

## **Skagit County Planning Commission’s Recorded Motion Regarding the Amendments to Wireless Facilities Code**

<b>Proposal publish date:</b>	August 25, 2022
<b>Proposal name:</b>	Amendments to Wireless Facilities Code
<b>Documents available at:</b>	<a href="http://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/wirelessupdate2022.htm">www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/wirelessupdate2022.htm</a>
<b>Public hearing body:</b>	Skagit County Planning Commission
<b>Public hearing date:</b>	Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6 p.m.
<b>Written comment deadline:</b>	Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.
<b>PC deliberations:</b>	Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The Planning Commission held two work sessions on the amendments to the Skagit County wireless facilities code on July 26 and August 9, 2022.

On August 25, 2022, the Planning and Development Services Department published a Notice of Availability (including SEPA determination of nonsignificance and notice of written comment period and public hearing) and staff report, and transmitted a 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt to the Department of Commerce.

The staff report published on August 25, 2022, contains additional findings related to process, public notice, and department recommendations.

The public comment period was open from August 25, 2022, until September 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

The Planning Commission deliberated on the proposal on September 27, 2022.

After considering the written and spoken comments and considering the record before it, the Planning Commission enters the following findings of fact, reasons for action, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

### **Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action**

1. Federal law requires Skagit County to process wireless facilities applications in a timely manner and to provide non-discriminatory access to its rights-of-way for telecommunications purposes.

2. Skagit County code will require updated definitions and zoning regulations to remain consistent with current infrastructure deployed by wireless providers.
3. The proposal includes updated regulations for properly siting wireless infrastructure.
4. Skagit County code is not currently compliant with federal standards.
5. The proposal as it is written will ensure new wireless facility developments adhere to the regulations to protect and blend with the surrounding environment in compliance with building and safety codes.
6. The proposed update will ensure Skagit Planning & Development Services is prepared to timely process applications for development and maintenance of wireless facility infrastructure.

**Recommendation**

The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners **approve** the proposal.

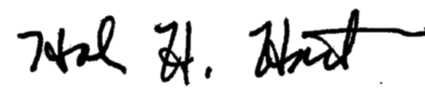
**This recorded motion approved September 27, 2022**

Commission Vote	Support	Oppose	Absent	Abstain
Tim Raschko, Chair	x			
Tammy Candler, Vice Chair	x			
Kathy Mitchell	x			
Vince Henley	x			
Mark Knutzen	x			
Amy Hughes	x			
Martha Rose	x			
Joe Woodmansee			x	
Jennifer Hutchison	x			
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Tim Raschko, Chair

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Hal Hart, Secretary

10/05/2022  
Date