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Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) Code Amendment

Purpose

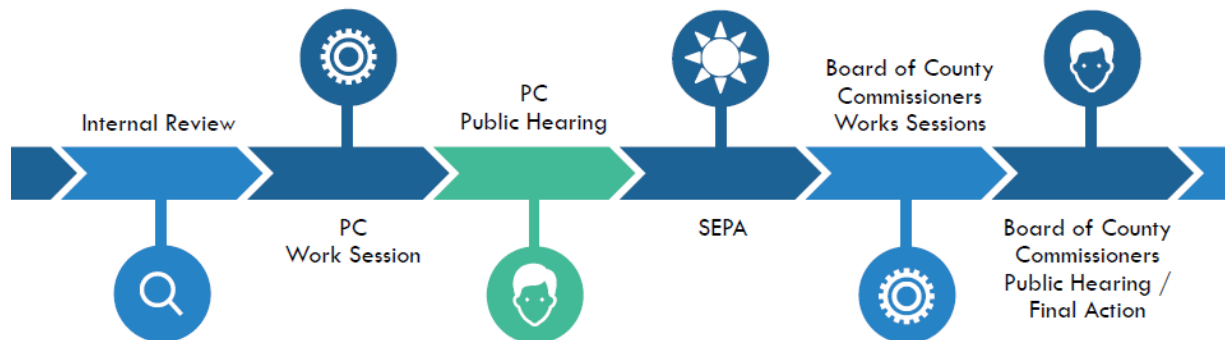
The purpose of the proposed amendment is to bring Development Code Docket Item A-22 - Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) code language into compliance with [RCW 58.17.040\(6\)](#) and recent case law. The proposed amendment will improve the application review process by defining review procedures and required application materials, as well as other regulatory requirements.

Background

Thurston County's Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) code language is not in compliance with RCW 58.17.040(6) which defines the county's BLA review requirements, due to case law regarding Boundary Line Adjustments. The project was initially started in April 2008 and has been worked on over the past 10+ years but has not been complete due to staffing and the Board of County Commissioner's prioritization.

Seattle v. Crispin, 2003, and Mason v. King County, 2005, challenged the BLA process based on the definition of building lot size, either by the creation of a developable lot through the BLA process without creating a new lot, or by resizing a lot through a BLA that results in a lot that does not conform to the definition of "building site" as noted in the RCW.

Timeline



Project Updates

- **August 26, 2022** - The Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for September 21, 2022 at 7 PM or soon thereafter. A PDF copy of the legal notice is available under the Document Center below. The public may submit written or emailed comments on the Development Code Docket Item A-22 - Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) Code Amendment. Comments must be received by September 21, 2022 by 4:00 PM. Project materials and related documents are available below.
 - To submit an emailed comment, please visit the Public Participation Opportunity section below and follow the link.
 - To submit a mailed comment, please mail to Andrew Boughan, Associate Planner, Community Planning and Economic Development, Building 1,2nd Floor, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia WA 98502.

Public Participation Opportunity

Thank you for your interest in the A-22 – Boundary Line Relocation (BLA) docket item. If you would like to participate in the public process, please click [Comment on the Boundary Line Relocation \(BLA\) Code Amendment](#) to provide comments on this proposal.

Document Center

Planning Commission

- September 21, 2022 – [A-22 - PC Public Hearing Draft Ordinance - BLA, A-22 – Legal Ad Proof - BLA, A-22 – PC Staff Report – BLA](#)
- August 17, 2022 - [A-22 - PC Packet 08172022 - BLA](#)