THURSTON COUNTY
TITLE 20, ZONING
PLANNING COMMISSION – JANUARY 8, 2020

Development Code Amendment A-9
Amend Planned Industrial District – Special Use
Chapters 20.27 & 20.54

REQUEST

- Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) has requested to amend Title 20 – Zoning of the Thurston County Code
- Chapter 20.27 - Planned Industrial Park District (PI)* to include prisons/prerlease facilities as a permitted special use under Chapter 20.54 – Special Use*.
- The BoCC approved review of this item on the Official 2019 Development Code Docket (Amendment Item A-9).
- The BoCC approved the contract with DOC to review the change on July 10, 2019.
BACKGROUND

- Planned Industrial District zone is located in the Grand Mound Urban Growth Area
  - PI currently allows jails and juvenile detention facilities as permitted special uses.
  - Prisons/prerelease facilities are not a permitted use.
DEFINITIONS – TCC 20.03.040

- "Jail" means a public facility for the incarceration of people under warrant, awaiting trial on felony or misdemeanor charges, convicted but not yet sentenced, or serving a sentence of one year or less. This definition does not include facilities for programs providing alternatives to imprisonment such as prerelease, work release, or probation.

- "Juvenile Detention Facilities" means a public facility or institution exclusively for the incarceration of people under twenty-one years of age awaiting trial or sentencing or serving a court imposed sentence.

DEFINITIONS

- "Prison" means a public facility for the incarceration of people convicted of felony crimes serving a court imposed sentence. This includes minimum security facilities which house inmates with less than three years remaining to serve who meet stringent public 2019 Development Code Docket Item A-9 safety placement criteria established by the Department of Corrections, medium security facilities which have strict security standards including a fenced and patrolled perimeter, and high security facilities which offer the greatest level of security to minimize the potential for escape.

- "Prerelease" means a public facility for the incarceration of people convicted of felony crimes serving a court imposed sentence which prepares inmates for their release or transfer to a work release facility. Inmates of such facilities are under constant supervision.
### Chapter 20.54 - Special Use* - Summary Table

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### TITLE 20 – ZONING / CHAPTER 20.54 – SPECIAL USE*

#### 27.5 Prisons and Prerelease Facilities.

b. Location.

i. Prison and prerelease sites shall not be located closer than two miles from the boundary of a district in which the use is not allowed as a special use.

ii. Prison and prerelease sites shall be located at least two miles from any school and any site for which a special use application for a school has been submitted.

iii. Prisons and prerelease facilities shall be located such that law enforcement officers can respond to a call for assistance within five minutes under typical conditions.

iv. Advance life support service, as defined in RCW 18.73.030(19), must be available within five minutes under typical conditions.

v. The hearing examiner may lessen standards in subsections (27.5)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section if, in his or her opinion, a water body, freeway, or other barrier provides separation as effective as these standards, or if the site has historically been used as a jail, juvenile detention or other type of correctional facility.
Questions?

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