings (with some exceptions like industrial buildings) and residential buildings located in Seattle with a gross floor area greater than 20,000 square feet excluding parking, that exist prior to the required compliance deadline. This would call for energy-efficiency and decarbonization improvements to be made to affected buildings over time, except all-electric buildings would be exempt from meeting the GHGIT.

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 June 22, 2023. Comments may be sent to:

City of Seattle, SDCI
Attn: Gordon Clowers
P.O. Box 94788
Seattle, WA 98124-7088
gordon.clowers@seattle.gov

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., June 29, 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
Seattle WA 98124-4729

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the DNS and the proposal may be obtained online at <https://www.seattle.gov/environment/climate-change/buildings-and-energy/building-performance-standards>

Questions about the proposed amendments and the environmental determination can be directed to Sandra Mallory, OSE, at sandra.mallory@seattle.gov.