



Planning & Development Services

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Notice of Public Hearing

including notice of written comment period, and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	March 23, 2017
Proposal name:	Interim Ordinance on Duration of Preliminary Approvals of Short Subdivisions
Documents available at:	www.skagitcounty.net/planning
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Ryan Walters, Assistant Director
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Board of Commissioners
Public hearing date:	Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.
Written comment deadline:	Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

On March 6, 2017, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an interim ordinance extending the time period for preliminary approval of short subdivisions by one year, from 36 to 48 months. The State Legislature, recognizing the economic hardship created by the recent recession, had previously extended the duration of preliminary approval for pre-2014 long subdivisions through amendments to RCW 58.17.140 but did not so extend for short subdivisions. This action extended by one year, the duration of the interim ordinance, the duration of approval for preliminary short subdivisions.

The Board has directed Planning & Development Services to draft final regulations regarding preliminary subdivision approval duration for short subdivisions, propose those regulations for public comment and review and recommendation by the Planning Commission consistent with SCC Chapter 14.08, and propose permanent regulations for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners by August 1, 2017, for permanent adoption prior to December 31, 2017.

After the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners may repeal, modify, or make no changes to the interim ordinance.

How to Comment

Comments are accepted via email or on paper. All comments must be received by the deadline and include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the name of the proposal (“Interim Ordinance on Short Subdivisions”) in the subject line. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

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

Comments on the Interim Ordinance on Short Subdivisions
Planning and Development Services
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

You may also comment in person at the public hearing at the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. 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 the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at (360) 336-9300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

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