

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 3:30 p.m., or soon thereafter, in Room 110, 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501.

The purpose of the hearing is to accept public testimony on a proposal to adopt amendments for forest conversions to clarify forest conversion regulations, provide consistency between North County Urban Growth Areas and the unincorporated county, provide requirements for replanting, require forest conversion applications with other development permits, create guidelines to incentivize the retention of larger or uncommon trees, remove waivers for moratoriums, and grant moratorium releases only for single family homes by repealing and replacing Thurston County Code Chapter 17.25, amending sections of Titles 13, 14, 20, and 26 TCC and adding TCC Chapter 17.27. The project is docketed as Development Code Docket Item A-25 to “Amend the Forest Lands Conversion Ordinance and Review Tree Protection Standards.”

The Board may take action following the public hearing on February 6, 2024, or at any regularly scheduled meeting thereafter.

Those wishing to testify should appear in person or connect remotely via Zoom and be heard. Meeting information and ways to attend the meeting will be posted on the Board’s Public Hearings Page:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/meetings-public-hearings-and-work-session-agendas>

Send emails or letters to Dana Bowers, Associate Planner, Community Planning and Economic Development, 3000 Pacific Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501, or to dana.bowers@co.thurston.wa.us. Comments must be received by 12:00 p.m. noon on February 6, 2024. Documents will be posted online at the Thurston County Community Planning and Economic Development website at:

www.thurstonforests.org

To request disability accommodations, call the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator at least three days prior to the

meeting at 360-786-5440. Persons with speech or hearing disabilities may call via Washington Relay: 711 or 800-833-6388.

Jamie Caldwell, Clerk of the Board

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