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Notice of SEPA Non-Project Threshold Determination of Non-Significance

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Project Location: **Non-project proposal Affecting unincorporated portions of King County**

Project Description: **Proposed Ordinance PO 2024-0387 affecting land use and zoning regulation for winery, brewery and distillery uses. Ordinance 19030 was adopted in December 2019 after a years-long process to review and update the development regulations for wineries, breweries, and distilleries (WBDs), and remote tasting rooms, in unincorporated King County. After a lengthy litigation process, on September 19, 2024, the Washington State Supreme Court published an opinion reinstating a January 2022 order from the Growth Management Hearings Board that invalidated Ordinance 19030, Sections 12 through 29, Section 31, and Map Amendments 1 and 2.**

Proposed Ordinance 2024-0387 is adopted to comply with the Supreme Court's decision, as well as an evaluation by the King County Hearing Examiner that the licensing system for WBDs was preempted by RCW 66.08.120. This ordinance affects land use and zoning regulation concerning winery, brewery and distillery uses and repeals regulations concerning business licensing.

Additional information and copies of pertinent documents about the proposal can be found here:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/local-services/permits/public-notices.aspx>

SEPA Threshold Determination: **Determination of Non-Significance issued effective April 9, 2025].**

Comment/Appeal Procedure:

This Determination of Non-significance (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340. The Permitting Division has determined after review of the proposed legislation, an environmental checklist and associated documents, that existing State of Washington and King County regulations and codes are sufficient to address potential impacts associated with the proposed legislation. Therefore, An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The issuance of this DNS does NOT constitute approval or adoption of the subject legislation.

You may comment on this DNS by submitting comments to the address or email below. Emailed comments are encouraged. Comments must be received no later than **4:00 pm on April 23, 2025**. No decision will be made on this amendment until after the comment period.

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The DNS is for a non-project action. There is no administrative appeal to the King County Hearing Examiner.

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If you have any questions regarding this threshold determination or the proposed legislation, please contact the Project Contact or SEPA Official at the phone number or e-mail listed above. Note: To request this information in alternative formats for people with disabilities please call 206-296-6600 or TTY Relay: 711.