

RESOLUTION NO.

**CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO
SKAGIT COUNTY CODE 12.05, ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS Skagit County Board of Health has the authority to enact local rules and regulations as are necessary in order to preserve, promote and improve the public health pursuant to RCW 70.050.060; and,

WHEREAS the Washington State Board of Health adopted changes to chapter 246-272A WAC, On-site Sewage Systems, with the rule becoming effective with a staggered timeline beginning April 1, 2024, through February 1, 2027; and,

WHEREAS Chapter 12.05 Skagit County Code regulating on-site sewage systems needs updating to incorporate amendments to Washington Administrative Code, clarify and update language, and updated procedures; and,

WHEREAS a workgroup of on-site sewage system designers, installers and operation and maintenance providers provided technical review and input to develop proposed changes and updates to Skagit County Code 12.05; and,

WHEREAS the Skagit County Board of Health held four work sessions to review and develop proposed revisions to Chapter 12.05; and,

WHEREAS staff provided a public presentation outlining components of the proposed code revisions in the Commissioners Hearing Room, County Administration Building, 1800 Continental Way, Mount Vernon, Washington on June 10, 2025, at 10:00 am.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED the Skagit County Board of Health has decided to consider adoption of revisions to Skagit County Code 12.05; and,

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the public shall be invited to provide comments on the proposal prior to and at the public hearing; and,

IT IS RESOLVED AND IS HEREBY ORDERED that a Public Hearing will be called for, beginning at 2:30 pm, July 28, 2025, or as soon thereafter as possible in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington, where oral and written testimony will be heard for or against the adoption of the attached Proposed Skagit County Code 12.05 On-site Sewage Code- Rules and Regulations and possible action on the proposed code. The Board of Health may deliberate and decide to take further action at the public meeting. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to publish a notice of public hearing.

PASSED this 10 day of June, 2025.

BOARD OF HEALTH
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Lisa Janicki

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Peter Browning

Peter Browning, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kerke Utteris

Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Health

RECOMMENDED:

[Signature]

Director
Skagit County Public Health

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

M. Moe

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Skagit County Board of Health will hold a public hearing on July 28, 2025, at 2:30 pm, or as soon thereafter as possible in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, Skagit County Administration Building, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington, for the purpose of receiving oral and written comments to consider revision of Chapter 12.05 Skagit County Code regarding on-site sewage systems.

The proposed revision is to clarify procedures and requirements for on-site sewage design, installation and inspections, update educational requirements and levels of expertise for on-site sewage providers, update language concerning proper operation and maintenance of on-site sewage systems, and otherwise clarify language. The full text of the proposed revision is available on the [Skagit County Environmental Health webpage](#). A copy of the proposed code revision is also available at Skagit County Public Health, 301 Valley Mall Way, Suite 110, Mount Vernon, Washington, or will be mailed upon request.

This Public Hearing provides an opportunity for the public to give comment to the Skagit County Board of Health. Public comments for or against the adoption of the proposed revisions are invited by attendance, email, mail, or hand delivery.

Those who wish to provide public comment by attendance can attend the July 28, 2025 public hearing in person or remotely at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdzo9> or by calling: 1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980). Those who would like to sign up to provide public testimony are encouraged to call the Clerk of the Board at (360) 416-1300 before the meeting is scheduled to start. The Clerk will need the name and the town or city of residence of those providing public testimony. Once the public hearing is opened, those who have signed up will be called on one- at-a-time to provide public testimony for up to 3 minutes.

Written comments may be submitted by mail or email. Email comments can be sent to Septic@co.skagit.wa.us, or can be mailed or delivered to Skagit County Public Health, 301 Valley Mall Way, #110, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Both mail and emailed comments must be identified with the subject "Proposed OSS Code Comment." **All written comments must be received prior to July 25, 2025, to be considered.**

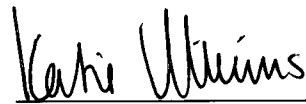
Residents who plan to attend a public hearing and have special needs or disabilities are asked to call the Board of County Commissioners Office at (360) 416-1300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange for any needed accommodation.

This proposal may be approved, modified and approved, or rejected by the Skagit County Board of Health. Your views for or against this matter are invited either by attendance, representation, or letter. The Commissioners' Hearing Room is accessible for citizens with special needs.

Skagit County ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from the federally assisted programs and activities. For questions regarding Skagit County's Title VI Program, please contact the Title VI Liaison at (360) 416-1300.

For information about the public hearing or proposed revisions to Chapter 12.05 Skagit County Code regarding on-site sewage systems, please contact Skagit County Public Health at (360) 416-1500.

NOTICE GIVEN BY ORDER of the Board of Health this 10th day of June 2025.



Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Commissioners

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