



SEPA NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

File Name: 2023 AMC Chapter 20.44 Zoning Code Amendment
File Number: PLN #1038
Applicant: City of Arlington
Location: City of Arlington
Date of Issuance: August 30, 2023
Publication Date: September 1, 2023
Lead Agency: City of Arlington Community and Economic Development Department
Lead Agency Contact: Amy Rusko, arusko@arlingtonwa.gov, 360-403-3550

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The 2023 AMC Chapter 20.44 Zoning Code Amendments include updates to Section 20.44.032 – Master Planned Neighborhoods and Section 20.44.042 – Accessory Dwelling Units. Section 20.44.032 amends the procedure and requirements for parcels within the Master Plan Neighborhood Overlay of the city. The update amends the title of the section to Subarea Plans and establishes criteria and procedures for both private and public initiated subarea plans. The subarea plans correlate to the fourteen subareas of the City’s Comprehensive Plan that distinguish specific geographical areas and existing neighborhoods within the community. The intent of creating subareas is to develop a subarea plan for each area of the city that contains specific policies and criteria to guide land development, incorporate missing middle housing options, transportation facilities, community facilities, infrastructure and capital improvement decisions that provide for a more coordinated, efficient, and effective structure for predictable neighborhood planning.

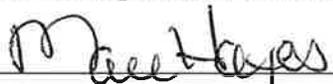
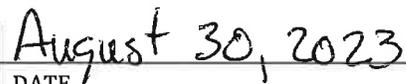
Section 20.44.042 amends the requirements and criteria set forth for Accessory Dwelling Units per Engrossed House Bill 1337 as filed to the Secretary of State of the State of Washington on May 10, 2023. The amendments follow the criteria adopted by the State of Washington and all updates to RCW 36.70A, RCW 43.21C, and RCW 64.32, 64.34, 64.38, 64.90.

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 review of 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 Amy Rusko, Planning Manager, arusko@arlingtonwa.gov by 5:00 PM on Friday, September 15, 2023.

TO VIEW: Visit the City Website at: <https://www.arlingtonwa.gov/310/Public-Notices-Hearings>.

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

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SIGNATURE OF SEPA RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL | DATE

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 Friday, September 15, 2023, and the appeal fee as set by resolution is paid.