

1 **FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
2 **OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION,**
3 **TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,**
4 **REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO KITSAP COUNTY CODE TITLE 15**
5 **‘FLOOD HAZARD AREAS’**
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7 The Kitsap county Planning Commission finds as follows:

- 8 1) The Growth Management Act, Chapter 36. 70A RCW (GMA), requires that Kitsap County’s
9 Comprehensive Land Use Plan and implementing development regulations be subject to
10 continuing review and evaluation. The GMA requires counties to review, and if needed, revise
11 their Comprehensive Plans and implementing development regulations to ensure compliance
12 with the GMA.
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- 14 2) Kitsap County’s flood hazard development regulations are contained within Kitsap County Code
15 (KCC) Title 15, ‘Flood Hazard Areas’.
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- 18 3) Kitsap County participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) National
19 Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to insure losses and damage from flood events.
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- 21 4) Local jurisdictions’ flood hazard regulations must be consistent with FEMA standards in order to
22 participate in the NFIP program.
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- 25 5) FEMA contracts with the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) to maintain flood
26 program compliance at the local level via the Community Assistance Visit (CAV) process.
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- 28 6) Ecology’s most recent CAV occurred in 2012, resulting in a summary report issued in May 2013.
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- 31 7) In December 2015, the Board of County Commissioners signed Ordinance No. 527-2015
32 Amending Kitsap County Code Concerning Flood Hazard Areas. This was a Phase I amendment to
33 address the CAV report.
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- 35 8) In February 2016, FEMA finalized the revisions to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for
36 Kitsap County. These amendments to the maps now require revisions for consistency (Phase II).
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- 39 9) The Planning Commission process for Title 15 KCC revisions began with a preliminary briefing on
40 November 15, 2016, and a formal work study on May 16, 2017.
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- 1 10) A legal notice for the Planning Commission public hearing was issued on May 22, 2017
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- 3 11) The Planning Commission considered the proposed revisions to Title 15 KCC and on June 6, 2017
- 4 recommended approval.
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- 6 12) The proposed code revisions are consistent with the capital facility plan.
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- 8 13) The proposed code revisions are consistent with the statewide planning goals contained within
- 9 the Growth Management Act.
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- 11 14) The proposed code revisions are consistent with the Kitsap County County-wide Planning
- 12 Policies and with the goals and policies contained in the Kitsap county Comprehensive Plan.
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- 14 15) The proposed code revisions reflect current local circumstances, including Kitsap County's on-
- 15 going participation in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
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- 17 16) The proposed code revisions promote the public interest and welfare of the citizens of Kitsap
- 18 County, and should be approved.
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20 **NOW THEREFORE**, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommends to the Board of County
21 Commissioners as follows:

22 **RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission unanimously voted to adopt the Title 15 KCC**
23 **amendments as attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by this reference:**

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25 **APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON, AT A**
26 **REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, HELD THIS __6__ DAY OF __June__, 2017.**

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29 **ROBERT BAGLIO, CHAIR**

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