

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

Zoom Virtual Meeting Information

Meeting ID: 990 5365 1092

Passcode: 7156

Call-in Number: 253-215-8782

Link: <https://piercecountywa.zoom.us/j/99053651092?pwd=OVkzQXpqemdhMmhhSlFmNHhGQWVodz09>

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2021 Pierce County Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process

The Growth Management Act requires that comprehensive plans be subject to continuing review and evaluation with consideration of amendments and revisions no more than once per year. Chapter 19C.10, PCC Title 19C.10, Pierce County's amendment procedures, directs the Planning Commission to review initiated Plan amendments and make recommendations to the County Council. Council [Resolution No. R2020-89s](#) directs the Planning Commission to submit its recommendations to the Council by February 15, 2021.

Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan include: **Text** Amendments (changes in policies or text); Area-Wide **Map** Amendments (changes in the Land Use Map resulting in changes in zoning); Urban Growth Area (**UGA**) Amendments (changes to designated Urban Growth Areas); and **Community Plan** Amendments (changes to text or policies of a community plan).

Staff reports providing the details of the individual proposed amendments are posted on the website as they become available. Applications and related documents can be viewed at <https://co.pierce.wa.us/4694/Comprehensive-Plan-Amendments>.

Contact: Jessica Nappi, Senior Planner, at jessica.nappi@piercecountywa.gov or 253-798-2389.

The Planning Commission will hear testimony on specific cases as follows. The Commission will not make any recommendations until February 10, 2021.

- A. **Text Amendment Application #939497, Applicant: Pierce County**
Amendments to meet the requirements of the NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit to coordinate and integrate stormwater planning with land use planning.
- B. **Text Amendment Application #939884, Applicant: Cascade Water Alliance**
Amendments to protect the water quality in the Lake Tapps Reservoir.
- C. **Text Amendment Application #939943, Applicant: Pierce County**
Amendment to Design Element policies related to Planning Commission's recommendation that the County provide more flexibility in Countywide design standards.

D. **Text Amendment Application #939944, Applicant: Pierce County**

Amendments to policies that would improve delivery and access to transit service per Ordinance No. 2019-67s.

E. **Text Amendment Application #940164, Applicant: Pierce County**

Amendments that include acknowledging language and policies under the Housing and Land Use elements that provide direction to identify strategies to expand opportunities for meeting the needs of farm worker housing.

III. **OTHER BUSINESS**

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

NOTE: The Planning Commission is principally an advisory board to the Pierce County Council. Actions taken by the Planning Commission on almost all agenda items will be forwarded to the County Council as a recommendation for its consideration and final action.

Questions should be directed to the Planning staff by calling 253-798-7156.

How to get information on what is being proposed. A brief staff presentation on the issue precedes most public hearings. Additionally, staff reports and proposed ordinances or resolutions are available in advance of the hearing. If you have questions, use part of your speaking time to ask the question and the Chair will ask staff to respond. Staff members are available before and after the hearing to answer questions or you may call them.

Written comment. To submit written comments to the Planning Commission, please email danica.williams@piercecountywa.gov. If you wish your comments to be distributed to the Commission in advance of a hearing, comments must be received via email by the Clerk of the Commission 48 hours before the hearing.

County Council information. For details about testifying before the County Council, please contact that office at 253-798-7777.