

October 2, 2012

SEPA Rule Update – Round 1

Alternative Proposal C - made to Ecology by an ad hoc caucus group at the October 2, 2012 SEPA Rule Making Advisory Committee meeting.

Suggested language - Replacement for 197-11-800 (1) (c)

(c) Cities, towns or counties may raise the exempt levels to the maximum specified in Table 1 below by implementing ordinance or resolution. Such levels shall be specified in the agency's SEPA procedures (WAC 197-11-904) ~~and sent to the department of ecology~~. ~~A newly established exempt level shall be supported by local conditions, including zoning or other land use plans or regulations.~~ To establish a new optional exempt level, a city, town or county shall demonstrate that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection and mitigation for the exempt types of development have been adequately addressed in specific adopted development regulations, and comprehensive plans and applicable state and federal regulations. An agency may adopt a system of several exempt levels (such as different levels for different geographic areas). The maximum exempt levels for the exemptions in (1)(b) of this section are identified on Table 1. Separate maximum optional thresholds are established in Table 1 applying to incorporated areas and unincorporated Urban Growth Areas; and for other unincorporated areas.

~~shall be, respectively:~~

~~—(i) 20 dwelling units.~~

~~—(ii) 30,000 square feet.~~

~~—(iii) 12,000 square feet; 40 automobiles.~~

~~—(iv) 40 automobiles.~~

~~—(v) 500 cubic yards.~~

<u>Levels</u>	<u>Incorporated and UGA County</u>	<u>Other unincorporated areas</u>
<u>Single family residential [# of units]</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Multifamily residential [# of unit]</u>	<u>City – 60</u> <u>County UGA – 40</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Agricultural [sq ft]</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Office, school, commercial + parking [sq ft + # of spots]</u>	<u>20K + 60</u> <u>Or</u> <u>40K + 120**</u>	<u>12K + 40</u>
<u>Landfill or excavation [cu yds]</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>1000</u>

** The ad hoc caucus groups were not able to agree on a single recommendation for this one category.