

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2026

PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE KITSAP COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, LAND USE MAP, ZONING MAP AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (FINAL 2026 LONG RANGE DOCKET)

WHEREAS, the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), RCW 36.70A.130(5), currently mandates that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations be comprehensively reviewed and revised at least every ten years. The most recent Kitsap County periodic update concluded with the adoption of the 2024 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan under Ordinance 637-2024;

WHEREAS, GMA, also mandates that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation (RCW 36.70A.130(1)), and sets forth a docketing process, RCW 36.70A.470, to accomplish this;

WHEREAS, the last annual review resulted in amendments adopted by Ordinance 643-2025;

WHEREAS, Chapter 21.08 of Kitsap County Code (KCC) implements RCW 36.70A.470 and establishes procedures for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, KCC 21.08.030 provides that if the Board of County Commissioners (Board) determines amendments are necessary, it will establish a schedule for an annual review and potential amendment of the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the GMA, in RCW 36.70A.130(2), and KCC 21.08.040 require all proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan be considered concurrently so that the cumulative effects of the amendments can be determined;

WHEREAS, the proposed docket for 2026 is intended to be amended as needed and carried forward for re-adoption under the 2027 docket, in part or in whole;

WHEREAS, the GMA and KCC 21.08.070 require all Comprehensive Plan amendments to conform to both the GMA, Multi-County Planning Policies, and Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies as well as be internally consistent;

WHEREAS, Chapter 21.08 of Kitsap County Code describes community engagement processes that complies with the GMA, RCW 36.70A.035 and RCW 36.70A.140, and provides for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of the Comprehensive Plan and associated development regulations;

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2025, following timely and effective legal notice, the Board of County Commissioners conducted a workstudy to consider the draft docketing resolution;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2026, following timely and effective legal notice, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing to consider written and verbal testimony on the docketing resolution; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners deliberated on the scope and details of the final docket.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Areas of Consideration: The amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (and associated development regulations, as necessary) considered for 2026 will be as provided herein.
 - A. County-sponsored amendments: Kitsap County departments shall develop and analyze the following amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for further consideration pursuant to Kitsap County Code (KCC) Chapter 21.08.
 1. Comprehensive Plan Update: The scope is noted below.
 - a. Rural Lands Analysis: On the heels of approval of the 2025 Rural and Resource Lands, Chapter 2, of the Comprehensive Plan, DCD will introduce a Rural Lands Analysis to better understand a complete rural landscape and provide an evaluation of whether Kitsap County is achieving the 76/23% urban/rural split (and subsequent targets) as described in Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Countywide Planning Policy UGA-5. DCD will conduct a context analysis which will:
 - i. Review policy matters that were developed or partially understood in 2025 but were left to explore in 2026 and beyond.
 - ii. Examine current conditions of rural lands, including natural features and limitations, the built environment, transportation hub locations, aquifer recharge areas, and planned actions.
 - iii. Interpret demographic and economic data, including population growth, age levels, workforce size and skills, and economic activity.
 - iv. Analyze natural resources and soils. This will assist with working agricultural lands evaluation, Rural Wooded use evaluation, lands suitable for certain development activities, and potential creation of overlays from the existing stock of maps.
 - v. Evaluate groundwater and watershed planning initiatives, including an evaluation of water quantity and quality, aquifer recharging, water-loss offset programs, mitigation programs, and agricultural water use.
 - vi. Map growth patterns based on past growth, watershed/drainage basin features, environmental and existing/proposed wildlife corridors, productive resource lands, and planned transportation projects.

- vii. Review salmon recovery best management practices to inform on land use and development principles. Evaluate existing efforts and local and regional policies.
- viii. Analyze buildout based on existing zones. This includes creating visuals of future buildout, determining where future land development tradeoffs could occur, and considering where improvements can be made to existing zones.
- ix. Map and characterize rural 'legacy lots' to inform on potential policy advisement. This includes discussion about developability of legacy lots in certain areas, including constrained areas, in rural Kitsap.
- x. Evaluate policies for agricultural and forest practices as needed to identify use of lands and compatibility of uses. These separate activities will help inform on the rural lands analysis and the Comprehensive Plan's Chapter 2 *Rural and Resource Lands* and will be run concurrently with other planning initiatives. Agricultural and forest practices barriers and policy improvements will be considered alongside and within the *Rural and Resource Lands* chapter, planning, and code development efforts. For agricultural work tasks and topics, a stakeholder group will discuss key issues principally around sustainability, resilience, land use, and economic opportunity. A forestry stakeholder group will review issues related to the viability of working forests on Rural Wooded lands, economic future of the local timber industry, and soils conditions that do not lend to harvesting timber or timber types. Development code revision is reasonably expected.
- xi. Assess Mineral Resource Overlay (MRO) designations alongside the Washington Department of Natural Resource Maps. This may result in evaluating County-wide mineral resource demand and may consider removal of the MRO from certain parcels.

b. Silverdale Subarea Planning and Design Districts: DCD will complete work with the current consultant, the Silverdale community, and its advisory committee on updating the Comprehensive Plan *Silverdale Regional Center Subarea Plan*. The update will examine several planning issues: 1) Silverdale seeking recertification by the Puget Sound Regional Council as a Regional Center by the Puget Sound Regional Council; 2) reduction of the number of current design districts to a few districts to be more predictable and user-friendly; 3) changes to development code to reduce barriers to redevelopment of constrained sites; 4) future road, multi-modal, and roadside development scenarios; and 5) analysis of public facilities siting, parking, pathways and connectivity/wayfinding, including access to future Kitsap Transit and multi-modal transit points, water transit, and partnering with agencies.

- c. Illahee Community Plan: In 2026, DCD will undertake amendments and revisions to the 2008 Illahee Community Plan. The scope will be developed in 2026 and will be prepared in concert with input from the Enetai neighborhood.
- 2. Clarifying and Corrective Edits, Map Corrections: Limited text and map amendments to correct and improve the clarity and consistency of the 2024 Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, and Kitsap County Code. These amendments will be non-substantive and will not change the intent or interpretation of policies or regulations. Map correction requests must include evidence which clearly demonstrates that the Board of County Commissioners' intent or direction at the time of the adoption of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Ten-Year Update supports the proposed request and amendment.
- B. Miscellaneous Code Preparation: DCD will prepare changes to code as necessary to accommodate objectives of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update and Year of the Rural adoption as well as the 2026 docket. Changes may include an analysis of, or portions of, KCC 21.08 *Legislative Action Procedures* and recommended changes.
- C. Other: The Board may reconsider and revise, by amendment, the scope of this resolution to add or modify the processes and related changes.
- 2. For elements in the docket that cannot be completed in 2026 or which must be phased, follow-on work and subsequent docket adoption would be continued on a subsequent docket.
- 3. Batch consideration: The Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A.130, and KCC 21.08.040(A) require that all proposed amendments be considered concurrently on an annual basis (and no more frequently than once per 12-month period), except for those specifically exempted from the batching requirement in KCC 21.08.040(B). The Board of County Commissioners intends to complete the batch consideration of the proposed amendments under this docket by the end of 2026.
- 4. Standards of Review: The procedures and requirements for application, review, decision, and appeal of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are described in Chapter 21.08 of Kitsap County Code.
- 5. Public Outreach and Participation: Community engagement will occur as described in KCC Chapter 21.08 of Kitsap County Code and in compliance with the GMA. Such outreach may also include mailings, notifications, a website, and other electronic and non-electronic means appropriate to the nature and location of amendment requests. Existing or new advisory committees/councils will be consulted and public meetings and open houses will be conducted, as appropriate to the nature and location of requested amendments. Public hearings will also be conducted by the Planning Commission and

Board of County Commissioners. Individuals, organizations, businesses, tribal governments, government agencies, and others are invited to provide input and comment on any proposed legislation and development regulations.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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