



Snohomish County

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Snohomish County Planning Commission

February 25, 2020

5:30 – 9:00 PM

Snohomish County Administration Building-East
1st Floor, Public Meeting Room 2
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201

For access to supporting documents reviewed by the Planning Commission, visit our website at <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov> and enter "Planning Commission" in the search box.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA REVIEW

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [January 28, 2020](#): Regular Meeting

C. STATUS OF PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMS): Briefing

Mitchell Brouse, PDS Senior Planner, 425-388-5127, Mitchell.Brouse@snoco.org

PDS staff will brief the Planning Commission on proposed code amendments to SCC 30.43C, 30.65, and 30.91 concerning regulations in the special flood hazard areas. The proposed amendments to Snohomish County Code will: 1) adopt updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps with an effective date of June 19, 2020; 2) add standards for shallow flooding areas and coastal high hazard areas; 3) update the uses that are allowed in the density fringe; 4) add clarity and transparency to the code; and 5) add and update definitions to improve consistency with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) rules.

The Department of Planning and Development Services requests that the Planning Commission schedule a public hearing in March on the proposal. Following the public hearing, it is requested that the Planning Commission provide a recommendation to the Snohomish County Council regarding the proposed code amendments to SCC 30.43C, 30.65, and 30.91.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated February 18, 2020](#)



2. Accessory Apartment Code Update: Briefing

Mitchell Brouse, PDS Senior Planner, 425-388-5127, Mitchell.Brouse@snoco.org

PDS Staff will again brief the Planning Commission on proposed code amendments to SCC title 30 regarding the siting and development of accessory apartments (also known as “accessory dwelling units”). Additional changes have been made since the Commission was briefed in late 2018. The proposed amendments to Snohomish County Code will work to: 1) reduce regulatory barriers to the siting of accessory apartments while maintaining protections on health, safety, and welfare; and 2) clarify and simplify accessory apartment provisions.

The Department of Planning and Development Services requests that the Planning Commission schedule a public hearing in March on the proposal. Following the public hearing, it is requested that the Planning Commission provide a recommendation to the Snohomish County Council regarding the proposed code amendments to SCC title 30.

For further information, please review the following:

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3. Long Range Planning 2020 Work Program: Informational Briefing

David Killingstad, PDS Principal Planner, 425-262-2215, David.Killingstad@snoco.org

PDS Staff will brief the Planning Commission on the 2020 Long Range Planning Division Work Program including work on the 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update.

4. 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update Communications Plan: Informational Briefing

David Killingstad, PDS Principal Planner, 425-262-2215, David.Killingstad@snoco.org

PDS Staff will brief the Planning Commission on the Communications Plan and anticipated public outreach in 2020 for the 2023 GMA Comprehensive Plan Update.

5. Light Rail Communities: Informational Briefing

David Killingstad, PDS Principal Planner, 425-262-2215, David.Killingstad@snoco.org

Jay Larson, Public Works Transportation Planning Coordinator, 425-388-3614, Jay.Larson@snoco.org

PDS and Public Works Staff will brief the Planning Commission on the results of the station area planning phase and work beginning to develop a subarea plan.

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PLANNING COMMISSION'S RANGE OF POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

At the conclusion of its public hearing, the County Planning Commission will consider transmitting a formal recommendation to County Council concerning adoption of the proposal. The Commission may make a recommendation to adopt or to not adopt the proposal. The Commission's recommendation may also propose amendments to the proposal. The Planning Commission is an advisory body and the final decision rests with the County Council.

PARTY OF RECORD / PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

You may become a party of record for any specific topic that comes before the Planning Commission by submitting a written request or testimony to Brandi Spores, Planning Commission Clerk, PDS, M/S 604, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA 98201 or via email at Brandi.Spores@snoco.org.

WHERE TO GET COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITE ACCESS:

Please check www.snohomishcountywa.gov for additional information or the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services, Reception Desk, 2nd Floor, County Administration Building-East, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett. For more information, call Brandi Spores, Planning Commission Clerk, at 425-388-3224.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE:

Snohomish County facilities are accessible. The county strives to provide access and services to all members of the public. Sign language interpreters and communication materials in alternate form will be provided upon advance request of one calendar week. Contact Angela Anderson at 425-262-2206 Voice, or 425-388-3700 TDD

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