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SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN for the application described below:

Application No.: SEP25-018

Permit Type: Type III

Description of Request: Review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for a nonproject action to amend Mercer Island City Code (MICC) to be in compliance with HB 1576 for historical designation standards. The code amendment would update code section MICC 16.01.030 – Historical designation criteria.

In summary, the ordinance would amend MICC 16.01.030 to comply with HB 1576 as follows:

- If historical designation would restrict the use, alteration, or demolition of the property then written consent from the property owner is required prior to designation.
- Written consent from the property owner is not needed if the property is within an area recognized as a historical district via ordinance or if the property exceeds 125 years old.

The draft of code amendments and more information are available at:

<https://MlePlan.mercergov.org/public/SEP25-018/>

Applicant: Madelyn Nelson, Assistant Planner (City of Mercer Island Community Planning & Development) / City of Mercer Island

Location of Proposal: Citywide, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Lead Agency: City of Mercer Island, Department of Community Planning & Development

Project Documents: Copies of all studies and/or environmental documents are available through the following link:

<https://MlePlan.mercergov.org/public/SEP25-018/>

Application Process Information:

Date of Application:	October 1, 2025
Determined to be Complete:	October 6, 2025
Bulletin Notice:	October 6, 2025
Comment Period Ends:	5:00PM on October 20, 2025

The lead agency determined that the proposed development will not have a probably significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required pursuant to RCW 43.21C.031(2). This decision was made after review of a

completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no comment period for this DNS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 October 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Responsible Official: Alison Van Gorp, Deputy Director
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Issued Date: October 6, 2025 **Signature:** /s/Alison Van Gorp

APPEAL INFORMATION

This decision to issue a Determination of Non-significance (DNS) rather than to require an EIS may be appealed pursuant to Section 19.21 of the Mercer Island Unified Land Development Code, Environmental procedures. The proposed action is a non-project action

<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no agency appeal.
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