



# 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:** August 25, 2022

**Proposal name:** Amendments to Wireless Facilities Code

**Documents available:** [www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/WirelessUpdate2022.htm](http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/WirelessUpdate2022.htm)

**Lead Agency:** Skagit County Planning & Development Services

**Contact Person:** Jenn Rogers, Assistant Long Range Planner

**Public hearing Body:** Skagit County Planning Commission

**Public hearing Date:** September 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Written comment**

**deadline:** September 15, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

### Proposal Description

Skagit County Code 14.04 and 14.16 include sections which pertain to the development and maintenance of wireless facilities. The current code is not compliant with federal standards and does not include regulations for new types of infrastructure wireless providers are installing for their networks. This proposed update would ensure Skagit County Planning & Development Services (PDS) is prepared to process applications for infrastructure such as small cell wireless facilities, which are often placed on existing poles or other infrastructure in the right-of-way, and that staff are adhering to new federal shot clock requirements for wireless application permits.

### 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:** Hal Hart, AICP, Director/Administrative Official,  
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
Hal Hart, Director

**Date of Decision:** August 23, 2022

## **How to Comment**

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us) with the proposal name (“Amendments to Wireless Facilities Code”) 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 “Amendments to Wireless Facilities Code”  
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](mailto: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.

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