ORDINANCE NO. 660

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS FOR MINOR NEW CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT; AND AMENDING SECTION 20.30.560 OF THE SHORELINE MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, WAC 197-11-800(c) permits cities, towns or counties to raise the exempt levels for environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) up to the maximum specified in WAC 197-11-800(d); and

WHEREAS, City staff drafted amendments to the Development Code to adopt expanded thresholds for minor construction; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and formulated its recommendation to Council on the proposed amendments on March 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(19) and no SEPA Threshold Determination was not issued; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments were submitted to affected tribes, agencies with expertise, affected jurisdictions, the department of ecology, and the public on March 27, 2013 for comment pursuant WAC 197-11-800(1)(c)(iii); and

WHEREAS, no substantive comments were received from state agencies or the Department of Ecology; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that project-level public comment opportunities are provided for proposals included in these increased exemption levels in Chapter 20.30 SMC; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection and mitigation have been adequately addressed for the development exempted; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the amendments adopted by this ordinance are consistent with and implement the Shoreline Comprehensive Plan and comply with the adoption requirements of the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A. RCW; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the amendments adopted by this ordinance meet the criteria in Title 20 for adoption of amendments to the Development Code; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. Amendment. Shoreline Municipal Code Chapter 20.30.560 is amended as set forth in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this ordinance consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper and the ordinance shall take effect five days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 29, 2013.

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ian Sievers
City Attorney

Date of Publication: May 2, 2013
Effective Date: May 7, 2013
20.30.560 Categorical exemptions – Minor new construction.
The following types of construction shall be exempt, except when: 1) when undertaken wholly or partly on lands covered by water; 2) the proposal would alter the existing conditions within a critical area; 3) a rezone is requested; or 4) any license governing emissions to the air or discharges to water is required.

A. The construction or location of any residential structures of four dwelling units.
   1. Any residential structures up to thirty dwelling units.
   2. A multifamily structure with up to sixty dwelling units.

B. The construction of an office, school, commercial, recreational, service or storage building with 4,900 30,000 square feet of gross floor area, and with associated parking facilities designed for 20 90 automobiles.

C. The construction of a parking lot designed for 20 90 automobiles. This exemption includes stand-alone parking lots.

D. Any landfill or excavation of 500 1,000 cubic yards throughout the total lifetime of the fill or excavation not associated with an exempt project in sections A, B, or C and any fill or excavation classified as a Class I, II, or III forest practice under RCW 76.09.050 or regulations there under. (Ord. 591 § 1 (Exh. A), 2010; Ord. 324 § 1, 2003; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. III § 9(h), 2000).