

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE 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).

Notice of Public Hearing: A public hearing on the proposal was originally scheduled for April 3, 2012, to consider and possibly deliberate on the proposed amendment, however the hearing was canceled because the Planning Commission failed to reach a quorum. The public hearing has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 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.

Public Comment: Your views for or against the proposal 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, April 27, 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: A Determination of Non-significance was issued for this proposal pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2) on March 6, 2012. Skagit County published the DNS in the Skagit Valley Herald on March 8, 2012, posted a copy on the County website, and distributed copies to the Department of Ecology and other potentially interested parties. No comments were received. Pursuant to SCC 14.12.210, no SEPA administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

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