

An Ordinance Adopting Amendments to Skagit County Countywide Planning Policies

Whereas, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.210, the County legislative authority must adopt countywide planning policies in cooperation with the Cities; and

Whereas, as defined under RCW 36.70A.210, countywide planning policies are written policy statements used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which county and city comprehensive plans are developed and adopted to ensure that city and county comprehensive plans are consistent as required in RCW 36.70A.100; and

Whereas, the 2002 Framework Agreement established the Growth Management Act (GMA) Steering Committee, which advises the parties to the Framework Agreement and recommends proposed changes to the Countywide Planning Policies; and

Whereas, the amendments clarify the previously adopted policies and reflect changes in the Growth Management Act; and

Whereas, the GMA Steering Committee recommended approval of the Countywide Planning Policies amendments on December 18, 2019; and

Whereas the County published notice of the proposed ordinance and public hearing in accordance with Skagit County Code 14.08.070, and provided an open comment period until July 24, 2020; and

Whereas, the Skagit County Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 21, 2020 to review staff findings and recommendations, to receive public testimony and written correspondence regarding modifications and additions to the Countywide Planning Policies; and

Whereas, public comment opportunities were provided through the SEPA review process, the GMA Steering Committee meetings, public hearings by the participating municipalities and the Skagit County Planning Commission process; and

Whereas, on January 1, 2020 the 60-day Notice of Intent to adopt an amendment was submitted to the Department of Commerce as required under RCW 36.70A.106.

Whereas, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the amendments with no modifications to the Department recommendation; and

Whereas the Planning Commission issued a Recorded Motion concerning the proposed amendments on August 18, 2020; and

Whereas, the Department provided a memorandum to Board of County Commissioners on September 9, 2020 that included the Department's recommendation and the Planning Commission's Recorded Motion and noted that no written or verbal testimony was received from the public; and

Whereas the Board of Commissioners reviewed the Department's recommendation and the Planning Commission's Recorded Motion and have deliberated the proposed amendments.

Now Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Board of County Commissioners:

Skagit County Countywide Planning Policies are hereby amended as shown in Attachment 1 effective on February 1, 2021.

Witness Our Hands and the Official Seal of Our Office this __ day of January, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

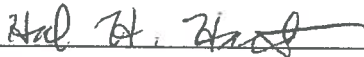
Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

Recommended:



Department Head

Approved as to form:



Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney