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**Subject: Planning Commission Recommendation on Review of Wireless Communication Facilities code update, TCC 20.33 (Development Code Docket A-19)**

The Thurston County Planning Commission has conducted three work sessions and held a public hearing on this amendment proposal, with presentations by county staff and a county consultant. After the public hearing held June 2, 2021, the Planning Commission considered public comment on this amendment proposal and passed a motion (7-0) to recommend additional review by citizens.

**The Thurston County Planning Commission recommends that the BoCC form a citizens' committee to work on the proposed draft code changes.**

The Planning Commission produces this recommendation with the following findings:

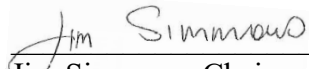
Findings:

1. There is significant community concern with the potential visual impacts and health effects from wireless facilities.
2. Citizens have organized around this issue and have requested more direct engagement in the development of code language.
3. Further Planning Commission work on this code update should be delayed until after input is received from this citizens' committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the review process for this proposed amendment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thurston County Planning Commission  
2021-2026 CIP Minor Amendment, Appendix G of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan

  
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