



Executive Summary

Issue Title: Zoning Use Table Update
Meeting Date: March 9, 2022
Time Required: 60 minutes
Department: Department of Community Development (DCD)
Attendees: Jeff Rimack, Kirvie Mesebeluu-Yobech, Melissa Shumake, Darren Gurnee

Action Requested At This Meeting:

Board of Commissioners first deliberation meeting on proposed code amendments to the Kitsap County Code Title 17 'Zoning' and consideration of public comments.

Background

The Kitsap County Department of Community Development (Department) is updating its zoning allowed use tables found in Kitsap County Code Title 17 'Zoning', Chapter 17.410. The primary goal of the Zoning Use Table Update is to reduce barriers to investment in Urban Growth Areas (UGA), Limited Areas of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRD), and the rural commercial and rural industrial zones. The project will address:

- **Housing Equity and Diversity.** The project will encourage a wide array of housing product types within the various urban and LAMIRD zones, including addressing gaps in the land use categories and definitions.
- **Economic Development.** The project will encourage economic development by:
 - Scaling land uses to streamline the level of permit review required.
 - Adding new land uses based on projects submitted to the Department and a comparison of other jurisdictions.
- **Making the Code Easier to Use.** Finally, the project will improve predictability and ease of use for applicants and permit reviewers.

Public Hearing

The Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on February 14, 2022 per Kitsap County Code (KCC) 21.08.110 Review and decisions by board.

Prior to this public hearing, on January 19, 2022, the Department released a proposed Ordinance which includes revisions recommended by the Planning Commission and DCD staff based on public comments received during the Planning Commission's review.

A public comment period on proposed amendments began on January 24, 2022 and remained open until February 14, 2022, at which time the Board unanimously approved extending the written comment period to 4:30 pm on February 21, 2022. Interested parties who were not able to attend the public hearing were encouraged to submit written comments until the end of the extended public comment period. To be included as part of the official public record, comments were submitted via:

- Online via a comment form on the project website;
- Email to Melissa Shumake, Senior Planner, mshumake@co.kitsap.wa.us; or
- Mail to 614 Division St - MS36, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Following the close of the written comment period, the Department received and recorded 65 comments since the opening of the public comment period on January 24, 2022 (see Attachment 1. All Public Comments Received). The Department and legal counsel reviewed and responded to all of the public comments (see Attachment 2. Public Comment Response Matrix).

Board Deliberations Process

DCD is scheduled to be before the Board on March 9, 2022 and March 14, 2022 for deliberations on the proposed ordinance and consideration of public comments. The ordinance is on the agenda for the regular meeting on March 28, 2022.

Next Steps

- March 9, 2022 – Board Deliberations
- March 14, 2022 – Board Deliberations
- March 28, 2022 – Board Deliberations/Adoption
- Effective Date three months after adoption

Attachments:

1. All Public Comments Received
2. Public Comment Response Matrix