

1 FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING
2 COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING
3 UPDATES TO APPENDIX B-1 AND B-2 OF THE KITSAP COUNTY COUNTYWIDE
4 PLANNING POLICIES

5 **Section 1. General Findings.**

6 The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

- 7 1. Kitsap County is subject to the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management
8 Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW.
- 9 2. The Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies are the framework for growth management in Kitsap
10 County. The Countywide Planning Policies are required by the Growth Management Act.
- 11 3. The Countywide Planning Policies must be consistent with the Vision 2050 document as
12 adopted by the Puget Sound Regional Council on October 29, 2020, which serves as the long-
13 range growth management, environmental, economic development, and transportation strategy
14 for King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties.

15 **Section 2. General Procedural Findings.**

16 The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

- 17 4. In 2021, under County Ordinance 601-2021, the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners
18 adopted updates to the Countywide Planning Policies, consistent with Puget Sound Regional
19 Council (PSRC) Vision 2050. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) was
20 prepared for PSRC's Vision 2050, dated March 18, 2020.
- 21 5. The Countywide Planning Policies were developed through a multi-jurisdictional
22 collaboration sponsored by the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council among Kitsap County,
23 the Cities of Bremerton, Bainbridge Island, Port Orchard & Poulsbo, the Suquamish & Port
24 Gamble S'Klallam Tribes, the Navy, the Port of Bremerton, and Kitsap Transit.
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- 26 6. Throughout 2022, The Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) met regularly to
27 update the Countywide Planning Policies to adopt Countywide growth targets for population
28 and employment.
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- 30 7. On October 11, 2022, the KRCC adopted the growth targets.
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- 32 8. On October 11, 2022, Kitsap County sent the proposed updates to the Countywide planning
33 Policies and proposed growth targets to Department of Commerce for 60-day review.
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- 35 9. On October 20, 2022, the County issued an addendum to the previous August 17, 2020
36 Programmatic SEPA Determination of Non Significance. An addendum does not have a
37 comment period.
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1 10. On November 1, 2022, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the
2 Planning Commission held a work study session to review and discuss the proposed updates
3 to the Countywide Planning Policies.
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5 11. On November 15, 2022, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the
6 Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed Countywide Planning Policies.
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8 **Section 3. General Substantive Findings.**

9 The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

10 12. The proposed Countywide Planning Policies were developed with multiple opportunities for
11 public participation and comment as required by the GMA.

12 13. The proposed Countywide Planning Policies were developed according to, and are compliant
13 with, the requirements of GMA, chapter 36.70A RCW, Vision 2050, the Kitsap County
14 Comprehensive Plan, and other applicable laws and policies.

15 14. The proposed Countywide Planning Policies promote the public interest and welfare of the
16 citizens of Kitsap County.

17 **NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommends to the**
18 **Department of Community Development as follows:**

19 **RECOMMENDATION: Adopt updates to Appendix B-1 and B-2 of the Kitsap County**
20 **Countywide Planning Policies as proposed by the Planning Commission, which are shown**
21 **by the following Exhibits:**

22 **1– Draft Ordinance**

23 **APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF KITSAP COUNTY,**
24 **WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, HELD THIS 6th DAY OF**
25 **DECEMBER 2022.**

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29 **BY** _____
30 **JOE PHILLIPS, CHAIR**