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Notice of Availability

including written comment period and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date: August 22, 2024

Proposal name: Skagit County – Consideration to Establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (“C-PACER”) Program

Documents available: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/cpacer.htm>

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Contact Person: Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner

Public hearing body: Skagit County Board of County Commissioners

Public hearing date: September 9, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Written comment

deadline: September 6, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

RCW 36.165 authorizes counties to establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (“C-PACER”) program to allow willing property owners of agricultural, commercial, and industrial properties, and of multifamily residential properties with five or more dwelling units, to obtain affordable, long-term financing for qualifying improvements, including energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, and resiliency measures such as seismic retrofits, flood mitigation, stormwater management, wildfire and wind resistance, energy storage, fire suppression, and microgrids. Repayment of loans for C-PACER qualifying improvements involves a voluntary assessment on the property, secured by an assessment lien, and assigned to a Capital Provider for the administrative aspects of billing, collecting, and enforcing the lien, without cost to the County and without the creation of a personal debt obligation to the Property Owner. The obligation is instead carried by the property and remains with the property until repaid, regardless of any potential transfer of property ownership.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The purpose of the above scheduled public hearing will be for the Board of County Commissioners to consider public testimony and take action on the adoption of an ordinance to establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency program within the jurisdictional boundaries of Skagit County.

The full text of the proposed ordinance to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners is available for viewing on the project website listed in the Proposal Information.

Any person may appear at the date, time and place set forth hereinabove and present testimony in favor of or in opposition to the C-PACER program and proposed ordinance. The Board of County Commissioners may conclude that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act and other relevant county ordinances pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(3), (14)(b), (f) and (h).

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 – Consideration to Establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (“C-PACER”) Program”) 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:

Planning and Development Services
Comments on “Skagit County – Consideration to Establish a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (“C-PACER”) Program”
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. The Board of County Commissioners is hosting meetings in the Skagit County Commissioners’ Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. If you wish to provide online 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. 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.

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