



Planning & Development Services

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Notice of Availability

including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	July 3, 2020
Proposal name:	Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention Code Amendments
Documents available at:	https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/2020Flood.htm
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Peter Gill, Long Range Planning Manager
SEPA Responsible Official:	Hal Hart, Director
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Planning Commission
Public hearing date:	Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 6 p.m.
Written comment deadline:	Friday, July 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

Amendments to the Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention code, SCC 14.34 and Definitions, SCC 14.04. A non-project legislative action to adopt an updated Flood code to comply with requested code amendments from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology). These requests were in follow up to a Community Assistance Visit that Ecology conducted with Skagit County in order to assess the County's compliance with the floodplain management minimum criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program as administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The amendments include changes to building standards within the Coastal A zone to provide consistency with International Building Code standards.

SEPA Threshold Determination

Skagit County has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed

environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request and at the above listed website.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal during the comment period. Written comments regarding this Determination of Nonsignificance must be submitted by the deadline above and in the same manner as other comments. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name (“Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention Code Amendments”) in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Comments on proposed “Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention Code Amendments”
Planning and Development Services
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above, and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the hearing will be held as a remote meeting. If you wish to provide verbal testimony, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. All requests must be received 24 hours prior to the Public Hearing Date referenced above. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.