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Thurston County Board of Commissioners
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
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SUBJECT: Planning Commission recommendation to amend impervious surface standards in the Residential/Sensitive Resource Zoning District

Dear Commissioners,

The Thurston County Planning Commission has completed their review of the proposed amendments to the impervious surface standards in the Residential/Sensitive Resource Zoning District (Chapter 22.08 TCC) and related amendments to the definitions in the Tumwater UGA Zoning Ordinance (Title 22 TCC).

The Planning Commission was initially briefed by staff on April 5, 2017. The Planning Commission considered two options including:

Option A: Recently adopted amendments by the City of Tumwater to the above impervious surface standards in the Residential/Sensitive Resource Zoning District in the city's zoning ordinance.

Option B: Reverting back to standards in place prior to the adoption of the Low Impact Development standards adopted in December 2016.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on May 3, 2017 on the above options. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Board of County Commissioners select Option A which would adopt standards identical to standards recently adopted by the City of Tumwater.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this important issue. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Davis, Chair

