I found the text to King County's SO-190: Erosion Hazards Near Sensitive Water Bodies effective 8/18/1997 at [http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/qis/DevConditionsSearch/SDO/SO-190.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/qis/DevConditionsSearch/SDO/SO-190.aspx) (Attached at a PDF to be added to public comments)

This is the code that I understood was copied by the City of Sammamish in adopting their version. [http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/sammamish/html/Sammamish21A/Sammamish21A50.html#21A.50.225](http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/sammamish/html/Sammamish21A/Sammamish21A50.html#21A.50.225)

It is very different in many important ways.

In particular, the definition and off-sets of the no-disturbance overlay B2.

"The upslope boundary of the no-disturbance area lies at the first obvious break in slope from the upland plateau over onto the steep valley walls. The downslope boundary of this zone includes those areas designated as erosion or landslide hazard areas pursuant to K.C.C. 21A.24.220 and 21A.24.280. The sensitive areas folio indicates the general location of these hazard areas, but it cannot be used to specify the areas' precise boundaries. Maps of the approximate boundaries of these no-disturbance zones shall be available at the department. Single family or multi-family residential density from the no-disturbance area may be reallocated onto any buildable portion of the site pursuant to K.C.C. 21A.12.080, or transferred to other sites pursuant to K.C.C. 21A.36;"

It specifically states "The sensitive areas folio indicates the general location of these hazard areas, but it cannot be used to specify the areas' precise boundaries." This is a clear flaw in the Sammamish version that needs to be corrected.

The King County code also allows for "Single family or multi-family residential density from the no-disturbance area may be reallocated onto any buildable portion of the site pursuant to K.C.C. 21A.12.080, or transferred to other sites"

It is my opinion that the overlay should only be used for advisory purposes for the citizens and staff to be aware that there could be potential issues and not be definitive as it is no the Sammamish code section 21A.50.225 Erosion hazards near sensitive water bodies – Special district overlay

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disturbance area may be reallocated onto any buildable portion of the site pursuant to K.C.C.
21A.12.080, or transferred to other sites pursuant to K.C.C. 21A.36;

3. New development proposals for sites which drained predeveloped runoff to the no-disturbance zone
shall evaluate the suitability of onsite soils for infiltration. All runoff from newly constructed impervious
surfaces shall be retained on-site unless this requirement precludes the ability to meet minimum density
requirements in K.C.C. 21A.12. When minimum density cannot be met, runoff shall be retained on-site as
follows:

a. Infiltration of all site runoff shall be required in granular soils as defined in the King County Surface
Water Design Manual.

b. Infiltration of downsputs shall be required in granular soils and in soil conditions defined as allowable
in the Surface Water Design Manual when feasible to fit the required trench lengths onsite;

c. When infiltration of downsputs is not feasible, downsput dispersion trenches shall be required when
minimum flow paths defined in the Surface Water Design Manual can be met onsite or into adjacent open
space; and

d. When dispersion of downsputs is not feasible, downsputs shall be connected to the drainage system
via perforated pipe.

4. For the portions of proposed subdivisions, short subdivisions and binding site plans that cannot
infiltrate runoff up to the 100-year peak flow, at least 25 percent shall remain undisturbed and set aside in
an open space tract consistent with K.C.C. 21A.24.150-180; and

5. For the portions of all development proposals that cannot infiltrate runoff up to the 100-year peak flow,
no more than 35 percent of the gross site area shall be covered by impervious surfaces. For new
subdivisions and short subdivisions, maximum lot coverage should be specified for subsequent residential
building permits on individual lots.

6. If the application of this section would deny all reasonable use of property, the applicant may apply for
a reasonable use exception pursuant to K.C.C. 21A.24.070B.

7. The director may modify the property specific development standards required by B.1 through B.5 of
this section, when a development proposal complies with the following:

a. The proposed development is subject to public/private partnerships such as an approved community
block grant or other such water quality program designed to improve water quality in the basin,

b. The proposed development is designated by King County, in consultation with the Lake Sammamish
Management Committee, as a demonstration project designed to implement best management practices
and state of the art technology that assures the greatest possible improvement to water quality, and

c. A site specific study is conducted by the applicant and approved by the director, which demonstrates
that the proposed development substantially increases water quality by showing the following:

(1) water quality on-site is improved;

(2) the development project will not subject downstream channels to increased risk of landslide or
erosion;

(3) the development project will not subject the nearest sensitive water body to additional erosion
hazards; and

(4) the project is consistent with element a. and b. above, and provides predictable improvements to the
water quality of Lake Sammamish. (Ord. 12823 § 15, 1997).

Ordinance
12823

Effective Date
August 16, 1997

Changes
N/A

View Map(s) for SO-190. (Click on a map name in the list)

Note: If there are more than one map listed below, there may be a map file ending with a "_x"
which provides an index for the remainder of the maps.

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SO-190: Erosion Hazards Near Sensitive Water Bodies SDO

Effective: August 18, 1997

Description

Erosion Hazards Near Sensitive Water Bodies SDO

Development Condition Text

21A.38.200 Special district overlay - Erosion hazards near sensitive water bodies.

A. The purpose of the erosion hazards near sensitive water bodies special overlay district is to provide a means to designate sloped areas posing erosion hazards which drain directly to lakes or streams of high resource value which are particularly sensitive to the impacts of increased erosion and the resulting sediment loads from development.

B. The following development standards shall be applied in addition to all applicable requirements of K.C.C. 21A.24 to development proposals located within erosion hazards near a sensitive water bodies district overlay:

1. A no-disturbance area shall be established on the sloped portion of the special district overlay to prevent damage from erosion. Land clearing or development shall not occur in the no-disturbance area, except for the clearing activities listed in subsection a. Clearing activities listed in subsection a shall only be permitted if they meet the requirements of subsection b.

a. Clearing activities may be permitted as follows:

i. for the construction of single family residences on pre-existing separate lots;

ii. for the construction of utility corridors to service existing development along existing rights-of-way including any vacated portions of otherwise contiguous rights-of-way;

iii. for the construction of roads providing sole access to buildable property and associated utility facilities within those roadways; or

iv. for the construction of development within an isolated no-disturbance area of two acres or less in size. The isolated no-disturbance area is either geologically separated from other no-disturbance areas or lies completely within a separate drainage subbasin and is, therefore, hydrologically isolated from the rest of the no-disturbance area.

b. The clearing activities listed in subsection a. may be permitted only if the following requirements are met:

i. a report which meets the requirements of K.C.C. 21A.24.120 shall show that the clearing activities will not subject the area to risk of landslide or erosion and that the purpose of the no-disturbance area is not compromised in any way;

ii. the clearing activities shall be mitigated, monitored and bonded consistent with the mitigation requirements applicable to sensitive areas regulated in K.C.C. 21A.24;

iii. the clearing activities are limited to the minimal area and duration necessary for construction; and

iv. the clearing activities are consistent with K.C.C. 21A.24.

2. The upslope boundary of the no-disturbance area lies at the first obvious break in slope from the upland plateau over onto the steep valley walls. The downslope boundary of this zone includes those areas designated as erosion or landslide hazard areas pursuant to K.C.C. 21A.24.220 and 21A.24.280. The sensitive areas folio indicates the general location of these hazard areas, but it cannot be used to specify the areas' precise boundaries. Maps of the approximate boundaries of these no-disturbance areas are available upon request.
Hi Debbie,

Please forward this message to all Planning Commissioners.
Thank you.

Harry Shedd
CFS Moderator

May 7, 2012 is our next Citizens For Sammamish meeting (7 PM, Fire station #82).
Several subjects are on the agenda. Watershed Management will be looked at by Bob Brady, an update on Environmentally Critical Areas will be addressed by Bob Sorensen, and I will update the latest City Budget figures and discuss “what is just ahead”? Bring a friend or neighbor...some big issues confront us.

Harry Shedd

A man of character does not expect to be liked by everyone, nor does he worry about being liked by anyone. -William A. Welker

Article I, Section 1 of the Washington State Constitution says “All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights“.