

**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE/NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING
SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SKAGIT COUNTY CODE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION
ORDINANCE, TITLE 14, SECTION 14.34.150(8)(C).**

Description of Proposal: A non-project legislative action to amend one subsection of the Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to require that mechanical duct work be constructed “at least one foot above base flood elevation or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the ducts during conditions of flooding” (amendment underlined), rather than “above base flood elevation” (the current standard). The amendment is necessary for Skagit County to maintain its Community Rating System Level 4 rating under the National Flood Insurance Program.

Document Availability: Copies of the proposed amendment may be viewed on the Skagit County website at www.skagitcounty.net/planning, or may be reviewed at Skagit County Planning & Development Services, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA, during office hours (9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:30 daily) beginning Friday, March 9, 2012.

Notice of Public Hearing: A public hearing on the proposal will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, in the Commissioners Hearing Room of the Skagit County Commissioners’ Administrative Building located at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA, beginning at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, and continuing until 9:00 p.m. or no further comment is forthcoming. Deliberations on the matter may begin on April 3, 2012, or be continued until a later meeting in April or May 2012.

Public Comment: Your views for or against the proposed modifications are invited by attendance, representation, or letter. Written correspondence, including facsimile transmittal or questions, may be submitted to: Skagit County Planning and Development Services, c/o Tim DeVries, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington, 98273, (360) 336-9410 or FAX (360) 336-9416. Written comments (faxed, mailed, or delivered) will be received at the Planning & Development Services Department until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012. Written comments may also be submitted at the public hearing. Written comments must be submitted on 8 ½” x 11” paper. Maps must be in black and white and also reduced to 8 ½” x 11” size for reproduction purposes. Submittals not meeting these requirements will, unfortunately, not be considered. Please specifically reference the proposed ordinance or issue that the comments relate to.

Comments may also be submitted online via a standard form at www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments. To ensure comments are received and processed properly, comments sent by email are not accepted.

SEPA Threshold Determination: Skagit County has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal for fifteen calendar days from the date of issuance. Comments regarding this Determination of Non-significance must be submitted by 4:30pm, Friday, March 23, 2012, and in the same manner as outlined above for public comments.

Pursuant to SCC 14.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

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