



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 1, 2021

Proposal name: 2021 Building Code Updates and Repeal of the Board of Appeals

Documents available: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/communplan.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 Board of County Commissioners

Public hearing date: July 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

**Written comment
deadline:** July 21, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

State law requires cities and counties to adopt the state building codes as adopted by the Washington State Building Code Council. This proposal would amend Skagit County Code Title 15 to update the County's adoption of the International Building Codes from the 2015 editions, to the 2018 editions with local exceptions. The local exceptions section (SCC 15.04.030) was reformatted to be more user friendly, exceptions added, fire safety measures updated, and references were changed to the 2018 state adopted standards.

The proposal also includes a repeal of the Board of Appeals for building code determinations (SCC 15.16 and SCC 14.06.050). Appeals will be heard by the Hearing Examiner consistent with other Level I reviews. Public notice, reports, and SEPA checklist are available at www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/codeupdatemain.htm

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 for at least 14 days from the publish date indicated in the table above. Written comments regarding this Determination of Nonsignificance must be submitted by the written comment 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.

SEPA Responsible Official: Hal Hart, AICP, Director/Administrative Official,
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Signature 
Hal Hart, Director

Date of Decision: June 29, 2021

How to Comment

Option 1: Digital comments are preferred and must be sent through our Public Participation Portal available at <https://publicinput.com/BuildingCodes>.

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

Planning and Development Services
Comments on "2021 Building Code Updates and Repeal of the Board of Appeals"
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. You may also comment in person at the public hearing at the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon.

This meeting is will also be held remotely. If you wish to provide verbal testimony through Zoom, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name 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.