

# SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

## ***Purpose of checklist:***

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

## ***Instructions for applicants:***

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

## ***Instructions for Lead Agencies:***

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## ***Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:***

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the [SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS \(part D\)](#). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words “project,” “applicant,” and “property or site” should be read as “proposal,” “proponent,” and “affected geographic area,” respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

## **A. Background** [\[HELP\]](#)

### **1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:**

One-year moratorium prohibiting the establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms, as primary uses or as home occupations or home industries; and prohibiting temporary use permits for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms uses under the King County Code.

### **2. Name of applicant:**

The proposal was initiated by King County.

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

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### **4. Date checklist prepared:**

June 14, 2022

### **5. Agency requesting checklist:**

King County.

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

The King County Council anticipates possible action on the proposed ordinance in November 2022

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

If adopted, this moratorium would expire on December 23, 2023.

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

- Sammamish Valley Area Wine and Beverage Industry Study, September 2016:  
<https://kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional->

[planning/Sammamish-Study-Area/CAISammValleyWineBeverageStudyFINAL-091216.ashx?la=en](https://kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/Sammamish-Study-Area/CAISammValleyWineBeverageStudyFINAL-091216.ashx?la=en)

- King County Action Report, Sammamish Valley Winery and Beverage Study, April 26, 2018: <https://kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/Sammamish-Study-Area/Exec-Recommend/WineryReport-041618.ashx?la=en>
- SEPA Checklist proposed Ordinance 2018-0241.2 dated April 9, 2019
- SEPA Checklist for Ordinance 19217 (moratorium extension) dated October 6, 2020
- SEPA Checklist for this proposal

**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.**

The proposal is a nonproject action and applies to all of unincorporated King County. Permit applications for individual developments are pending for projects on properties within unincorporated King County, where the proposed ordinance would apply. King County maintains a list of pending applications online at <https://aca-prod.accela.com/kingco/Default.aspx>.

All applications subject to this moratorium would be put on hold until the moratorium expires.

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

Approval by the King County Council is the only government approval required for adoption of the proposed ordinance. Individual development projects that would be subject to the proposed ordinance would also be subject to all applicable federal, state and local permitting and licensing requirements.

**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 on project description.)**

The current moratorium prohibiting the establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms, as primary uses or as home occupations or home industries; and prohibiting temporary use permits for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms uses under the King County Code as adopted in Ordinance 19309 expires in December 2022. There are currently no standards in place to regulate these uses, and it is uncertain if or when currently proposed legislation will pass prior to the expiration of the moratorium currently in place. Therefore, given this timeline and that it is in the public interest to prevent unregulated winery, brewery, and distillery development until this determination has been made, this proposed legislation would establish a new moratorium for an additional year.

Compliance with existing federal, state, and local regulations is presumed for purposes of this SEPA checklist, including compliance with the regulations in the proposed ordinance itself, as well as others such as those related to drinking water, stormwater, wastewater treatment, septic systems, critical areas, and zoning requirements. Any noncompliant uses or structures would be subject to code enforcement and would not be considered an impact related to the proposed ordinance.

The King County Council could modify the proposed ordinance and still accomplish the proposal's objective. Depending on the modification, the likelihood, scale, or scope of potential impacts to various elements of the environment could be the same, greater, or less.

As would be the case for any nonproject or project action that undergoes changes after the publication of a SEPA threshold determination, the King County Executive branch, which pursuant to KCC 20.44.020 is the Lead Agency for SEPA for King County, would evaluate any modifications that are proposed to be made to the proposed ordinance and would update this environmental review in the case that changes would result in greater or different impacts than those identified in this checklist. The timing of additional environmental review process may vary depending on other variables, including future public processes.

**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.**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would apply to all of unincorporated King County, which totals 1,095,680 acres.

In general, King County is located in western Washington and includes 39 incorporated cities, including Seattle, Federal Way, Kirkland, and Bellevue. Approximately three-quarters of the County is unincorporated and includes areas primarily to the east of the County urban growth area boundary and the urban Puget Sound region, with the exception of Vashon-Maury Island located to the west and some isolated blocks of unincorporated area within the urban growth area.

Nearly 75 percent of unincorporated King County is zoned as Forest (F), particularly the eastern portion of the County. To the west, near the more urban incorporated areas of the County, the predominant zoning category is RA, with some areas zoned A, particularly in the area northeast of Sammamish Valley and the area northwest of Enumclaw. Smaller areas of residential, business, office, and industrial zoning are also located throughout unincorporated King County.

## **B. Environmental Elements** [\[HELP\]](#)

### **1. Earth** [\[help\]](#)

#### **a. General description of the site:**

(circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no identifiable “site,” the ordinance applies to all of unincorporated King County, which includes areas that are flat, rolling, hilly, and steep slope. King County landforms include saltwater coastline, river floodplains, plateaus, slopes, and mountains, punctuated with lakes and streams.

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

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, unincorporated King County includes 16,596 acres of steep slope critical areas.

#### **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 agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.**

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, soil in unincorporated King County generally reflects geologically recent glacial and alluvial (river and stream) activity, as well as human activity. River valleys are generally occupied by poorly drained, silty loams that commonly have a substantial organic content. Soils on upland areas between valleys typically are coarser-grained sandy and gravelly sandy loams, but soils with high organic content do occur locally in these upland areas and along water bodies. Some areas of unincorporated King County are classified as farmland of statewide importance, prime farmland, and prime farmland with conditions (which means that it is prime farmland if drained, irrigated, protected from flooding, or not frequently flooded). King County's Farmland Preservation Program restricts use on participating properties to agriculture or open space use and restricts activities that would impair the agricultural capability of the property.

In accordance with the State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.170 and 36.70A.050), King County designated "agricultural lands that are not already characterized by urban growth and that have long-term significance for the commercial production of food or other products." The lands that meet these criteria are designated as an Agricultural Production District, of which there are five in King County (Enumclaw, Snoqualmie, Upper Green River, Lower Green River, and Sammamish).

Development projects within an Agricultural Production District that are subject to the proposed ordinance may result in the removal of some of these soils. However, existing regulations regarding those soils, and limitations on square footage and impervious surfaces would limit such removal.

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

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, geologically hazardous areas, including landslide and erosion-prone areas, some abandoned mining areas, and seismic risk areas, exist within unincorporated King County. Landslide and erosion-prone areas are associated primarily with steep slopes. Hazardous mining areas that may be subject to surface subsidence are associated primarily with past coal mining that occurred in the area from Newcastle through Renton south to Black Diamond. Any development subject to the proposed ordinance that is located on a parcel where landslide or erosion-prone areas exist would be subject to existing regulations and, for new uses, would be identified and addressed under existing regulations during permit review.

**e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no fill would occur.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no erosion would occur.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no change to impervious surfaces would occur.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to control erosion or other impacts to the earth are proposed.

**2. Air** [\[help\]](#)

**a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no air emissions could occur.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, there is no part of the proposal that could be affected by emissions or odors.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control emissions are proposed.

**3. Water** [\[help\]](#)

**a. Surface Water:** [\[help\]](#)

**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.**

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, numerous streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands and the Puget Sound are located within unincorporated King County. King County maintains an inventory of water bodies within unincorporated King County, which would be considered during development review.

**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 applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no work in or within 200 feet of water bodies would occur.

**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 applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no fill would be placed in surface water or wetlands.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no surface water withdrawals or diversions would occur.

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

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, several areas of unincorporated King County lie within a 100-year floodplain. However, the proposal is a moratorium prohibiting applications for applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries, therefor no development could occur as part of this proposal.

**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 applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no discharges of waste materials to surface waters would occur.

**b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)**

**1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no groundwater withdrawal would occur.

**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 applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no waste material discharge would occur.

**c. Water runoff (including stormwater):**

**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 applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no water runoff would occur.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no waste materials would enter ground or surface waters.

**3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no drainage pattern alteration would occur.

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts to surface or ground water, runoff water, or drainage patterns. Existing federal, state and local regulations related to surface water discharge and withdrawal, groundwater discharge and withdrawal, runoff water (stormwater), and drainage would apply to any development project that would be subject to the proposed ordinance. No additional measures to reduce or control any potential surface, ground, and runoff water and drainage pattern impacts are proposed under this ordinance. Individual development proposals may be required to provide these measures.

**4. Plants** [\[help\]](#)

**a. Check the 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
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, unincorporated King County includes a variety of vegetation types on the various lands that development projects subject to the proposed ordinance would apply to, including those listed above.

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



As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no vegetation will be removed or altered.

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. There are no known federally listed threatened or endangered plant species in King County. However, there are several species in King County listed as threatened or endangered according to the Washington State Natural Heritage Program, including clubmoss mountain-heather, Kamchatka fritillary, Pacific peavine, white meconella, choriso bog-orchid, and little bluestem.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation are proposed.

**e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, a variety of noxious weeds and invasive species exist in unincorporated King County. The proposed ordinance does not change any obligations to control noxious weeds identified by the King County Noxious Weed Control Board.

**5. Animals [\[help\]](#)**

**a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.**

Examples include:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:  
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:  
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, a variety of birds, mammals, and fish have been observed in unincorporated King County. There are 221 bird species that are common, uncommon or usually seen on an annual basis in King County. Bird species include hawks, herons, eagles, owls, woodpeckers, songbirds, waterfowl, and shorebirds. There are 70 mammal species that can be found in King County, including shrews, bats, beavers, elk, deer, bears, rabbits, wolves, seals, and whales. There are 50 species of freshwater fish in King County, including 20 introduced species. More information on birds and animals found in King County can be found at <https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/animals-and-plants/biodiversity/defining-biodiversity/species-of-interest.aspx>.

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

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, there are a number of federally threatened and endangered species in King County according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. These species include the Canada lynx, gray wolf, grizzly bear, North American wolverine, marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, streaked horned lark, yellow-billed cuckoo, Oregon spotted frog, bull trout, Puget Sound Chinook salmon,

Puget Sound steelhead, bocaccio rockfish, yelloweye rockfish, southern resident killer whale, and humpback whale.

In addition to the federally listed species above, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains a list of priority species for which conservation measures should be taken. State threatened and endangered species not included with the federally listed species include the western pond turtle and the fisher.

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

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no identifiable “site,” King County is within the Pacific Flyway migratory pathway for birds, and there are numerous streams and water bodies within the County that serve as migration routes for anadromous fish.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to preserve or enhance wildlife are proposed.

**e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, numerous invasive animal species are known to exist in unincorporated King County.

**6. Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

**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 applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no energy would be used as part of the proposal.

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

No. As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties would not be affected.

**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:**

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no energy conservation measures are proposed.

**7. Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

**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 applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no environmental health hazards would occur.

**1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. Sites with contamination exist within unincorporated King County where development projects could be proposed that are subject to the proposed ordinance.

**2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. Sites with hazardous chemicals/conditions exist within unincorporated King County and development could be proposed on them. However, as applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, no development could occur as part of this proposal.

**3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no toxic or hazardous chemicals would be stored, used, or produced.

**4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no special emergency services would be required.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards are proposed.

**b. Noise**

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location that can be evaluated for existing noise levels. As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, these noise sources are not anticipated to affect implementation of the proposed ordinance.

**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.**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no noise would be created.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control noise impacts are proposed.

**8. Land and Shoreline Use** [\[help\]](#)

**a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location and would not have any direct impacts on the current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties. As a whole, unincorporated King County is predominantly forestland to the east and predominantly rural to the west, adjacent to more urban incorporated areas of the county, with agricultural areas between. The proposed ordinance would not change or impact current land use designations or zoning classifications in unincorporated King County. The proposed ordinance does not change the uses allowed on properties in the King County Code land use tables.

**b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location and would not have any direct impacts to working farmlands or forestlands. As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no farmland or forest land tax status would be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use.

**1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, the proposal would not be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations.

**c. Describe any structures on the site.**

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, various structures are located on parcels within unincorporated King County, where the proposed ordinance would apply.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no structures would be demolished.

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location.

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location.

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

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, unincorporated King County includes a variety of shoreline master program designations.

**h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

Although the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location, portions of unincorporated King County are classified as critical areas.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no change to residential or work space would occur..

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no people would be displaced.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts are proposed.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans are proposed.

**m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance are proposed.

**9. Housing** [\[help\]](#)

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that will not have direct impacts to housing.

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that does not directly involve the construction of any structures.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control housing impacts are proposed.

## **10. Aesthetics** [\[help\]](#)

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that does not directly involve the construction of any structures, and does not regulate or change the height requirements of any structures or principal exterior building materials.

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts to views

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts are proposed.

## **11. Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not directly cause any light or glare.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no light or glare would be produced, and no views would be interfered with.

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. Various off-site sources of light or glare exist throughout unincorporated King County. As the proposal is a moratorium, it would not be affected by existing light or glare.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts.

**12. Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. A variety of designated and informal recreational opportunities exist in unincorporated King County where the proposed ordinance would apply.

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not directly displace any existing recreational uses. The ordinance would not result in a greater displacement of recreational uses than what may otherwise occur under current code.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation.

**13. Historic and cultural preservation** [\[help\]](#)

**a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. A variety of buildings, structures and sites within unincorporated King County are listed or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers. Such developments would be required to comply with all federal, state, and local regulations related to historic and cultural resources.

**b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. However, landmarks, features, and other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation exist throughout unincorporated King County. Such projects would continue to be required to comply with federal, state, and local rules related to historic and cultural resources.

**c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that will not have any direct impacts to historic and cultural resources. The proposal is a moratorium and would not allow development to occur. The tribes are also regularly notified during the County's SEPA process for proposed development projects.

**d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources are proposed.

**14. Transportation** [\[help\]](#)

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

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. The proposed ordinance would apply to development project sites that are served by a variety of public streets and highways.

**b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. However, unincorporated King County is generally served by public transit.

**c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. Implementation of the proposed moratorium ordinance would not affect the number of parking spaces that could be developed.

**d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not directly involve any roadway, bicycle, or pedestrian improvements.

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no use of water, rail, or air transportation would occur.

**f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**



As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, no vehicular trips would occur.

**g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, there would be no interference with the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control transportation impacts are proposed.

**15. Public Services** [\[help\]](#)

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

As applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, there would be no increased need for public services.

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

Because the proposed ordinance is a nonproject action that would not have any direct impacts and would not allow development, no measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services are proposed.

**16. Utilities** [\[help\]](#)

**a. ~~Circle utilities currently available at the site:~~**

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,  
other \_\_\_\_\_

The proposed ordinance is a nonproject action with no specific site or location. A variety of utilities are generally available in unincorporated King County depending on the service area of specific utility providers. Municipal sanitary sewer is not likely to be available in most rural and agricultural areas in unincorporated King County, with notable exceptions for the Vashon and Snoqualmie Pass Rural Towns, which do have sanitary sewer service.

**i. 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 applications for wineries, breweries, and distilleries as described above would be prohibited from being accepted by the moratorium, and therefore no development could occur as part of this proposal, there would be no impact on utilities.

**C. Signature** [\[HELP\]](#)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signee \_\_\_\_\_

Position and Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

## **D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet for project 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 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?**

This proposal is a moratorium that halts the establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms, as primary uses or as home occupations or home industries; and prohibiting temporary use permits for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms uses under the King County Code. Therefore, there will be no development impacting elements of the environment.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This proposal is a moratorium that halts development

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

This proposal is a moratorium that halts the establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms, as primary uses or as home occupations or home industries; and prohibiting temporary use permits for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms uses under the King County Code. Therefore, there will be no development impacting elements of the environment.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This proposal is a moratorium that halts development

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

This proposal is a moratorium that halts the establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms, as primary uses or as home occupations or home industries; and prohibiting temporary use permits for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms uses under the King County Code. Therefore, there will be no development impacting elements of the environment.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This proposal is a moratorium that halts development

### **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 proposal is a moratorium that halts the establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms, as primary uses or as home occupations or home industries; and prohibiting temporary use permits for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms uses under the King County Code. Therefore, there will be no development impacting elements of the environment.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This proposal is a moratorium that halts development

**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 is a moratorium that halts the establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms, as primary uses or as home occupations or home industries; and prohibiting temporary use permits for wineries, breweries, distilleries and remote tasting rooms uses under the King County Code. Therefore, there will be no development impacting elements of the environment.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This proposal is a moratorium that halts development

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

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Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This proposal is a moratorium that halts development

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

The proposed ordinance is consistent with local, state, and federal law requirements for the protection of the environment. Existing regulations related to the protection of the environment, including the County's Critical Areas Code, Shoreline Master Program, King County Code (particularly development regulations such as Title 9 Surface Water Management, Title 10 Solid Waste, Title 13 Water and Sewer Systems, Title 21A Zoning, and Title 23 Code Compliance), the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and others, are not amended by the proposed ordinance. These regulations would still apply to development projects subject to the proposed ordinance in unincorporated King County.

There are no known conflicts with local, state, or federal laws posed by the proposed moratorium. The proposed moratorium will be accompanied by a work plan, consistent with RCW 36.70A.390.