



Planning & Development Services

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Notice of Availability

including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date: March 2, 2023

Proposal name: Impact Fee Schedule Update

Documents available: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/communplan.htm

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Contact Person: Jenn Rogers, Long Range Planner

Public hearing body: Skagit County Board of County Commissioners

Public hearing date: March 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Written comment

deadline: March 23, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

Planning and Development Services (PDS) is providing this staff report in advance of the March 21, 2023, Board of County Commissioners public hearing.

Skagit County Code (SCC) 14.04.020 states an impact fee is “a payment of money imposed by Skagit County on development activity pursuant to this Title as a condition of granting development approval and/or a building permit in order to pay for the public facilities needed to serve new growth and development. Impact fee does not include a reasonable permit fee, an application fee, the administrative fee for collecting and handling impact fees, the cost of reviewing independent fee calculations, or the administrative fee required for an appeal pursuant to SCC 14.30.070.” Skagit County has interlocal agreements with jurisdictions throughout the county to collect impact fees. Per SCC 14.30.030, the County can collect impact fees on behalf of any district (including for a city or town within their municipal UGAs) only if that district’s capital facilities plan is incorporated by reference into the County’s capital facilities plan. The County will stop collecting impact fees at the end of the last year of the district’s latest capital facilities plan incorporated by reference into the County’s capital facilities plan.

Each jurisdiction under an interlocal agreement with Skagit County is responsible for updating its capital facilities plan (CFP) and impact fee schedule. The following jurisdictions have provided the County with updated CFPs and impact fee rates:

- City of Mount Vernon
- Mount Vernon School District
- City of Sedro-Woolley

The updated Mount Vernon School District CFP was included by reference in the Skagit County CFP during the annual update process in 2022. The updated impact fee schedules for the City of Mount Vernon and City of Sedro-Woolley will be included in the 2023 Capital Facilities Plan update. The Skagit County 2023-2028 CFP was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on December 12, 2022.

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, 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 and is available upon request and at the above listed website.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the publish date indicated in the table above. Written comments regarding this Determination of Nonsignificance must be submitted by the written comment deadline (above) and in the same manner as other comments. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

SEPA Responsible Official: Jack Moore, Director/Administrative Official,
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Signature _____


Jack Moore, Director

Date of Decision: [February 28, 2023]

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name ("Impact Fee Schedule Update") in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services
Comments on "Impact Fee Schedule Update"
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person. If you wish to provide verbal testimony, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.