

**ADDENDUM TO SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)
INTERIM DESIGN REVIEW EXEMPTION
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

The City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) is issuing an addendum to the SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) issued on April 18, 2024 concerning proposed legislation for an interim design review exemption for certain development proposals in the greater downtown area. The addendum adds to the prior DNS by offering new evaluation of potential SEPA impacts due to minor updates to, and additional information available about, the Executive's draft proposed legislation since the DNS was published. This evaluation does not change the overall finding of a DNS that was reached in April 2024 by the responsible official.

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) is proposing a non-project action that would amend the Land Use Code on an interim basis. For an interim period of three years following adoption, development proposals that primarily include residential uses, hotels, or research and development (R&D) laboratory uses within the Downtown Urban Center and a tract of land adjacent to its southern border, and the Uptown and South Lake Union Urban Centers and the First Hill portion of the First Hill/Capitol Hill Urban Center, would be exempt from the Design Review process. The action is intended to expedite approvals of new residential, hotel, and R&D laboratory uses as a strategy to increase downtown activation as a component of Mayor Harrell's Downtown Activation Plan.

HOW TO COMMENT

Comments regarding this DNS Addendum may be submitted through July 5, 2024.

Comments may be emailed to:

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the DNS and the proposal are available at the City's Land Use Information Bulletin accessible at: [Public Notices - Seattle Services Portal | Seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/public-notices). Click on Public Notices and enter the June 20, 2024 publishing date of this public notice. These materials may also be found through a Design Review Exemptions link on the SDCI Changes to Code webpage at: [Changes to Code – SDCI | seattle.gov](https://www.seattle.gov/sdci/changes-to-code).

If you are unable to access the materials through the websites or have questions regarding the proposal, please contact Geoffrey Wentlandt at Geoffrey.Wentlandt@seattle.gov.