

1 FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING
2 COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING
3 AMENDMENTS TO KITSAP COUNTY CODE TITLE 17 (ZONING) RELATED TO
4 PARKING STANDARDS
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6 **Section 1. General Findings.**

7 The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

- 8 1. Kitsap County is subject to the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management
9 Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW.
- 10 2. The GMA, in RCW 36.70A.130(1), mandates that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan and
11 development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation.
- 12 3. RCW 36.32.120(7) provides that the county legislative authorities shall make and enforce, by
13 appropriate resolutions or ordinances, all such police and sanitary regulations as are not in
14 conflict with state law.
- 15 4. After review of Kitsap County Code, the Department of Community Development (DCD)
16 developed proposed amendments to Title 17 (Zoning) that align with Kitsap County
17 Comprehensive Plan.
- 18 5. Kitsap County Code (KCC) Chapter 21.08 sets forth a process and criteria for making
19 amendments to development regulations. Specifically, KCC 21.08.100 outlines review by the
20 Kitsap County Planning Commission. In its making recommendations, the Planning
21 Commission shall consider:
 - 22 a. whether the proposal is supported by the capital facility plan;
 - 23 b. whether the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the GMA, Kitsap
24 Countywide Planning Policies or other applicable laws or provisions of the
25 Comprehensive Plan;
 - 26 c. whether the proposal reflects current local circumstances; and
 - 27 d. whether the proposal bears a substantial relationship to the public's general health,
28 safety, morals, or welfare.

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30 **Section 2. General Procedural Findings.**

31 The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

- 32 6. On October 25, 2021, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, DCD
33 presented the Board of County Commissioners (Board) with a work plan to develop
34 amendments to Kitsap County Code Title 17 (Zoning) to strengthen bicycle parking
35 requirements and add electric vehicle charging requirements. The Board approved the work
36 plan.
- 37 7. On November 16, 2021, Public Works staff briefed the Non-Motorized Facilities Committee
38 on the workplan.
- 39 8. On December 7, 2021 DCD staff briefed the Planning Commission on the workplan.
- 40 9. On January 4, 2022 DCD staff gave a kickoff presentation to the Manchester Community
41 Advisory Council.
- 42 10. On January 5, 2022 DCD staff gave a briefing on the Public Participation Plan to the Board.
- 43 11. On January 6, 2022 DCD staff gave a kickoff presentation to the Suquamish Community
44 Advisory Council.
- 45 12. On January 11, 2022 DCD staff gave a kickoff presentation during the quarterly Tribal
46 Coordination Meeting.

- 1 13. On January 12, 2022 DCD staff gave a kickoff presentation to the Kingston Advisory
2 Council.
- 3 14. On January 18, 2022 DCD staff gave a briefing on the public participation plan to the
4 Planning Commission.
- 5 15. On February 2, 2022 DCD staff gave a kickoff presentation to the Central Kitsap Community
6 Council.
- 7 16. On February 7, 2022 a kickoff email was sent to DCD's outreach letter mailing list, including
8 a link to a survey about community thoughts on bicycle parking and electric vehicle charging
9 needs.
- 10 17. On February 8, 2022 a kickoff email was sent via GovDelivery, including a link to a survey
11 about community thoughts on bicycle parking and electric vehicle charging needs.
- 12 18. On April 25, 2022 DCD staff provided an overview of the project at the Kitsap All Ports
13 meeting, as requested.
- 14 19. On June 22, 2022 a group of community members from interest groups including the CACs,
15 bicycling advocates, and electric vehicle owners gathered virtually to review an initial draft
16 of the code prepared by DCD staff and provide feedback and additional thoughts to
17 strengthen the draft.
- 18 20. On July 5, 2022 DCD staff briefed the planning commission on the workshop group meeting.
- 19 21. On July 6, 2022 DCD staff held a work study with the Board on the workshop group meeting
20 and the draft code.
- 21 22. On July 14, 2022 DCD staff presented a project overview and the draft code to the Kitsap
22 Builders Association.
- 23 23. On July 19, 2022 DCD staff held a work study on the draft code with the Planning
24 Commission.
- 25 24. On July 26, 2022 DCD staff presented a project overview and the draft code to the DCD
26 Department Advisory Group.
- 27 25. On August 2, 2022, DCD staff presented a project overview and the draft code to the
28 Manchester Community Advisory Group.
- 29 26. On August 14, 2022 the Kitsap Sun ran an article about the code project.
- 30 27. On September 1, 2022 the draft ordinance, staff report, and SEPA determination were posted
31 on the project website.
- 32 28. On September 1, 2022 GovDelivery emails and notification letters were sent to interested
33 parties to announcement the availability of drafts on the website, the upcoming virtual open
34 house, and the upcoming public comment period.
- 35 29. On September 1, 2022 DCD staff presented the draft code to the Suquamish Community
36 Advisory Council.
- 37 30. On September 7, 2022 DCD staff hosted a virtual Open House on the Zoom platform.
- 38 31. On September 14, 2022 DCD staff presented the draft code to the Kingston Community
39 Advisory Council.
- 40 32. On September 15, 2022 the Planning Commission Public Comment period opened.
- 41 33. On September 27, 2022 DCD staff provided an update on the project at the regular Tribal
42 Coordination Meeting.
- 43 34. On October 3, 2022 GovDelivery emails and notification letters were sent to interested
44 parties to remind them about the open public comment period and the upcoming virtual open
45 house.

- 1 35. On October 4, DCD staff held a work study meeting to review the draft ordinance with the
2 Planning Commission.
- 3 36. On October 6, 2022 DCD staff hosted a second virtual Open House on the Zoom platform,
4 though there were no attendees.
- 5 37. On October 12, 2022 DCD staff briefed the Board of Commissioners on the project status.
- 6 38. On October 17, 2022 the Planning Commission Public Comment period closed with 13
7 comments received.
- 8 39. On October 18, 2022, following timely and effective public notification, the Planning
9 Commission held a public hearing, where 2 additional comments were provided verbally.
- 10 40. On October 25, 2022 DCD staff provided responses to the submitted comments to the
11 Planning Commission for review before deliberations.
- 12 41. On November 1, 2022, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the
13 Planning Commission considered the proposed draft ordinance, the testimony presented, and
14 the record and made recommendations via approved motions.
- 15 42. On November 1, 2022, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the
16 Planning Commission approved findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations
17 regarding the proposed amendments and forwarded them to DCD and the Kitsap County
18 Board of Commissioners for consideration.

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20 **Section 3. General Substantive Findings.**

21 The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

- 22 1. The proposed code amendments were developed with multiple opportunities for public
23 participation and comment as required by the GMA and the State Environmental Policy Act
24 (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW.
- 25 2. The proposed code amendments were developed according to, and are compliant with, the
26 requirements of GMA, chapter 36.70A RCW, the County-wide Planning Policies, the Kitsap
27 County Comprehensive Plan, the Capital Facilities Plan, Kitsap County Code, and other
28 applicable laws and policies.
- 29 3. The proposed code amendments for electric vehicle infrastructure were developed in
30 response to, and are compliant with, the requirements in RCW 19.27.540 and WAC 51-50-
31 0429.
- 32 4. The proposed code amendments are consistent with the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan,
33 particularly the following goals and policies:
 - 34 a. **Land Use Goal 2.** Promote health in the built environment.
 - 35 b. **Land Use Policy 15.** Link non-motorized planning requirements to land use planning
36 decisions.
 - 37 c. **Economic Development Policy 24.** Support plans that evaluate and recommend
38 changes that accommodate technology infrastructure for business growth.
 - 39 d. **Environment Policy 5.** Support projects that increase air quality, reduce carbon
40 emissions, or reduce climate change impacts.
 - 41 e. **Environment Goal 3.** Reduce the risk of damage to life, property and the natural
42 environment through appropriate regulatory and incentive-based approaches in land
43 use, transportation and development engineering programs.

- 1 f. **Transportation Goal 1.** Provide a safe and reliable multi-modal transportation
- 2 system for people of all ages and abilities.
- 3 g. **Transportation Policy 27.** Encourage use of innovative fuel systems.
- 4 h. **Suquamish Goal 2.** Provide Transportation Improvements that Enhance Economic
- 5 Development.
- 6 i. **Kingston Parks, Trails and Open Space Goal 8.** Create bicycle routes, multiuse
- 7 pathways, and bike storage facilities to provide safe, secure and efficient bicycle
- 8 connections for commuter, visitor, fitness and recreational riders.
- 9 j. **Silverdale Policy 11.** Facilitate the diversification and growth of the Silverdale area
- 10 economic base through a range of appropriate commercial land use designations,
- 11 adequate land supply, improved transportation infrastructure, active business
- 12 recruitment, and business friendly policies and regulations.
- 13 k. **Silverdale Goal 12.** Ensure that transportation facilities necessary for future growth
- 14 are provided concurrent with growth and coordinated with the overall land use plan
- 15 for Silverdale.
- 16 l. **Silverdale Regional Center Policy 6.** Incorporate pedestrian, bicycle, and gathering
- 17 space amenities into both site and building design elements.
- 18 m. **Silverdale Regional Center Connectivity and Mobility Goal 5.** Reduce the share of
- 19 trips made by single occupancy vehicles (SOV).
- 20 n. **Silverdale Regional Center Environment Goal 13.** Develop greenhouse gas
- 21 emissions reduction ratio targets and achieve them through land use, transportation,
- 22 and commercial and residential building construction and site development strategies.
- 23 o. **Silverdale Regional Center Policy 59.** Support a multi-modal transportation system
- 24 so that all people who live and work in the SRC have a variety of convenient low- or
- 25 no-emission transportation options.
- 26 p. **Keyport Goal 9.** Encourage development of an efficient multimodal transportation
- 27 system and develop a funding strategy and financing plan to meet its needs.
- 28 q. **Keyport Goal 22.** Encourage sustainable practices and green building in Keyport.
- 29 5. The proposed code amendments reflect the local circumstances within Kitsap County. The
- 30 Non-Motorized Facilities Committee initially raised the bicycle parking issue in early 2021
- 31 as a way to help increase the number of trips Kitsap County residents take by bicycle. As of
- 32 August 11, 2022, Kitsap County had 3,692 registered electric vehicles. That number can be
- 33 expected to rise significantly over the coming years, as Washington State adopted a target
- 34 that all model year 2030 or newer vehicles in the state be electric.
- 35 6. The proposed code amendments promote the public interest and welfare of the citizens of
- 36 Kitsap County.

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

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 40 **RECOMMENDATION: Adopt amendments to Kitsap County Code Titles 14 and 17 as**
 41 **proposed by the Planning Commission, which are shown by the following Exhibits:**

- 42 1 – Ordinance
- 43 2 – Planning Commission Change Matrix

