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**From:** Countryman, Ryan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024 9:27 AM  
**To:** Hickey, Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: Rural Clusters Additional Info

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Hi Lisa,

Please add this email to the agenda packet for Rural Clusters. Thank you!

Ryan

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**Subject:** FW: Rural Clusters Additional Info

Councilmembers,

Please see the additional info from PDS about rural clusters below. In my verbal staff report, I will be discussing how this modifies some of the issues in the written staff reports.

Thank you!

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**Subject:** RE: Rural Clusters Additional Info

Hey Ryan, just want to give a quick WUI update FYI –

The recent staff report Henry sent me on Ord 24-021 is a good analysis on WUI's effect, particularly with compliance being a bigger and costlier issue in the rural areas near the wildlands. However, the first two rows of the report table are

no longer germane, since pending WUI regulation was recently loosened considerably after conservation groups protested the landscaping aspects of it. As of SB Bill 6120 passage on 3/15/24, WUI code is much shorter and focused on construction material being fire resistant per this RCW webpage below.

[RCW 19.27.560: International Wildland Urban Interface Code. \(wa.gov\)](#)

Thanks!

Mike

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**From:** Saponaro, Michael

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Sounds good, will do -

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Yes, definitely reach out to Ryan if pending WUI changes may affect this regulation. This is going to council hearing in a couple hours.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: Rural Clusters Additional Info

Thanks Henry, this is a good analysis, and Ryan is right on WUI compliance being a bigger and costlier issue in the rural areas near the wildlands. However, his points on the first two rows of the tables is no longer germane, since pending WUI regulation was recently loosened considerably after conservation groups protested the landscaping aspects of it. General consensus is WUI code will pass in 2026 with only a few regulations on construction material being fire resistant per this RCW webpage below. Should I CC Ryan? It's a good reminder actually I should give him a status update on recent changes to WUI.

[RCW 19.27.560: International Wildland Urban Interface Code. \(wa.gov\)](#)

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**Subject:** FW: Rural Clusters Additional Info

Hi Mike,

Ryan drafted a second staff report for the RCS code project that identifies the intersection of the proposed changes with WUI code. Might be interesting to look at given that the hearing for RCS amendments is tomorrow.

Thanks,

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Councilmembers,

I am attaching a second staff report for tomorrow's hearing on Ord 24-021 (Rural Cluster Development). This addresses the proposed Substitute Ord. 24-021 and includes additional information comparing current requirements, proposed requirements, and Wildland Urban Interface requirements that was requested by a councilmember. I plan to address this information when I give the verbal staff report at the hearing.

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