

Public Comments on A-27 - Nonconforming Code Update, Critical Areas Ordinance*

Ref. #	Date Received	Name	Contact Info	Comment	County Response
1	9/27/2022	Jessie Simmons	GA@omb.org	<p>Olympia Master Builders commends the Thurston County Planning Division for developing reasonable and logical changes to the county’s development code listed under item A-27 on the official docket. It is the goal of our organization to eliminate barriers to housing for all economic segments of society, and these changes get us closer to that goal. For too long, the permit process has been unnecessarily burdensome and restrictive to the people who can least afford to tackle the obstacles that this process presents. The proposed amendments to non-conforming projects in the Critical Areas Code allow for a streamlining of the process and a more customer service-oriented approach to smaller projects, such as alterations to property and even the construction of some ADUs. The efforts to amend this part of the code also prove that a reasonable balance can be achieved that benefits both development and the environment. Olympia Master Builders looks forward to further progress toward making housing and development more affordable to more of our neighbors. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	<p>Noted receipt of comment via email on 9/27/22</p>

* Added to the official record for A-27