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# LESS RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVE (LRA) COMMUNITY HOUSING CODE UPDATE

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# Today's Work Session

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BACKGROUND



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NEXT STEPS

# Background

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- New State Housing Laws for Sexually Violent Predators
  - Chapter 71.09.097 RCW, amended 2021
- Proposed Tenino LRA facility (April 2023)
- Development Code Docket #A-30: Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) Community Housing Code Update
  - Docketed 4 of 12 projects on April 2, 2024

# Relevant State Law & Policy

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## SECURE COMMUNITY TRANSITION FACILITY

- Operated by DSHS
- 24-hour intensive staffing
- Provides/ensures provision of sex offender treatment services
- McNeil Island – up to 400 beds

## LRA COMMUNITY HOUSING

- Operated by Private Provider
- Much smaller than SCTF
- *May* offer 24-hour staffing and trained escorts

# Definition

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“Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) Community Housing means a residence used to house people for court-ordered treatment in a setting less restrictive than total confinement and that satisfies the conditions in RCW 71.09.092. Less restrictive alternative community housing is operated by a private provider and may offer twenty-four-hour staffing and trained escorts.”

# Summary of Changes

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- Titles 20, 21, 22, and 23
- Require special use permit from Hearing Examiner (triggers noticing)
- Create a new definition
- Permitted across residential and commercial zoning districts
- Use-specific standards relating to fire and life safety

# Use-Specific Standards

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Adhere to requirements in 71.09 RCW



Possess approved public water supply and wastewater disposal



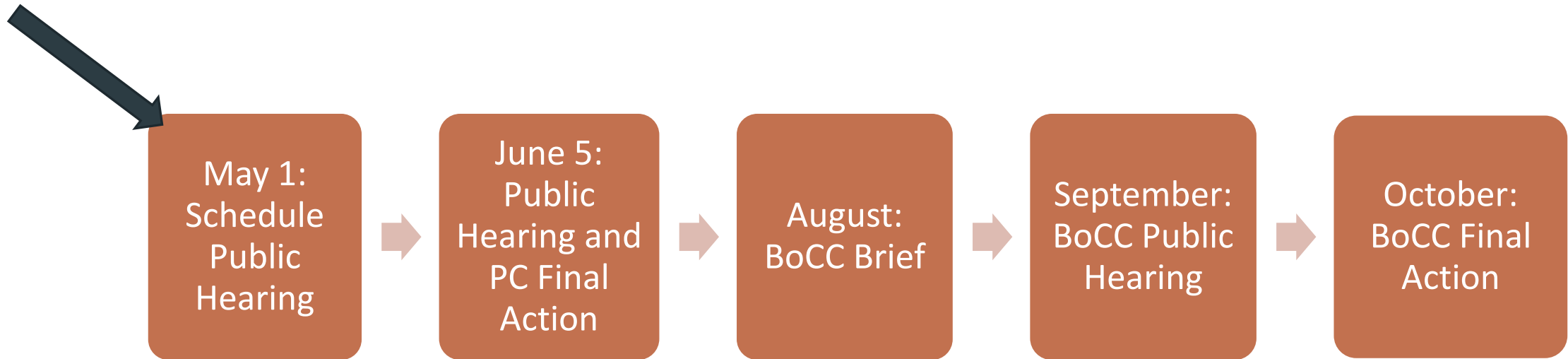
Possess food establishment operating permit



Conform with building requirements

# Next Steps

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# Thank You!

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