Snohomish County
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
M/S #604

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Proponent: Snohomish County Department of Planning & Development Services
County Administration Building
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 604
Everett, WA 98201

Description of Proposal: Proposed ordinance to amend the Snohomish County Code titled:

RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT AMENDING CHAPTER 30.22 SCC (USES ALLOWED IN ZONES) CHAPTER 30.27 SCC (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS - SIGNS) AND ADDING DEFINITIONS TO CHAPTER 30.91 SCC (DEFINITIONS) FOR DIGITAL SIGNS

This is a non-project proposal to amend the Snohomish County Code (SCC) Chapter 30.22 Use Matrix, to allow for digital billboards. Amend SCC Chapter 30.27 to regulate digital signs and digital billboards. Amend SCC Chapter 30.91 Definitions, to include new definitions relating to digital signs and digital billboards.

Lead Agency: Snohomish County Department of Planning & Development Services

Threshold Determination: 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 by Snohomish County of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with this agency. This information is available for public review upon 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 by July 5, 2013, to the responsible official at the address listed below.

Appeals:
This DNS together with the subsequent legislative action by the County Council to amend the County Code may be appealed in the Superior Court of Snohomish County, at Everett, Washington, or to the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, as appropriate. **THIS DNS MAY BE APPEALED ONLY WHEN SUCH APPEAL IS COMBINED WITH THE APPEAL OF THE UNDERLYING ACTION PURSUANT TO SCC 30.73.100. THE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE SECOND PUBLISHED NOTICE OF THE NOTICE OF ACTION ISSUED SUBSEQUENT TO THE FINAL DECISION BY THE COUNTY.** The Notice of Action describing the final decision by the County to pursue or not pursue the proposed action will be published in the County's paper of record for two consecutive weeks. Any judicial appeal must be filed, along with a filing fee, with the Clerk of

the Snohomish County Superior Court, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201-4046; phone: (425) 388-3466, or with the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, at 2329 One Union Square, 600 University St., Seattle, WA 98101-1129, as appropriate, within 60 days following publication in the paper, or as otherwise stated in the Notice of Action or provided by law.

Responsible Official:	Clay White
Position/Title:	Director, Department of Planning & Development Services
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Clay S. White, Director

For further information, contact Eileen Canola, Planning and Development Services, (425) 388-3311, Ext. 2253 or Eileen.Canola@snoco.org. Please include your full name and mailing address in any email comments.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Use of Checklist for Nonproject Proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project: Code amendment project:

   RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT, AMENDING CHAPTER 30.27 SCC (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS - SIGNS) AND ADDING DEFINITIONS TO CHAPTER 30.91 SCC (DEFINITIONS) RELATED TO SIGNS, INCLUDING BILLBOARDS

2. Name of applicant: **Snohomish County, Department of Planning & Development Services**

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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   3000 Rockefeller, M/S 604
   Everett, WA 98201
   Phone: (425) 388-3311 extension 2253
   E-mail: Eileen.Canola@snoco.org

4. Date checklist prepared: ***June 17, 2013***

5. Agency requesting checklist: ***Snohomish County, Department of Planning & Development Services***

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Planning Commission briefing:	**May 28, 2013**
Planning Commission public hearing:	**June 25, 2013**
County Council public hearing:	**To be determined**

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

This proposal is for a nonproject action with no directly related plans for future physical additions, expansions, or activities. In the future, the County will review all project–specific planning actions to ensure consistency with Comprehensive Plan policies, implementation of existing regulations, and compliance with SEPA.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

   No environmental information has been prepared for the proposed development regulations. This SEPA checklist has been prepared and a determination of nonsignifigance will be issued to address the proposed development regulations.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

   There currently are no known applications pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the properties covered by this proposal.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

    No government approvals or permits are required for this proposal. The Snohomish County Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the County Council.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information of project description.)

    Description of Proposal: ***This is an ordinance, a non-project proposal to amend the Snohomish County Code (SCC) Chapter 30.22 Use Matrix, to allow for digital billboards. Amend SCC Chapter 30.27 to regulate digital signs and digital billboards. Amend SCC Chapter 30.91 Definitions, to include new definitions relating to digital signs and digital billboards.***

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

    This nonproject proposal affects lands located within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other_____.

   Lands within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County include a variation of terrain such as flat, rolling, hilly, and steep slopes.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Slopes in excess of 100% can be found within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

A range of soil types are found within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Certain areas within Snohomish County have a history of surface instability associated with periods of heavy rainfall. Other areas have a history of more deep-seated instability associated with landslide activity.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

As a nonproject action, no filling or grading is proposed. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review of any proposed grading or filling activity.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

As a nonproject action, no erosion will occur as a direct result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review of any proposed clearing and construction that might result in erosion.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

As a nonproject action, no impervious surface coverage will occur as a result of this proposal.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

As a nonproject action, no erosion reduction or control measures are proposed or required. Future site-specific development or land use action would be subject to project-level SEPA and regulatory review and would require the implementation of applicable county regulations to reduce or control erosion or other impacts to the earth.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial woodsmoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

As a nonproject action, no emissions to air will occur as a result of this proposal.

b. Are there any off site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control emissions are required or proposed. Future site-specific development or land use action would be subject to project level SEPA and regulatory review and would require the implementation of applicable county regulations to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any.

3. Water

a. Surface:

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

There are several streams, seasonal streams, and bodies of water located within Snohomish County.

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

As a nonproject action, this proposal will not require any work in, or adjacent to the described waters. Future site-specific development or land use action would be subject to project level SEPA and regulatory review and would require the implementation of applicable county regulations to reduce or control activities near surface water bodies, if any.

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

As a nonproject action, no fill or dredge material will be placed or removed from surface water or wetlands.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

As a nonproject action, no surface water withdrawals or diversion will be required.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Not Applicable as this is a nonproject action.

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

As a nonproject action, no discharges of waste materials to surface waters will occur as a result of this proposal.

b. Ground:

1) Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

As a nonproject action, no groundwater will be withdrawn or discharged.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals.....; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

As a nonproject action, no waste material will be discharged from septic tanks or other sources as a result of this proposal. Future development or land use actions that would likely result in discharges from stormwater runoff would be subject to project-level SEPA and regulatory review.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

As a nonproject action no runoff will occur as a result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use action proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA and development permit review, which would address runoff management.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

As a nonproject action, waste materials will not enter ground or surface waters as a result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal would be subject to separate SEPA and development permit reviews, which would address the potential of waste materials entering ground or surface waters.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, no additional measures are required for this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA and permit review, which would include the implementation of measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff impacts.

4. Plants

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

_X_ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

_X_ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
_X_ shrubs
_X_ grass
_X_ pasture
_X_ crop or grain
_X_ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
_X_ water plants: water lily, eel grass, milfoil,
_X_ other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

As a nonproject action, no vegetation will be removed as a result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA and critical areas review of any proposed vegetation removal or alteration.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

U.S Fish and Wildlife Services provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.
National Marine Fisheries Service provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.
Washington State Department of Natural Resources provides legal listing of ESA species under its jurisdiction.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to preserve or enhance vegetation are required for this proposal. Any future site-specific development or land use action proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA and permit review, which would include review of any proposed landscaping or measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site.

5. Animals

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:
birds: **hawks, heron, eagle, songbirds,** other: _____
mammals: **deer, bear, elk, beaver**, other: _____
fish: **bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish**, other:_____

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

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National Marine Fisheries Service provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife provides legal listing for ESA species under its jurisdiction.
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c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Yes. Wildlife species do migrate through Snohomish County, but as a nonproject action will not impact migratory species.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to preserve or enhance wildlife are required or proposed. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

As a nonproject action, energy will not be consumed.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

As a nonproject action, there will be no impact on solar energy as a result of this proposal.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, energy conservation features are not applicable to this project. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

As a nonproject action, no environmental health hazards will result as a consequence of this proposal.

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

As a nonproject action, no special emergency services are required by this proposal.

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are required for this proposal. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, aircraft, other)?

This nonproject action will not be effected by noise.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

This nonproject action will not generate noise.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control noise impacts are required or proposed. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

This nonproject action pertains to lands within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County, which contain designated rural and agriculture within Snohomish County's jurisdiction with agricultural activities.

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

This nonproject action pertains to property that may have been, may be, or currently being used for agricultural production.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Not applicable to this nonproject action.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

As a nonproject action, no structures will be demolished as a result of this proposal.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

This nonproject action pertains to various zoning classifications within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

This nonproject action pertains to various land use designations within the jurisdiction of Snohomish County.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not Applicable.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

Not Applicable.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

As a nonproject action, no people would reside or work on the site as a result of this proposal.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

As a nonproject action, no people would be displaced as a result of this proposal.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts are required by this proposal.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The proposed code amendments are compatible with the land use plans and regulations.

9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.

As a nonproject action, no housing units would be provided by this proposal.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

As a nonproject action, no housing units would be eliminated by this proposal.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control impacts to housing are required or proposed.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

As a nonproject action, no structures are proposed.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

As a nonproject action, no views will be altered or obstructed as a result of this proposal.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts are required or proposed. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

As a nonproject action, no light or glare will occur as a result of this proposal. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control impacts, if any

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

As a nonproject action, no light or glare that could be a safety hazard or interfere with views will result from this proposal. Any future site-specific development proposals will be subject to a separate SEPA and applicable permit reviews, which will include review of light and glare from the development.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

Not Applicable

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts are required or proposed. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control light and glare impact, if any.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Hunting, fishing, bird watching, and many other recreational opportunities exist throughout Snohomish County.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

This nonproject action will not displace any existing recreational uses.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation are proposed or required. Any future site-specific development proposal would

be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to this site? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable to this nonproject action.

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

Not applicable to this nonproject action.

c. Proposed measure to reduce or control impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measure to reduce or control impacts are proposed or required. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control impacts, if any.

14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Various highways and several state routes and local streets service Snohomish County.

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Not applicable to this nonproject action.

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

As a nonproject action, no parking spaces are proposed or required.

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? if so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

As a nonproject proposal, new transportation improvements are not required or proposed. Future development will be reviewed for impacts to the roadway system and improvements to existing roadways may be required on a project-by-project basis.

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

This nonproject action will not directly generate any vehicular trips per day.

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control transportation are proposed or required.

15. Public Services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

As a nonproject action, this proposal will not result in an increased need for public services.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control impacts on public services are proposed or required.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

Not applicable to this nonproject action.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

As a nonproject action, no utilities are proposed or required. Any future site-specific development or land use action proposal would need to provide electricity to serve the proposed development

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____

Eileen Canola, Project Manager
Planner, Planning and Development Services

Date Submitted: June 21, 2013

OPTIONAL

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent of the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

   The proposal will not likely cause any increase in these types of discharges or emissions. As a nonproject action, no direct impacts will likely occur to water or air quality. For any future action related to a project-specific land use impact, County staff would analyze the project-specific proposal and potentially require mitigation measures for any identified significant adverse impacts.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

   As a nonproject action, the proposal is not likely to adversely impact animals, fish, plants, or marine life. County staff would analyze the project-specific proposals under this proposal, which may have the potential to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life, depending on the proposed facility.

   Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

   As a nonproject action, there are no proposed measures to protect plants, animals, or marine life.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

   As a nonproject action, this proposal is not likely to deplete energy or natural resources. Any future site-specific development proposal would be subject to a separate SEPA review, which would include review and implementation of measures to reduce or control impacts, if any.

   Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

   As a nonproject action, there are no proposed measures to protect or conserve energy or natural resources. The proposed ordinance contains amendment to the County Code to limit hours of operation for digital signage, and to regulate the brightness of digital signs.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

   This nonproject action would not likely adversely affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated for governmental protection. The proposal contains language that promotes consistency with the Highway Advertising Act -Scenic Vistas Act and the Shoreline Management Program, which protects scenic areas and shoreline environments, respectively.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

As a nonproject action, there are no proposed measures to protect such resources. The proposal contains language promoting consistency with the Highway Advertising Act -Scenic Vistas Act and the Shoreline Management Program, which protects scenic areas and shoreline environments, respectively. For any future action related to a project-specific land use impact, County staff would analyze the project-specific proposal and potentially require mitigation to protect or reduce impacts on environmentally sensitive areas or other areas designated for protection.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

This proposal does not encourage incompatible land or shoreline uses. The proposal contains language promoting consistency with the Snohomish County Shoreline Management Program, which protects shoreline environments.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

As a nonproject action, there are no proposed measures to protect such resources. The proposal contains language promoting consistency with the Snohomish County Shoreline Management Program, which protects shoreline environments.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

As a nonproject action, this proposal is unlikely to increase demands on transportation or public services.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

As a nonproject action, there are no proposed measures to respond to such demands.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The proposal does not conflict with any law or requirements to protect the environment.