

NOTICE OF PROPOSED EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT ZONING CODE CHANGES AND DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Pursuant to SMC 25.05.340 and WAC 197-11-340

The Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) recommends a suite of amendments to the Land Use Code. The proposed legislative changes would add flexibility for certain nonresidential uses in residential zones, including:

- Allowing community centers that do not include shelters and libraries as institution uses permitted outright in Neighborhood Residential zones rather than requiring a conditional use permit for these uses
- Modifying the amount of off-street parking required for community centers and libraries
- Defining and providing standards for “community farms” as a type of institution allowed outright in residential zones
- Modifying the definition of “community club or center” to better reflect the types of activities and programming commonly included in equitable development projects and increase predictability in the permitting process
- Allowing community centers to include certain accessory commercial uses, subject to limits
- For institutions in LR zones, applying setback requirements consistent with uses permitted outright zone rather than larger setback requirements

The department’s intent for this proposal is to increase the feasibility of equitable development projects.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

OPCD has determined that the zoning code changes will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (no Environmental Impact Statement required).

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments regarding this DNS or potential environmental impacts may be submitted through April 6, 2023. Comments may be emailed to:

City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development
Attn: Nick Welch
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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. April 14, 2023. Appeals should be addressed to the Hearing Examiner and must be accompanied by a \$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 are available in the City's Land Use Information Bulletin, which can be accessed in the Seattle Services Portal at: <https://cosaccela.seattle.gov/Portal/welcome.aspx>. Click on Public Notices and enter the 03/23/2023 publish date of this public notice.

Alternatively, the materials are available on the OPCD website at <https://www.seattle.gov/opcd/ongoing-initiatives/equitable-development-initiative#projectdocuments>.

If you are unable to access the materials through the websites or have questions regarding the proposal, please contact Nick Welch at nicolas.welch@seattle.gov.