



Skagit County Planning & Development Services

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Notice of Public Hearing

including notice of written comment period, and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	December 25, 2014 and January 1, 2015
Proposal name:	Interim Ordinance on Marijuana Facilities
Documents available at:	www.skagitcounty.net/planning
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Dale Pernula, AICP, Director
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Board of Commissioners
Public hearing date:	Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.
Written comment deadline:	Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

On December 22, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an interim ordinance that replaces Ordinance O20140008 and continues a moratorium on new recreational marijuana production or processing facilities in the following zones: Rural Intermediate, Rural Reserve, Rural Business, Rural Center, Rural Resource-NRL, Rural Village Commercial, Bayview Ridge Residential, and Hamilton Residential. The ordinance also prohibits medical marijuana dispensaries or collective gardens in any zone.

The interim ordinance, which is effective for one year and may be renewed, also requires marijuana production or processing facilities to comply with the following:

- i. a structure constructed with transparent or translucent siding, and any security fencing, must be set back at least 250 feet from any residence not owned by the facility operator;
- ii. any other marijuana production or processing structure must be set back at least 100 feet from any residence not owned by the facility operator; and
- iii. in the Natural Resource Zones (Agricultural-NRL and Secondary Forest-NRL), a marijuana production or processing facility must be situated on a lot of at least five acres.

In the municipal UGAs where municipalities' development regulations apply (i.e., A-UD, MV-UD, and L-UD), the setbacks and lot size requirements do not apply.

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 Marijuana Facilities") 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 [name of the legislative proposal]
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.