



Economic Development

The Economic Development Element update supports Pierce County's economic growth while addressing potential impacts and opportunities. The County policies intend to preserve and promote economic development while also diversifying and expanding in a way that supports the health, prosperity, and well-being of its inhabitants, stakeholders, and environment.

What are the Proposed Changes?



Health, Equity, & Climate

Access to Opportunity

Seeks economic equality for all communities.

Sustainable, Healthy Industries, and Climate

Supports an economy that mitigates the effects of climate change and is resilient to environmental hazards.

Small Business Policies

Supports entrepreneurs and businesses at the smallest scales.



Recognition of Economic Contributions

JBLM Contributions

Recognized as a large employer with an immense impact on the regional economy to preserve and support future economic development.

Tribal Contributions

Recognizes innovative strategies and unique industries and creates policies to support regional economic growth.



Industry Growth

Manufacturing Industrial Center Updates

Maintains consistency with designation requirements.

Agritourism Policies

Strengthens connection between resource-based businesses and economy.



Policy Consistency

Outdated Policies

Removes or amends existing outdated policies.

Agritourism

Supports food trucks as an allowed use for agritourism. A future code update would be required for this to become a policy change.



The policy updates provide consistency with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), the Puget Sound Regions Council (PSRC) Vision 2050, and the Countywide Planning Policies.