



SEPA NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

File Name: 2024 AMC Chapter 20.114 Zoning Code Amendment
File Number: PLN #1181
Applicant: City of Arlington
Location: City Limits of Arlington
Date of Issuance: June 24, 2024
Publication Date: June 26, 2024
Lead Agency: City of Arlington Community and Economic Development Department
Lead Agency Contact: Amy Rusko, arusko@arlingtonwa.gov, 360-403-3550

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 2024 AMC Chapter 20.114 Zoning Code Amendment is a new alternative energy systems and technology chapter of the code. The new chapter includes general regulations for all types of energy storage systems, and specific requirements for battery energy storage systems and electric vehicle infrastructure (updated and moved from previous section of 20.44.098). Although the chapter addresses numerous types of energy storage systems, the City of Arlington is currently only permitting battery energy storage systems. The purpose and intent of this chapter is to ensure energy storage systems are installed and maintained to the most current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), International Fire Codes (IFC), International Building Codes (IBC), International Residential Codes (IRC), International Electrical Codes (IEC), National Electric Code (NEC), Underwriters Laboratories (UL), and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standards that are available. The new code chapter provides a regulatory framework for the safe installation and use of energy storage systems. The battery energy storage systems are divided into three tiers of permitting for Residential-Scale (Tier 1), Medium-Scale/Commercial (Tier 2), and Industrial-Scale/Public Utility (Tier 3).

HOW TO VIEW THE PROJECT: The Notices and project documents are available for review on the city's website at www.arlingtonwa.gov under public notices or at the Community and Economic Development Department, located at 18204 59th Avenue NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION: 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 reviewing a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City of Arlington. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date published. Comments must be submitted to Lead Agency Contact, arusko@arlingtonwa.gov by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Please reference file number PLN#1181.

SEPA Responsible Official: Marc Hayes, Director of Community and Economic Development

<p><u>Marc Hayes</u> <small>Marc Hayes (Jun 24, 2024 14:07 PDT)</small></p>	<p>June 24, 2026</p>
<p>SIGNATURE OF SEPA RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL</p>	<p>DATE</p>

TO APPEAL A DECISION: An agency or person may appeal the City's procedural compliance with WAC Chapter 197-11 (SEPA) for issuance of this DNS. The DNS is appealable to the Hearing Examiner. An appeal shall be considered filed when a written notice of appeal, specifying the grounds and arguments, therefore, is delivered to the Department of Community and Economic Development by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, and the appeal fee as set by resolution is paid.