

# Thurston County Board Briefing

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| <b><u>Briefing Date/Time:</u></b>  | Jan. 12, 2020 1:00 PM– 3:00 PM   |
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| <b><u>Topic:</u></b>   | <b>2022-2023 Preliminary Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Docketing</b>   |
| <b><u>Purpose:</u></b><br>(check all that apply)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Information only<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision needed (by January 18, 2022)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Follow up from previous briefing                            |
| <b><u>Synopsis/Request/Recommendation:</u></b> <i>(One or two sentences identifying your primary objective for this session)</i>   |  |
| Direct staff to set a 20-day written public comment period on the 2022-2023 Preliminary Dockets for Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Development Code Amendments.   |  |
| <b><u>Background</u></b>   |  |
| <p>CPED’s Community Planning Division, Growth Management Services Team is responsible for bringing proposals to the Board for amendments to the County’s Comprehensive Plan and development regulations as part of a docketing process, required under the Growth Management Act and described in TCC 2.05.</p> <p>Each Official Docket covers a bi-annual cycle – the previous one for the term of 2020-2021. Officially docketed items were worked on based on priorities previously set by the BoCC in 2020 and 2021; not all proposals were actively worked on during the docket cycle due to staffing availability and BoCC priorities.</p> <p>At the end of the 2020-2021 docket cycle, any proposals that are incomplete roll over to a new preliminary docket, as well as any proposals that were previously left on the preliminary docket and any new proposals received. Many of the carryover proposals are actively underway in the Planning Commission review process, whereas others have had initial research and development or have not been started.</p> <p>There are a total of 34 proposals between the two preliminary dockets. Of those, 23 proposals are carryover from the 2020-2021 Official Dockets, and 9 are new proposals, and 2 are carryover proposals from a previous preliminary docket. Below is a summary by type:</p> |  |
| <b><u>Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Docket</u></b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 14 proposals total</li> <li>- 7 carryover proposals from the 2020-2021 Official Comprehensive Plan Docket</li> </ul>  |  |

- 7 new proposals (6 citizen-initiated requests for land use and rezoning amendments; 1 Planning Commission recommendation)

**Preliminary Development Code Docket**

- 20 proposals total
- 16 carryover proposals from the 2020-2021 Official Development Code Docket\*
- 2 carryover proposal from the preliminary docket
- 2 new proposals (Hearing Examiner, Development Services)

*\*1 proposal, A-26 Transfer of Development Rights, is a split off docket item from CPA-16, "Community Driven Review of Agricultural Policies and Programs". Separating this component of that project out as its own docket item allows it to be reviewed independently through the legislative process.*

The attachments to this briefing include a concise project summary sheet with key information about each proposal. Additional information will be added to the back of this summary sheet after a 20-day written public comment period, including a summary of comments received, anticipated level of staff work involved, and preliminary analysis of the proposal.

No decision on the merits of any of these proposals is required at this time. The purpose of this briefing is for the Board to gain familiarity with all the proposals, understand possible impacts to resources and work planning, and direct staff to distribute 2022-2023 Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket and Development Code Amendment Dockets for formal 20-day written comment.

Following the 20-day written comment period (no public hearing required), a follow-up work session will be scheduled to go over comment received and eliminate or select proposals for Official Dockets of work. After the Official Dockets are adopted, staff will schedule a briefing with the BoCC to establish priorities of Officially Docketed items.

Docketing supports Thurston County Strategic Plan Initiatives as follows:

- #6- the docketing process ensures equal opportunity for citizens to request and review amendments to policies and regulations that impact economic opportunity;
- #7- the docketing process allows the Board and public to consider whether proposals balance preservation of rural character and natural areas with development;
- #13- the docketing process ensures civic engagement early in the policymaking process.

**Documents Attached:**

- Preliminary Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Docket Worksheets
- Project Summary Report for each proposal

**Summary & Financial Impact:**

Docketing is an annually budgeted item.

**Affected Parties:**

- Thurston County citizens, City planning partners, applicants, interest groups including building and development groups, environmental groups, neighbors to proposed land use changes, staff implementing development regulations

**Board Direction:**

**Next Steps/Timeframe:**

To maintain ongoing BoCC guidance of an efficient process for citizens, staff is requesting direction from the BoCC by January 18, 2022. The following dates below are tentative:

- January 18, 2022 – direct staff to set a 20-day written comment period on the Preliminary Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Dockets for 2022-2023
- (tentative) Jan. 20 – Feb. 9, 2022 – 20-day written comment period
- (tentative) Mid-Late Feb, 2022 – work session(s) to review written comments received; decide proposals to be included on the official dockets.
- (tentative) March 1, 2022 – Adopt 2022-2023 Official Development Code Amendment Docket and 2022-2023 Official Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket
- (tentative) Late March – Briefing to Establish Priorities of Officially Docketed Items