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Thurston County Board of Commissioners 3000 Pacific Avenue SE Olympia, WA 98501

Subject:

Planning Commission Recommendation on "Code Clarifications & Corrections Amendment"

The Thurston County Planning Commission has completed their review the Code Clarifications & Corrections amendment. The project includes 2022-2023 Official Development Code Docket Items: A-13 "Miscellaneous Clerical Errors," A-28 "Clarification on Expansion of Non-Conforming Non-Residential Uses and Structures," and A-29 "Update Sign Board Posting Procedures." The amendment proposes changes to standards for Academic Schools in the Special Use chapter, changes to standards for on-site noticing requirements on Type III applications, and corrects various clerical errors including amending definitions and updating terms and names within various Thurston County Code (TCC). The Planning Commission held two (2) work sessions on February 1, 2023 and February 15, 2023, followed by a public hearing on March 15, 2023.

No written or oral public comments were received for the public hearing. Following the public hearing on March 15, 2023, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (8-0, 1 absent) to recommend approval of the proposed Code Clarifications & Corrections amendments:

"Move to recommend approval of the Code Clarifications & Corrections amendment, which includes Development Code Docket Items A-13: "Miscellaneous Clerical Errors," A-28: "Clarification on Expansion of Non-Conforming Non-Residential Uses and Structures," and A-29: "Update Sign Board Posting Procedures" and amends Titles 17-24 of the Thurston County Code."

The Planning Commission recommends approval with the following findings:

Findings:

1. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Growth Management Act 36.70A RCW.

- 2. The proposed amendments are consistent with the Thurston County-Wide Planning Policies.
- 3. The Thurston County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on March 15, 2023, as required by Thurston County Code Chapter 2.05 Growth Management Public Participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eric Casino, Chair

CC: Thurston County Planning Commission Members

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Travis Burns, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney