



**Planning Commission Findings of Fact**

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, REGARDING PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT TO KITSAP COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 18.16 *TIMBER HARVEST* AND SECTION 21.04.210 *NOTICE OF APPLICATION*.**

The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

- 1) Kitsap County is subject to the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW.
- 2) The GMA, RCW 36.70A.130(5), mandates that Kitsap County’s Comprehensive Plan and development regulations be reviewed and, if needed, revised at least every 8-years. The most recent Kitsap County 8-year update concluded with the adoption of the 2016 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan on June 27, 2016 by Ordinance 534-2016.
- 3) The GMA, RCW 36.70A.130(1), also mandates that Kitsap County’s Comprehensive Plan and development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation.
- 4) The Department of Community Development proposed amendments to Kitsap County Code will enable Kitsap County to assume sole regulatory authority via Transfer of Jurisdiction from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) of Class IV-General Forest Practices as outlined in with RCW 76.09.
- 5) Draft code was released on, and the public comment period began on, December 26, 2018.
- 6) A State Environmental Policy Act Programmatic Determination of Nonsignificance was issued December 26, 2018, and no comments were received prior to the closing on January 16, 2019.
- 7) Meetings were held with the Manchester Citizens’ Advisory Committee, Kingston Citizens’ Advisory Council, Suquamish Citizens’ Advisory Committee, Central Kitsap Community Council, and the Kitsap Environmental Coalition during the months of February and March 2019.
- 8) A workstudy with the Board of County Commissioners and the Department of Community Development occurred on March 27, 2019 .
- 9) The public comment period on the proposed amendments to Kitsap County Code was open December 26, 2018 until August 20, 2019. Many written comments were received. Several comments resulted in amendments to the draft code as shown beginning with the May 14, 2019 Staff Report to the Planning Commission.



**KITSAP COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 1 10) Public outreach regarding the proposed amendment to Kitsap County Code was conducted  
2 through a dedicated and up-to-date web page, direct notification to subscribers to various  
3 Kitsap County notification lists (GovDelivery & NextDoor), and meetings with various  
4 interested parties.
- 5 11) On May 14, July 2, and August 20, 2019, the Kitsap County Planning Commission held  
6 regularly scheduled and properly noticed work study sessions to review the proposed  
7 amendments to Kitsap County Code.
- 8 12) On August 20, 2019, following effective and timely legal notice, the Kitsap County Planning  
9 Commission held a public hearing to accept testimony on the proposed amendments to  
10 Kitsap County Code, and recommended approval through a Commission vote of 8 in favor  
11 and 0 opposed.
- 12 13) The proposed amendment to Kitsap County Code is consistent with GMA, Kitsap County-  
13 wide Planning Polices, the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable  
14 requirements.
- 15 14) The proposed amendment to Kitsap County Code promote the public interest and welfare  
16 of the citizens of Kitsap County, and should be approved.

17 **NOW THEREFORE**, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommends to the Department of  
18 Community Development as follows:

19 **RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed amendments to Kitsap County Code attached**  
20 **hereto and incorporated herein by this reference:**

21 **APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR**  
22 **MEETING THEREOF, HELD THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2019.**

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25 BY   
26 **KIM ALLEN, CHAIR**

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30 **AMANDA WALSTON, CLERK**

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