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2 **1.** Public outreach regarding the proposed amendments was conducted
3 through a dedicated up-to-date web page, postings in the Kitsap Sun newspaper,
4 and direct notification to GovDelivery subscribers.
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- 6 **2.** On June 26, 2026, a 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt was sent to the
7 Washington State Department of Commerce as required by RCW 36.70A.106.
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- 9 **3.** On June 30, 2026, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of
10 Non-significance was issued for proposed amendments. A 14-day comment period
11 concluded on July 14, 2026.
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- 13 **4.** On July 21, 2026, following timely and effective public notification, the
14 Planning Commission held a public hearing to accept comments from interested
15 parties.
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- 17 **5.** On July 21, 2026 the written comment period closed with the Planning
18 Commission receiving X comments.
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- 20 **6.** On July 21, 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting,
21 the Planning Commission considered the proposed amendments, the testimony
22 presented, and the record, and made recommendations via approved motions
23 during deliberations.
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- 25 **7.** On July 21, 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting,
26 the Planning Commission approved findings of fact, conclusions, and
27 recommendations regarding the proposed amendments and forwarded them to
28 DCD for consideration by the Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners.
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- 30 **8.** On XXX, 2026, Kitsap County issued a Notice of Public Hearing for the Board
31 of County Commissioners in the legal publication of record regarding the content of
32 the proposed amendments.
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- 34 **9.** On XXX 2026, following timely and effective public notification, the Board
35 held a public hearing to accept comments from interested parties.
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- 37 **10.** On XXX, 2026, the written comment period closed with Board.
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- 39 **11.** On XXX, 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting,
40 the Board of County Commissioners considered the proposed amendments,
41 ordinance, the testimony presented, and the record. The Board moved to continue
42 deliberations to the XXX, 2026 Board of County Commissioners meeting.
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1 **12.** On **XXX, 2026**, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting,
2 the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners continued deliberations and adopted
3 the Ordinance.

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5 **Section 3. Substantive Findings related to the Comprehensive Plan. The Board of**
6 **County Commissioners (Board) makes the following findings:**

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8 **1.** The proposed code amendments were developed with opportunities for
9 public participation and comment as required by GMA and the State Environmental
10 Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW.

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12 **2.** The proposed code amendments were developed according to, and are
13 compliant with, the requirements of GMA, chapter 36.70A RCW, the Countywide
14 Planning Policies, the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan, Kitsap County Code, and
15 other applicable laws and policies.

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17 **4.** The proposed code amendments promote the public interest and welfare of
18 the citizens of Kitsap County.

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20 **Section 4. Kitsap County Code Section 17.110.658 Research laboratory, last**
21 **amended by Ordinance 611-2022, is amended as follows:**

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23 **17.110.658 Research laboratory.**

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25 “Research laboratory” means a building or group of buildings used for scientific research,
26 investigation, ~~and testing;~~ or experimentation, but not facilities for the manufacture or sale
27 of products, except as incidental to the main purpose of the laboratory. ~~Research~~
28 ~~laboratories are characterized by the regular presence of researchers, technicians,~~
29 ~~scientists, engineers, or similar personnel conducting research, investigative, testing, or~~
30 ~~experimental activities within the laboratory, testing areas, or related workspaces. A~~
31 ~~research laboratory may include associated offices, equipment, and support spaces~~
32 ~~directly related to research functions. Facilities whose primary function is equipment~~
33 ~~operation, utility service provision, storage, warehousing, or other activities not involving~~
34 ~~ongoing research, investigation, testing, or experimentation by on-site personnel are not~~
35 ~~research laboratories.~~

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37 **Section 5. Kitsap County Code Section 17.110.743 Warehousing and distribution,**
38 **last amended by Ordinance 611-2022, is amended as follows:**

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40 **17.110.743 Warehousing and distribution.**

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42 “Warehousing and distribution” means a ~~use involving a~~ facility where ~~physical goods are~~
43 ~~received and/or stored for delivery to other firms or the final customer, physical~~

1 merchandise, physical materials, or physical equipment are stored for subsequent
2 distribution, sale, transfer, or use elsewhere. The primary purpose of the facility shall be
3 the storage and movement of such physical inventory. A use that does not maintain a
4 substantial inventory of tangible goods as its principal activity shall not be considered a
5 warehouse.

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7 **Section 6. Scrivener’s Error.**

8 Should any amendment made to this Ordinance that was passed by the Board during its
9 deliberations inadvertently be left out of the final printed version of the plan, maps, or
10 code, the explicit action of the Board as discussed and passed shall prevail upon
11 subsequent review and verification by the Board and shall be corrected.

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13 **Section 7. Severability.**

14 If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held
15 invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the ordinance or its application to other
16 persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

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18 **Section 8. Effective Date.**

19 The effective date of this ordinance will be **XXXX, 2026.**

Adopted this XX day of XX 2026

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Kitsap County, Washington

ATTEST:

ORAN ROOT, Chair

KATHERINE T. WALTERS, Commissioner

Marina Linville, Interim Clerk of the Board

CHRISTINE ROLFES, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

Lisa Nickel, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney