

TEMPORARY HOUSING FACILITIES ORDINANCE

Public Comment Period Open

The Jefferson County Department of Community Development has opened a public comment period regarding draft regulations for the **siting, establishment, and operation of temporary housing facilities** for homeless or unhoused people seeking assistance. This project is assigned **Case #MLA22-00035**.

An online public hearing is scheduled at the **Jefferson County Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 5:30 PM**. The draft ordinance sets forth requirements for site planning, building and health standards, operation, and duration of a temporary housing facility.

Public Notice:

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC)
RELATING TO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN APPLICATION MLA22-00035**

AND

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND
PENDING SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS)**

AND

**NOTICE OF MAY 4, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE JEFFERSON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION ON PROPOSED UDC AMENDMENTS**

Pursuant to the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Jefferson County is issuing an integrated GMA/SEPA document per WAC 197-11-210 through 197-11-235, relative to proposed amendments to the Jefferson County Code (JCC). Jefferson County has determined that it is the appropriate SEPA lead agency for the proposal. Adoption of any JCC amendments through this action would be a Non-Project Action under SEPA, Chapter 43.21C RCW.

Summary of Proposed Changes: To make a countywide amendment within Jefferson County's Unified Development Code (UDC), JCC Title 18, to JCC 18.20, 18.10 & 18.15—Siting, Establishment, and Operation of Temporary Housing Facilities in Unincorporated Areas of Jefferson County.

Applicant: Jefferson County Board of Commissioners, P.O Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

GMA Notice: This document serves as the 60-day Notice of Intent to Amend the Jefferson County Development Regulations and is being circulated per WAC 365-196-620 to State agencies responsible for reviewing proposed amendments to comprehensive plans and/or County Development Regulations.

SEPA Notice: Because the proposal is not site-specific, the proposed amendment will be reviewed under SEPA as a Nonproject Action involving decisions on policies, plans, or programs (WAC 197-11-704). The Department of Community Development (DCD) has assumed the responsibility of Lead Agency under SEPA, has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of this notice. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable development regulations, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared.

Mitigation measures may include provisions already in Ch. 18.20 JCC for use-specific performance standards and Ch. 18.30 JCC for development standards.

Comments on the SEPA Threshold Determination must be submitted to the Department of Community Development, Attn. MLA22-00035 Temporary Housing Ordinance, 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368, by Wednesday, May 4, 2022. A copy of the subsequent final threshold determination for the specific proposal may be obtained upon request.

Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents: This announcement also serves as a notice of adoption of existing environmental documents. After review of the suggested amendments and existing environmental documents, the SEPA Responsible Official at DCD has determined that existing environmental documents provide adequate environmental review to satisfy the requirements of WAC 197-11-600.

The following existing environmental documents are being adopted:

- 1997-1998 Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS/FEIS) and addenda prepared in anticipation of adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 1998. The DEIS and FEIS are dated February 24, 1997 and May 27, 1998, respectively, and examined the potential cumulative environmental impacts of adopting alternative versions of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 6/30/1999 Draft Supplemental EIS (DSEIS)--Comprehensive Plan 1999 Amendments (Task III of Tri-Area/Glen Cove Special Study)

- 8/18/1999 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan 1999 Amendments. Tri-Area/Glen Cove Special Study Task IV.
- 6/11/2001 Glen Cove/Tri-Area Special Study Supplemental EIS Final Decision Document, June 11, 2001
- 2002 Integrated Growth Management Act/State Environmental Policy Act Document Environmental Review of a Non-Project Action: Draft Supplemental EIS August 21, 2002, to Supplement the Comprehensive Plan Draft and Final EIS (1997) and Comprehensive Plan 1999 Amendments Draft and Final SEIS. November 25, 2002 Integrated FSEIS 2002 Amendment Docket.
This FSEIS was appealed before the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) of which the WWGMHB issued a Final Decision and Order (FDO) and remanded it back to the Department for additional environmental review.
The county hired Wheeler Consulting, to prepare additional environmental review based on the FDO. A DSEIS to the 2002 CPA SEIS was issued on March 3, 2004. A FSEIS to the 2002 CPA SEIS was issued on May 12, 2004 as part of the review and in consideration of MLA02-00235.
- 2004 Staff Report and SEPA Addendum to 1998 EIS for UGA Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan issued May 19, 2004.
- 2004 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket Department of Community Development Integrated Staff Report and SEPA Addendum issued September 22, 2004.
- 2009 Integrated GMA/SEPA Addendum Staff Report, September 2, 2009. Adopted by legal notice: 1998 DEIS/FEIS, September 22nd Staff Report 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, "and all supplementary information...supporting record, analyses, materials."
- 2018 Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan Update 2038 SEPA Addendum to 1998 Draft and Final Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan Environmental Impact Statements and subsequent Supplemental EISs and Addenda. April 4, 2018

Planning Commission Public Hearing: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold a **public hearing on Wednesday, May 4, 2022** to take oral and written comment on the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code before making a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on whether to adopt the proposed amendments. The Planning Commission meeting and public hearing will be held on-line beginning at **5:30 PM, Wednesday, May 4, 2022.**

COVID-19 NOTICE: NO IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE ALLOWED

(Per Jefferson County RESOLUTION No. 45-21)

You can join this meeting by using the following methods:

Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 886 7104 7253

Passcode: 894561

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88671047253?pwd=OU8vTWZGWTVRRGNRVEQ1c2k0WDVadz09>

This link is also provided electronically at the Community Development page.

This option will allow you to join the meeting live. You will need to enter an email address. If you wish to provide public comment, click on the hand icon at the bottom of the screen to “raise your hand.”. Participation will be up to the Chair of the meeting

Audio-only: For one tap mobile copy and paste:

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Please sign on 5 to 10 minutes before the official start of the meeting to check sound and video quality. This video will be closed-captioned enabled for persons with disabilities.

Public Comment Period: The Department of Community Development and the Planning Commission are accepting general comments on the merits of these suggested amendments to the Unified Development Code. Written comments will be accepted through the close of the Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Any written comments on these suggested amendments submitted after the close of the public comment period will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for consideration in its legislative decision. The BoCC may also hold a public hearing before taking action. Formal notice would appear in this newspaper. Written comments on the proposal may be submitted to the Department of Community Development, Attn. MLA22-00035 Temporary Housing Ordinance, 621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368 or via email to jpeterson@co.jefferson.wa.us.

Availability of Documents: For more information or to inspect or request copies of the original application for the proposed amendments, the adopted existing environmental documents or the Staff Report and Recommendation, visit the Department of Community Development webpage, <http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment> and follow the link to Public Notices. You can also access the project documents directly from the Laserfiche

Web Portal at:

<https://test.co.jefferson.wa.us/WeblinkExternal/Browse.aspx?id=3434553&dbid=0&repo=Jefferson>