

**APPLICATION
FOR TEXT AMENDMENT
TO PIERCE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

A Text Amendment is a proposed change or revision to the policies of the Comprehensive Plan text.

Applications will not be accepted in the following community plan areas as they are currently under an update process:

- Frederickson Community Plan
- Mid-County Community Plan
- Parkland-Spanaway-Midland Communities Plan
- South Hill Community Plan

Please refer to the [Community Plans update webpage](#).

NOTE: An application must be completed for all proposed amendments, whether initiated by the County Council, County Executive, or a city or town with jurisdiction in Pierce County. No application is considered officially initiated until: 1) the Executive forwards the application to the County Council for inclusion in the Council resolution initiating amendments; 2) a city or town forwards the application to the County Council for inclusion in the Council resolution initiating amendments; or 3) the County Council includes the application in the resolution initiating amendments. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the completed application and to check on the status of the request. If you want a city or town to initiate an amendment, you need to work directly with the city or town. See the handout [Guidelines for Submitting Applications for Amendments to the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan](#) for additional information.

The deadline to submit an application is 4:00 p.m., **July 31, 2020**. Complete all the blanks in this application form. A letter or report in lieu of this application will not be accepted. However, reports, photos or other materials may be submitted to support your application.

A \$3,000.00 fee for each Comprehensive Plan amendment is required. Whether a request to initiate an amendment is made to the County Executive or County Council, a non-refundable submittal fee of \$500.00 is required at time of application. If the Council approves to initiate the amendment, the remaining \$2,500.00 fee shall be required within ten (10) working days after the amendment is initiated by the County Council. If an applicant fails to pay the required fee, staff will be unable to proceed with the review of an application(s), and this will result in the expiration and cancellation of an application(s).

For additional information, contact Pierce County Planning and Public Works, Long Range Planning Division, by phone at (253) 798-3736 or by email at Jessica.Nappi@piercecounitywa.gov.

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DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT:

1. General description of proposal:

Text amendment to the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan to include information on PSRC VISION 2050 and multicounty planning policies related to climate change that need to be addressed in the next GMA comprehensive plan periodic update.

2. Write text as it currently appears in the Comprehensive Plan (include element/chapter and Pierce County Code citation):

See attached document.

3. Write proposed amendment (if new, indicate the proposed location by specifying the document, page number, and location on the page):

See attached document.

4. Why is the text amendment needed and being proposed?

See attached document.

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Proposed amendment:

Pierce County Comprehensive Plan / Chapter 1 Introduction / Growth Management Planning / MultiCounty Planning (page 1-8)

ADD/AMEND

The Act also required the development of multicounty planning policies for the central Puget Sound region of King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. The Multicounty Planning Policies (MPPs), developed as part of VISION 2040, describe regional objectives for issues that cross county boundaries and need to be met to achieve interjurisdictional consistency. The VISION 2040 Planning Policies were adopted in March of 1993 by the General Assembly of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) as an amendment to VISION 2040. In 2012, the PSRC adopted Transportation 2040, a transportation action plan update for the central Puget Sound region. Vision 2040 Planning Policies cover the same topics required of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). Open space linkages, resource protection, and critical areas, identified as important issues in the GMA, were also included because of their regional importance and the impossibility of achieving them without the inter-county collaboration. In 2008, the PSRC adopted VISION 2040, an update to the Multicounty Planning Policies. The current MPPs contained in VISION 2040 are in the process of being updated by PSRC as part of the VISION 2050 planning effort. The MPPs in VISION 2050 will address region wide issues in a collaborative framework with an increased focus on regional collaboration, regional growth strategy, environment, climate change, development patterns, housing, economy, transportation, public services. Pierce County will be working to implement PSRC's adopted VISION 2050 and associated MPPs. PSRC is scheduled to adopt VISION 2050 in 2020.

Pierce County Comprehensive Plan / Chapter 2 Land Use Element / Urban, Rural, And Resource (page 2-77)

ADD new subsection after General and before Airports

Climate Change

Pierce County's greatest impact on emissions reductions will likely be through promoting a dense, compact land use pattern with mixed-uses inside the urban growth area that support walking, bicycling, and transit use with open space conservation. Compact land use patterns have great potential to reduce GHG emissions related to vehicles and building energy use. The Land Use and Environment elements of the Comprehensive Plan set the stage for this vision by directing development to centers and arterial corridors served by transit, promoting a balanced multi-modal transportation system, and reducing the need to travel by car.

GOAL LU-100 To ensure compliance with the PSRC VISION 2050 climate change related multicounty planning policies and for inclusion in the next GMA comprehensive plan periodic update by:

- Identifying adaptation policies that address the effects of climate change by increasing resilience and/or decreasing vulnerability;
- Establishing policy decisions and priorities, and design programs and facilities that consider long-term impacts on natural and human environments to address sustainability and climate change; and
- Continuing planning efforts and regulations that encourage higher density transit-oriented mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhoods that are well designed and enable people to move without reliance on automobiles, and contain a variety of recreation, commercial and service opportunities.

ADD

ENV-1.9 Identify climate adaptation strategies to ensure compliance with the Multicounty Planning Policies requirements of the PSRC VISION 2050 to integrate into the Comprehensive Plan during the next GMA periodic update. These strategies should include:

- Promoting energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction strategies;
- Protecting and adapting public infrastructure, services, natural systems and resources from climate change impacts; and
- Continuing to coordinate and communicate locally and regionally to monitor and address the changing needs and conditions of the community.