



Skagit County Planning Commission

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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Skagit County Planning Commission's Recorded Motion regarding 2026 Miscellaneous Code Amendments

Proposal publication date:	February 12, 2026
Proposal name:	2026 Miscellaneous Code Amendments
Documents available at:	https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/2026-misc-code.htm
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Planning Commission
Public hearing date:	Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Written comment deadline:	Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.
PC deliberations (closed record public hearing):	Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

After considering the written and spoken comments and considering the record before it, the Planning Commission enters the following findings of fact, reasons for recommendation, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on the update to the 2026 Miscellaneous Code Amendments.

Findings of Fact and Reasons for Recommendation

- Title 14 Code Reorganization.** RCW Chapter 36.70B, which governs local project review procedures, was recently updated by state legislation with the passage of 2SSB 5290 (2023), with the goal of consolidating, streamlining, and enhancing local permit review processes to achieve better outcomes for applicants, customers, planners, builders, and designers. In response, Skagit County adopted Ordinance O20250005 which reorganized its development regulations with a focus on streamlining residential permitting and improving the code's readability, usability, and administrative efficiency through a clearer and more logical chapter structure.

2. **Opportunities for Further Improvement to Title 14.** Since the adoption of O20250005, PDS staff and the public have used and implemented the reorganized code and have identified opportunities for further improvement, as well as errors that resulted from the reorganization. The 2026 Miscellaneous Code Amendments proposed by Planning and Development Services staff seek to address these identified opportunities and issues.
3. **Public Comment and Public Hearings.** The draft 2026 Miscellaneous Code Amendments were released to the public for comment from February 12, 2026, to March 12, 2026. A public hearing was held by the Planning Commission to receive public testimony on March 10, 2026. All comments received and information shared to the Planning Commission are found on the project website.

Recommendation

The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners **approve** the 2026 Miscellaneous Code Amendments with the following recommendations:

1. **Party of Record Definition.** The Planning Commission recommends removing the proposed amendments to the definition of Party of Record to allow Planning and Development Services staff time to review the definition for consistency with applicable state laws and county code and return the amendments to the definition with revised language in a future legislative proposal.

Commission Vote	Support	Oppose	Absent	Abstain
Tim Raschko, Chair				
Tammy Candler, Vice Chair				
Xuhua Mu				
Amy Hughes				
Angela Day				
Joe Woodmansee				
Kiera Wright				
Patsy Good				
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The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the 2026 Miscellaneous Code Amendments as recommended.

This recorded motion **is approved** on this 14th day of April 2026.

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Tim Raschko, Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Secretary

Date