

Kitsap County Planning Commission
Title 17 Definitions Update Deliberations Matrix - July 21, 2026

#	Topic	Summary of Issue	Staff Recommendation	Planning Commission Direction
1	17.110.658 Research laboratory.	The usage of "regular presence" may introduce potential for misinterpretation and subjectivity.	Remove "regular" from the proposed amendment: "Research laboratory" means a building or group of buildings used for scientific research, investigation, <u>and</u> testing, or experimentation, but not facilities for the manufacture or sale of products, except as incidental to the main purpose of the laboratory. <u>Research laboratories are characterized by the presence of researchers, technicians, scientists, engineers, or similar personnel conducting research, investigative, testing, or experimental activities within the laboratory, testing areas, or related workspaces. A research laboratory may include associated offices, equipment, and support spaces directly related to research functions. Facilities whose primary function is equipment operation, utility service provision, storage, warehousing, or other activities not involving ongoing research, investigation, testing, or experimentation by on-site personnel are not research laboratories.</u>	Approve as recommended by staff.
2	17.110.743 Warehousing and distribution.	The usage of "primary purpose", "substantial inventory", and "principal activity" may introduce potential for misinterpretation.	Remove "primary purpose", "substantial inventory", and "principal activity" from the proposed amendment and specify that only physical inventory is to be maintained and distributed: "Warehousing and distribution" means a <u>use involving a</u> facility where <u>only physical</u> goods <u>are received and/or stored for delivery to other firms or the final customer,</u> physical merchandise, physical materials, or physical equipment are stored for subsequent distribution, sale, transfer, or use elsewhere. A use that does not maintain an inventory consisting exclusively of tangible goods shall <u>not be considered warehousing and distribution.</u>	Change "tangible" to "physical" in the last sentence for consistency. "Warehousing and distribution" means a <u>use involving a</u> facility where <u>only physical</u> goods <u>are received and/or stored for delivery to other firms or the final customer,</u> physical merchandise, physical materials, or physical equipment are stored for subsequent distribution, sale, transfer, or use elsewhere. A use that does not maintain an inventory consisting exclusively of physical goods shall <u>not be considered warehousing and distribution.</u>