

REGULATORY NOTE  
CHECKLIST OF CRITERIA

2004-124

Proposed No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Prepared By: Harry Reinert

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Yes No N/A

**NEED: Does the proposed regulation respond to a specific, identifiable need?**

The proposed ordinances bring the county into compliance with state and federal law relating to stormwater management and with the state Growth Management Act. In addition, they address identified problems with water quality, flooding, and habitat fragmentation and loss.

**If so, is county government the most appropriate organization to address this need?**

**ECONOMY & JOB GROWTH: Has the economic impact of the proposed regulation been reviewed to ensure it will not have a long-term adverse impact on the economy and job growth in King County?**

The ordinances will probably result in some increased costs for individual development proposals. In the long term, however, the ordinances will reduce the likelihood of property damage and the environmental harm, such as a decline in water quality. A healthy environment is important to King County's economic development efforts. The ordinances also recognize the unique circumstances of agriculture and provide alternatives to ensure a vibrant agricultural economy.

**PURPOSE: Is the purpose of the proposed ordinance clear?**

**Are the steps for implementation clear?**

**EVALUATION: Does the proposed ordinance identify specific measurable outcomes that the proposed regulation should achieve?**

Yes No N/A

**Is an evaluation process identified?**

**INTERESTED PARTIES:** Has adequate collaboration occurred with all those affected by the proposed regulation (including the public, the regulated and the regulators)?

**COSTS & BENEFITS:** Will the proposed regulation achieve the goal with the minimum cost and burden?

Has the cost of not adopting the proposed regulation been considered?

Do the benefits of the proposed regulations outweigh the costs?

**VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE:** Does the proposed ordinance inspire voluntary compliance?

**CLARITY:** Is the proposed ordinance written clearly and concisely, without ambiguities?

**CONSISTENCY:** Is the proposed regulation consistent with existing federal, state and local statutes?

The proposed ordinances will bring King County into compliance with the federal Clean Water Act, the state Growth Management Act, and help the County and its citizens meet the requirements of the federal Endangered Species Act.