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1 AN ACT Relating to categorical exemptions from the state
2 environmental policy act for certain activities; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 43.21C RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Decisions pertaining to the following activities are exempt
8 from this chapter: (a) Construction of or location of any residential
9 structures of ten or fewer dwelling units; (b) construction of an
10 office, school, commercial, recreational, service, or storage building
11 with eight thousand or fewer square feet of gross floor area, and with
12 associated parking for forty or fewer automobiles; (c) construction of
13 a parking lot designed for forty or fewer automobiles; (d) division of
14 land into nine or fewer lots or parcels; and (e) any landfill or
15 excavation of five hundred cubic yards throughout the total lifetime of
16 the fill or excavation.

17 (2) The legislative authority of a county or city may raise the
18 exemption levels specified in subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section
19 by ordinance or resolution to the following maximum levels within urban

1 growth areas: (a) Construction of or location of any residential
2 structures of a maximum of twenty or fewer dwelling units; and (b)
3 construction of an office, school, commercial, recreational, service,
4 or storage building with a maximum of twelve thousand or fewer square
5 feet of gross floor area, and with associated parking for forty or
6 fewer automobiles.

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