

#### A-25 Forest Conversions Ordinance

Planning Commission Work Session 2

September 20, 2023





### Overview

- 1. Public Hearing Comments
- 2. Proposed Changes
- 3. Questions
- 4. Next Steps





### Public Hearing

August 16, 2023

Attendance:

2 In person

4 Virtual

Written Comments:

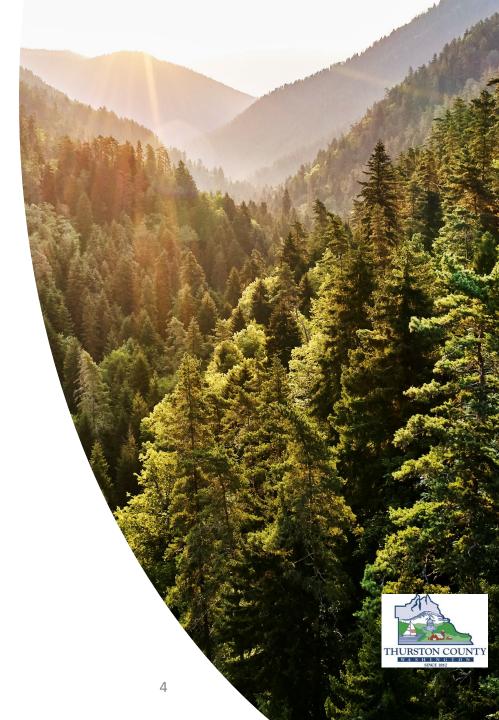
Open July 19 - August 16, 2023

2 comments received



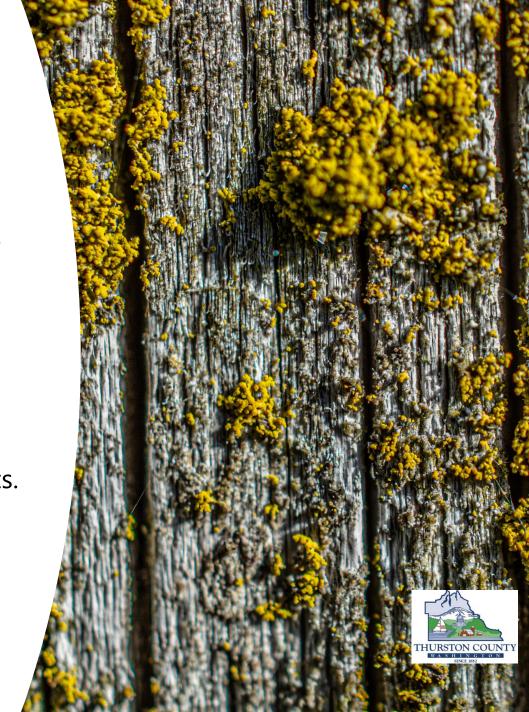
#### What we heard...

- Concerns about clarity with tree classifications, percent retention, and measurement.
- Concerns about enforcement policies and fees.
- Concerns about COHP implementation.
- Concerns about Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) building code updates.
- Concerns about permit notification and public involvement with conversions.



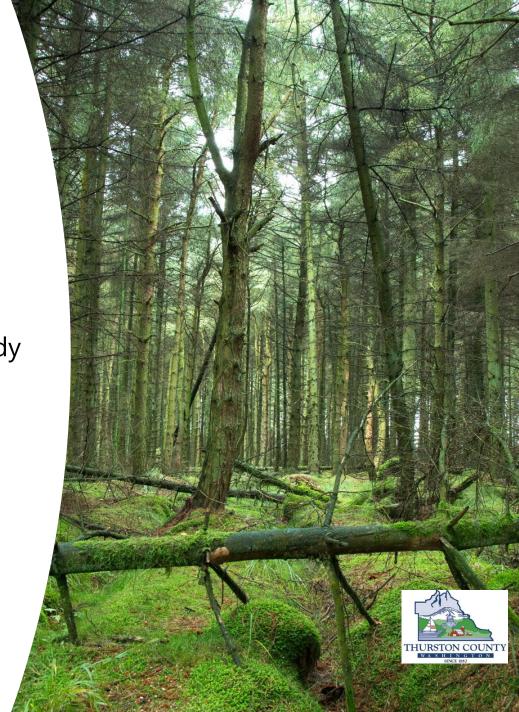
# Concerns about Clarity

- Updated definitions
- Reviewed replanting standards
- Reviewed tree measurement standards.
- Added definition for culturally modified trees.
- Updated language about exemptions from tree conservation plan requirements.



### Concerns about Enforcement

- Reviewed past compliance case load.
- Removed subdivisions from allowed moratorium activities.
- Plan to revisit fees after fee study is complete.
- Updated language about what parties are allowed to rescind a moratorium.
- Updated language to clarify department and applicant responsibilities.



## Concerns about COHP

- Changed language about applicant, department and DNR roles.
- Reviewed options for increasing retained tree percentage.



## Concerns about WUI Code

- Reviewed state WUI code definitions.
- Reviewed code sections with WUI code interactions.
- Discussed concerns with other jurisdictions and stakeholders.



## Concerns about Notification

- Reviewed SEPA requirements for conversion permits.
- Reviewed SEPA notification
- Discussed concerns with other jurisdictions and stakeholders.



### Phase 1 Next Steps



#### **June – Sept 2023**



#### Jan – Feb 2024

Planning Commission:
Introduction
Public Hearing
Discussion & Recommendation

Final Adoption of Forest Ordinance

Board of County Commissioners: Review Public Hearing



Oct - Jan 2023

# Questions or Discussion?

#### **Draft Motion:**

 Move to recommend moving draft forward with revisions to the Board of County Commissioners

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