



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Proponent: Snohomish County Council
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Description of Proposal: proposed ordinance that would amend the county's comprehensive plan and development regulations to clarify that religious facilities ("churches" in county code) are exempt from the Rural Business zone's maximum building size and maximum impervious surface provisions. The proposed ordinance title is: ORDINANCE NO. 18-___ RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT, AMENDING THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CHAPTERS 30.22 AND 30.31F OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE TO REVISE RURAL BUSINESS ZONE POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.

Proposed amendments:

This is a non-project proposal that would amend objective LU 6.E and associated policies in the Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan to clarify that Rural Business zoning and development standards should provide for community facilities for the surrounding rural population in addition to small-scale retail and service uses and to clarify that restrictions on building size and areas of impervious surfaces provided by LU Objective 6.E and its associated policies do not apply to religious facilities. The proposal would also amend the county's development regulations to exempt religious facilities from the Rural Business zone performance standards of SCC 30.31F.110 (1) and (2).

Lead Agency: Snohomish County Council

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 **September 14, 2018**, 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 to the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board. **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 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. Any appeal must be filed with the Central Puget

Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, at PO Box 40953 Olympia WA 98504-0953 within 60 days following publication in the paper, or as otherwise stated in the Notice of Action or provided by law.

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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.

This checklist is for a proposed ordinance that would amend the county's comprehensive plan and development regulations to clarify that religious facilities ("churches" in county code) are exempt from the Rural Business zone's maximum building size and maximum impervious surface provisions.

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: *Proposed ordinance titled:*
ORDINANCE NO. 18-__ RELATING TO GROWTH MANAGEMENT,
AMENDING THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND
CHAPTERS 30.22 AND 30.31F OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE TO
REVISE RURAL BUSINESS ZONE POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS
2. Name of applicant:

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

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4. Date checklist prepared:

August 22, 2018

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Snohomish County

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

Planning Commission briefing and public hearing: July-August 2018
County Council public hearing: Anticipated Sept-Oct 2018

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

Future development applications for new or redeveloped religious facilities in one of the county's rural business zones are possible.

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

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (issued September 8, 2014) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (issued June 3, 2015) for the Snohomish County 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (issued May 2006), Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (issued July 2007), and Final Environmental Impact Statement (issued April 2008) for VISION 2040.

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.

A conditional use permit application has been received by the county for a new 25,000 square foot church and parking lot at 21126 SR-9, partially within a Rural Business zone.

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 other than county council approval of the ordinance. The Puget Sound Regional Council would be asked to certify that the comprehensive plan amendment is consistent with the multicounty planning policies and regional transportation plan.

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.)

The county's development regulations currently limit development to a maximum building floor area of 4,000 square feet per building, and limit the total impervious surface of buildings, parking, and other support areas to 50% of the net usable area of the site. The code amendments would exempt churches from those limits, would add

several cross-references to improve readability, and would delete several uses from the Rural and Resource Use Matrix because they exceed the limitation on building sizes in the Rural Business zone performance standards and as such are effectively prohibited already. Churches would remain a conditional use permit type in the Rural Business zone, and all other applicable development regulations would continue to apply to Churches.

The county's comprehensive plan provides guidance for the limits in the development regulations. LU policy 6.E.3, for example, currently states "In order to maintain the character of surrounding rural residential areas, the Rural Business development standards shall restrict the building size, height, and setback; the size, location, and type of uses; and the areas of impervious surfaces." The proposed comprehensive plan amendments would specify that churches are not the intended target of those limitations, and would also correct one error and delete a policy that has become moot.

It is worth noting that churches that exceed 4,000 square feet are already allowed, with a conditional use permit, in the R-5 zone, which comprises the vast majority of the county's rural area. The proposed code amendments would extend that ability to build larger churches to the rural crossroads and nodes zoned Rural Business.

The proposal would also allow a complete development application that has already been submitted to the county to opt-in to these provisions despite otherwise being vested to development regulations in effect at the time the development application was received.

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 proposal affects portions of unincorporated Snohomish County rural area which are zoned Rural Business. It may potentially affect certain other areas of the county's rural area which may be rezoned to Rural Business (which is a floating zone) in the future. There are currently 33 nodes zoned Rural Business, located throughout the county's rural area, adding up to a total of 156 acres.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

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

Rural Business zones include a variety of terrain such as flat, rolling, hilly and some small areas of steep slopes.

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

Eight of the nodes zoned Rural Business contain small areas with slopes in excess of 33%.

- 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 Rural Business zones, mostly gravelly and/or sandy loam (about half of the acreage) and silt loam (about 40% of the acreage).

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

The small areas of steep slopes present in some Rural Business zones (see section B.1.b. above) may include unstable soils, but no particular history of soil instability is apparent in these zones.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 direct 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.

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 direct 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.

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 many streams, seasonal streams, and bodies of water located within unincorporated Snohomish County, including some within and adjacent to Rural Business zones.

- 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.

- 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.

Several nodes zoned Rural Business lie within or adjacent to 100-year floodplains.

- 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 direct 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 direct result of this proposal.

- 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 direct result of this proposal.

- 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 direct result of this proposal.

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

As a nonproject action, no measures to control water impacts beyond existing stormwater provisions are required for this proposal.

4. Plants

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

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
 evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
 shrubs
 grass
 pasture
 crop or grain
 wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
 water plants: water lily, eel grass, milfoil, 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 direct result of this proposal.

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

Threatened or endangered species may be located in areas zoned Rural Business. U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service provide legal listing for ESA species under their jurisdiction which would be consulted during project-specific development proposals. Washington State Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources provide legal listing for threatened and sensitive species under their jurisdictions which would be consulted during project-specific development proposals.

- 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 associated with this proposal.

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.

Threatened or endangered species may be located in areas zoned Rural Business. U.S Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service provide legal listing for ESA species under their jurisdiction which would be consulted during project-specific development proposals. Washington State Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources provide legal listing for threatened and sensitive species under their jurisdictions which would be consulted during project-specific development proposals.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Yes. Wildlife species do migrate through the county, including through areas zoned Rural Business, but as a nonproject action the proposal 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 for this proposal.

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 as a direct result of this proposal.

- 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 direct 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 proposal.

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 direct 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 will be required or impacted by this proposal.

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

As a nonproject action, measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are not applicable to this proposal.

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.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

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

A variety of land uses are present in areas zoned Rural Business, including residences, commercial uses, and vacant land.

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

Some areas zoned Rural Business have most likely been used for agriculture in the past.

- 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 direct result of this proposal.

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

This nonproject action would be applicable to sites located in Rural Business zones.

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

This nonproject action would be applicable to sites located in Rural Business zones which are located on lands with a comprehensive plan designation of Rural Residential.

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

Some areas zoned Rural Business are located within or adjacent to shorelines. Designations include Aquatic Shoreline Environment, Resource Shoreline Environment, and Rural Conservancy Shoreline Environment.

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

Some areas zoned Rural Business are considered environmentally sensitive.

- 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 direct 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 direct 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 for this proposal.

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

The proposed comprehensive plan and code amendments would be compatible with relevant land use plans and regulations, as detailed in sections 1 and 2 of the proposed ordinance (Ord. No. 18-___)

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 for this proposal.

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. The proposal would not change the maximum building height of 35'.

- 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 direct result of this proposal. Religious facilities with a building footprint larger than 4,000 square feet, which would become permissible using a conditional use permit process as a result of the proposal, may be built in the future and could alter some aesthetic characteristics in areas zoned Rural Business.

- 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 for the proposal. Religious facilities with a building footprint larger than 4,000 square feet, which would become permissible in the Rural Business zone as a result of the proposal, would need to go through a conditional use permit process, which may result in conditions to maintain the character of the site vicinity and reduce or control aesthetic impacts.

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 direct result of this proposal.

- 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 occur as a direct result of this proposal.

- 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 for the proposal.

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 control impacts on recreation or provide recreation opportunities are required for the proposal.

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.

No Historic Register properties on record at the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation are located within any areas zoned Rural Business.

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

Some buildings within areas zoned Rural Business are over 50 years old.

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

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control impacts to places or items of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance are required for the proposal.

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.

Areas zoned Rural Business are served by a variety of roadway types, including U.S. and state highways, county roadways, and local streets.

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

Some areas zoned Rural Business are served by public transit, but given their rural locations, most are not.

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

As a nonproject action, parking spaces will not be created or eliminated.

- 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. Future development dependent upon this proposal may affect transportation demand and the provision of transportation facilities and services, including potential need for site access improvements such as turn lanes or upgraded signals. Specific transportation needs and mitigation will be addressed as part of project-specific review.

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

No.

- 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 generate any vehicular trips per day. Future development dependent upon this proposal may affect vehicular transportation demand, including potential concentrations of traffic before and after services or events.

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

As a nonproject action, no measures to reduce or control transportation impacts are proposed or required. Existing transportation concurrency and mitigation provisions in county code, as well as conditions on future development that may

be imposed through a conditional use permit process would address impacts and mitigation to maintain adopted level of service standards and avoid significant impacts to facilities with inadequate road conditions.

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.

This nonproject proposal will not directly result in an increased demand for public services. Future development dependent upon this proposal may affect demand 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.

Most areas zoned Rural Business have the above utilities available with the exception of sanitary sewer, which is not available outside the urban growth area.

- 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.

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: 
Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Legislative Analyst
Snohomish County Council

Date Submitted: August 27, 2018

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?

As a nonproject action, no direct impacts will occur. Future development that might occur as a result of this proposal may affect water resources based on the creation of some additional impervious surface. During project-specific review, any impacts would be identified and mitigated through the application of the county's stormwater regulations. The proposal is unlikely to increase emissions to air, production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, or production of noise beyond what would be associated with any new development.

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

As a nonproject action, no direct impacts will occur. Future development that might occur as a result of this proposal may affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life as a result of the removal of a small amount of native vegetation and the creation of a small amount of additional impervious surface. However, any impacts would be mitigated by the application of the county's critical areas, stormwater, and land disturbing regulations.

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

As a nonproject action, no measures to protect or conserve plants, animals or marine life are required or proposed. Future development that might occur as a result of this proposal would go through project-specific review and county critical area, stormwater, and land disturbing regulations would be applied to mitigate any identified impacts. Future projects may also be subject to further environmental review depending on threshold determinations.

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

As a nonproject action, no direct impacts will occur. Future development that might occur as a result of this proposal may affect energy or natural resources, however this proposal would not generate projects that would have a significant impact on the use of energy resources beyond typical new development. Energy use for transportation could be decreased if the proposal allows religious facilities to be located closer to participants.

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

As a nonproject action, no measures to protect or conserve energy or natural resources are required or proposed.

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?

As a nonproject action, no direct impacts will occur. Future development that might occur as a result of this proposal may affect environmentally sensitive areas as a result of the removal of a small amount of native vegetation and the creation of a small amount of additional impervious surface. However, any impacts would be mitigated by the application of the county's critical areas, stormwater, and land disturbing regulations. Impacts to parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, or farmland are unlikely.

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

As a nonproject action, no measures to protect environmental resources are required or proposed.

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?

The proposal could affect land use in up to a few rural business nodes by allowing religious facilities that are larger than the existing 4,000 square foot building footprint limit. However, the larger religious facilities may not appear out of place because larger religious facilities are already allowed in the R-5 zone, which comprises the vast majority of the rural area and surrounds each rural business node. Land use may also be affected if larger religious facilities reduce opportunities for small-scale commercial uses in certain areas. Shorelines are unlikely to be affected. The proposal would be compatible with relevant land use plans and regulations, as detailed in sections 1 and 2 of the proposed ordinance.

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

No measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are proposed.

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

As a nonproject action, no direct impacts will occur. Future development dependent upon this proposal may affect transportation demand and the provision of transportation facilities and services, including potential concentrations of traffic before and after services or events, and a potential need for site access improvements such as turn lanes or upgraded signals. Specific transportation needs and mitigation will be addressed as part of project review. Future development dependent upon this proposal may affect demand for rural levels of public services, but not beyond what is already contemplated in county and service provider plans.

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

As a nonproject action, specific measures to avoid or reduce transportation and public service impacts are not required or proposed. Measures to reduce or respond to demands would be addressed during project-specific review.

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

This nonproject proposal is compatible with relevant land use plans and regulations, as detailed in sections 1 and 2 of the proposed ordinance, and is unlikely to conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment