



Community Development Department

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Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) and Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents

Description of proposal: Sammamish is updating its regulations related to the removal of trees during development and on existing lots. The current tree retention regulations contained within Title 21A, Chapter 35 of the Sammamish Municipal Code (SMC 21A.35) will be repealed and replaced with new regulatory requirements in a new chapter SMC 21A.37. Additional amendments to SMC 23.100 related to code compliance with the new tree retention regulations are also proposed.

The proposed amendments to the Sammamish Municipal Code will: A) modify the administrative procedures required for the review and approval of tree removal permits; and B) will adopt new standards for tree retention during development (e.g. subdivision, commercial construction, etc). New development will be required to retain between 25% and 35% of the existing significant trees on the site; the specific retention requirement will be based upon the zoning of the site. Trees retained during development will be subject to specific tree protection measures. Trees authorized for removal during development will be subject to replacement.

Proponent: City of Sammamish, Community Development Department

Location of proposal: Amendments to the tree retention regulations affect the entire city, with the exception of the areas Sammamish Town Center.

Lead agency: City of Sammamish, Community Development Department

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 DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted in writing and received by the deadline described below.

Titles, Agency, Adoption Dates and Descriptions of documents being adopted:

Documents: Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements for the City of Sammamish Comprehensive Plan. Lead Agency: City of Sammamish Community Development Department.

Publication Dates: February 18, 2003 and September 5, 2003. Descriptions: These documents describe, on a programmatic level, the natural and built environmental features, functions, and values located in the City of Sammamish, and the impacts associated with the adoption of the Sammamish Comprehensive Plan, including those impacts on the natural and built environment.

If the documents being adopted have been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:

N/A

The documents are available to be read at:

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and on the website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. In addition to the information in the SEPA environmental checklist including the supplemental sheet for non-project actions; the documents listed above will help meet the environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Agency adopting the documents: City of Sammamish, Community Development Department

Date of issuance: August 25, 2015

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You may comment on this determination. Send comments to:

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Deadline: Comments must be received at the address above by September 8, 2015 at 5pm per SMC 20.15.070.