



COMMUNITY PLANNING

A Division of Community Planning
& Economic Development

Emergency Housing Ordinance (Docket Item A-24)

Overview

Emergency Homeless encampments are currently permitted as a temporary use in unincorporated Thurston County (rural and urban growth areas), and have been since 2010. Interim regulations have been in place since 2019 and allow for some flexibility in permitting criteria in the event of a homelessness emergency.

What is Changing

This docket item considers amending the County Code to make interim regulations permanent. This facilitates a quick permitting response and increases flexibility for permit applicants. These changes would aid in getting unsheltered people living in unauthorized, makeshift camps into sanctioned shelters.

Quick Facts

- Homeless encampments have been allowed as a permitted use since 2010.
- Thurston County has never permitted a homeless encampment.
- Only specific criteria could be waived in a homelessness emergency.
- Interim regulations have been in place since 2019 and renewed 5 times.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Public input & participation is requested during each planning phase.

Summer 2021 to Early 2022

Internal research and stakeholder outreach

Summer 2022

Planning Commission review & Public Hearing

Early Fall 2022

SEPA, 60-day noticing to Commerce

Fall 2022

BoCC review & public hearing, final action

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