

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 6:30 P.M.
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

Zoom Virtual Meeting Information

Meeting ID: 990 5365 1092

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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. **Community Plan Amendment Application #939864, Applicant: Pierce County**
Presenter: Laura Stilwell, Pierce County Long Range Planning
Alderton-McMillin Community Plan: Correcting a technical oversight. Replacing "Reserve 5" with "Rural 5" descriptive text in the Alderton-McMillin adopted community plan per Ordinance No. 2015-40.

- B. **Community Plan Amendment Application #939874, Applicant: Pierce County**
Presenter: Laura Stilwell, Pierce County Long Range Planning
Graham Community Plan: Correcting a technical oversight. Replacing "Reserve 5" with "Rural 5" descriptive text in the Graham adopted community plan per Ordinance No. 2015-40.

C. **Community Plan Amendment Application #940163, Applicant: Pierce County**

Presenter: Jessica Nappi, Pierce County Long Range Planning

Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan: Updating the background information and maps for the Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan, coordinating land use and infrastructure planning in the UGA at Purdy with the City of Gig Harbor, and amendments suggested by the Land Use Advisory Commission including and not limited to tree preservation policies. This application is merged with Application #939868 to correct a technical oversight by replacing "Reserve 5" with "Rural 5" descriptive text in the Gig Harbor Peninsula adopted community plan per Ordinance No. 2015-40.

D. **Community Plan Amendment Application #941881, Applicant: Pierce County**

Presenter: Erik Jaszewski, Pierce County Long Range Planning

Browns Point-Dash Point Community Plan: Amendments to bring sign policies into consistency with the 2015 US Supreme Court Reed v. Town of Gilbert ruling that prohibits regulations that categorize non-commercial signs based on the type of information they convey (e.g. temporary, political and ideological) and then apply different standards to each category.

E. **Community Plan Amendment Application #941882, Applicant: Pierce County**

Presenter: Erik Jaszewski, Pierce County Long Range Planning

Key Peninsula Community Plan: Amendments to bring sign policies into consistency with the 2015 US Supreme Court Reed v. Town of Gilbert ruling that prohibits regulations that categorize noncommercial signs based on the type of information they convey (e.g. temporary, political and ideological) and then apply different standards to each category.

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@piercecounitywa.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.