

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING
AMENDMENTS TO KITSAP COUNTY CODE TITLE 17 (ZONING)

Section 1. General Findings.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general findings as follows:

1. Kitsap County is subject to the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW.
2. The GMA, in RCW 36.70A.130(1), mandates that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation.
3. RCW 36.32.120(7) provides that the county legislative authorities shall make and enforce, by appropriate resolutions or ordinances, all such police and sanitary regulations as are not in conflict with state law.
4. The Department of Community Development (DCD) identified a need to further clarify the definitions of "Research laboratories" and "Warehousing and distribution" in response to recent data center permitting activity and development occurring in nearby jurisdictions.

Section 2. General Procedural Findings.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general procedural findings as follows:

1. Public outreach regarding the proposed code and code amendments was conducted through a dedicated up-to-date web page, postings in the Kitsap Sun newspaper, and direct notification to GovDelivery subscribers.
2. On June 26, 2026, a 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce as required by RCW 36.70A.106.
3. On June 30, 2026, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-significance was issued for proposed amendments. A 14-day comment period concluded on July 14, 2026.
4. On July 21, 2026, following timely and effective public notification, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to accept comments from interested parties.
5. On July 21, 2026, the written comment period closed with the Planning Commission receiving 27 comments.
6. On July 21, 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning Commission considered the proposed amendments, the testimony presented, and the record, and made recommendations via approved motions during deliberations.

Section 3. General Substantive Findings.

The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general substantive findings as follows:

1. The recommended changes are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
2. The recommended changes do not affect the capital facility plan and are consistent with the Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies.
3. The recommended changes reflect local circumstances and bear a substantial relationship to the public general health, safety, morals, and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission considered the proposed Kitsap County Code Title 17 amendments and, following deliberation, a final motion to recommend approval of the proposal as presented by staff and, if applicable, amended by the Planning Commission, passed.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, HELD THIS 21st DAY OF JULY 2026.

BY



ASHLEE HALL, CHAIR