

TO: Planning Commission  
FROM: Erika Smith Erikson, Land Use and Housing Planner  
DATE: April 25, 2023  
SUBJECT: SEPA Categorical Exemption Update

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1) Recommended Action:

Read materials and be prepared to discuss as part of a briefing on the ordinance.

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2) Background:

The proposed SEPA amendments are intended to eliminate duplicative environmental reviews, reduce project review timeframes, ensure proper notice and comment opportunities for the public, affected tribes, and agencies regarding permitting of development projects, and support the increase of affordable housing in the City.

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3) Alternatives:

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4) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Presentation