

ORDINANCE NO. 538-2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KITSAP COUNTY CODE CONCERNING  
REASONABLE MEASURES

**WHEREAS**, the state Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW, requires that certain jurisdictions, including Kitsap County, periodically review development that has occurred to evaluate the consistency of actual development to the County's adopted countywide planning policies (CPPs), comprehensive plan goals and policies, and development regulations through a Buildable Lands Report (BLR); and

**WHEREAS**, GMA requires that if the BLR shows inconsistencies between actual growth and adopted plans, policies and regulations, the jurisdiction is required to take action by "reasonable measures" designed to reduce such inconsistencies, RCW 36.70A.215(4); and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board recently noted that the Kitsap County BLR still demonstrated certain inconsistencies that should be addressed through the comprehensive plan update process; and

**WHEREAS**, while Kitsap County adopted some reasonable measures during the comprehensive plan process through Ordinance No. 534-2016, the Board of Commissioners committed to evaluating additional reasonable measures through the summer of 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Kitsap County proposes these updates to the development regulations to effectively address requirements set forth in the Growth Management Act (GMA) and to reduce inconsistencies between actual development and the CPPs, comprehensive plan and development regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Constitution, Article XI, Section 11, confers upon county legislative authorities the police power to adopt regulations necessary to protect the health, safety and well-being of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the state Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW, requires that Kitsap County adopt development regulations that are consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the following amendments meet GMA requirements and are reasonably likely to increase consistency between the CPPs, comprehensive plan and development regulations.

