



Snohomish County

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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REGULAR (Remote) MEETING AGENDA
Snohomish County Planning Commission

July 28, 2020
5:30 – 9:00 PM

Join the Zoom Meeting using the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91707223456?pwd=VG5STDV1YWdpc0w3VnVGZk9zdWxXZz09>

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A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA REVIEW

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [June 23, 2020](#): Regular Meeting

C. STATUS OF PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- [Report on Recent Snohomish County Planning Commission Activities](#)
- [Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics](#)

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2020 County-initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Hearing

Steve Skorney, PDS Senior Planner, 425-262-2207, Steve.Skorney@snoco.org

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the annual consideration of county-initiated amendments to the GMA comprehensive plan according to the requirements of Chapter 30.73 SCC.

The 2020 package of amendments consist of:

GPP20-3 – Technical Corrections

The 2020 technical corrections consist of the following amendments to the maps and text of the General Policy Plan (GPP) and to Title 30, the Unified Development Code (UDC):

- a) Updates to Maps 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the General Policy Plan (GPP) to recognize properties that are no longer under county jurisdiction due to a city annexation;
- b) Corrections to identified mapping errors in the Future Land Use Map (Map 1 of the



GPP) and the Municipal Urban Growth Areas Map (Map 3 of the GPP);

- c) Updates to the public wastewater systems map in the Capital Facilities Plan due to recent sewer district annexations; and
- d) Removal of references to the outdated Freeway Service zone in the GPP and in the UDC.

For further information, please review:

- [Hearing Staff Report dated July 10, 2020](#)
- [Briefing Staff Report dated June 5, 2020](#)
- [Presentation](#)

2. Accessory Apartment Code Update: Hearing

Mitchell Brouse, PDS Senior Planner, 425-388-5127, Mitchell.Brouse@snoco.org

The Planning Commission was briefed on proposed code amendments related to accessory apartments on February 25, 2020 and June 23, 2020. The proposed amendments would work to: 1) reduce regulatory barriers to the siting of accessory apartments while maintaining protections on health, safety, and welfare; 2) clarify and simplify accessory apartment provisions; and 3) change the term "accessory apartments" to "accessory dwelling units". The Planning Commission will now hold a public hearing on the proposal.

PDS staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward the proposed code amendments to the Snohomish County Council with a recommendation to adopt the amendments in the form presented at the June 23, 2019 Planning Commission hearing.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated June 10, 2020](#)
- [Briefing Staff Report dated February 18, 2020](#)

E. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Special Flood Hazard Areas: Briefing

Mitchell Brouse, PDS Senior Planner, 425-388-5127, Mitchell.Brouse@snoco.org

On May 27, 2020, the County Council approved Ordinance 20-029, adopting changes to SCC 30.43C, 30.65, and 30.91, which were necessary to ensure compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards, as interim official controls. The official controls are set to expire on December 13, 2020. At the July Planning Commission meeting, PDS staff will provide a briefing on proposed permanent code amendments concerning regulations in the special flood hazard areas. The proposed amendments include all changes included in the interim official controls, which are required for



Snohomish County's continued participation in the NFIP, and other discretionary code amendments, including proposed updates to the permitted uses in the density fringe. This briefing will build upon the one presented to the Commission on February 25, 2020.

The Department of Planning and Development Services requests that the Planning Commission schedule a public hearing in August on the proposal. Following the public hearing, it is requested that the Planning Commission provide a recommendation to the Snohomish County Council regarding the proposed code amendments to SCC 30.43C, 30.65, and 30.91. For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated July 10, 2020](#)
- [Presentation](#)

F. ADJOURN

PLANNING COMMISSION'S RANGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

At the conclusion of its public hearing, the County Planning Commission will consider transmitting a formal recommendation to County Council concerning adoption of the proposal. The Commission may make a recommendation to adopt or to not adopt the proposal. The Commission's recommendation may also propose amendments to the proposal. The Planning Commission is an advisory body and the final decision rests with the County Council.

PARTY OF RECORD / PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

You may become a party of record for any specific topic that comes before the Planning Commission by submitting a written request or testimony to Brandi Spores, Planning Commission Clerk, PDS, M/S 604, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or via email at Brandi.Spores@snoco.org.

WHERE TO GET COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITE ACCESS:

Please check www.snohomishcountywa.gov for additional information or the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services, Reception Desk, 2nd Floor, County Administration Building-East, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett. For more information, call Brandi Spores, Planning Commission Clerk, at 425-388-3224.

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