



January 27, 2021

**RE: Pierce County 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)
Application Number: 953521**

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed/attached you will find a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) issued by Pierce County on the above referenced proposal.

The DNS is also being sent to agencies other than Pierce County Departments that may be requiring permits for this proposal, in accordance with WAC 197-11-340.

Sincerely,

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Associate Planner

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Enclosure/Attachment

- c: Pierce County Parks / Kimberly Freeman, Resource Stewardship Supt
- Pierce County PPW Surface Water Management / Anne-Marie Marshall-Dody, Planning Manager
- Pierce County PPW Sewer / Katherine Brooks, Planning Manager
- Pierce County PPW Transportation Planning / Jesse Hamashima, Planning Manager
- Pierce County PPW Sustainable Resources / Ryan Dicks, Sustainable Resources Administrator
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department / Brad L. Harp
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe / Krongthip Sangkapreecha, Planning Director
- Nisqually Indian Tribe / Joe Cushman, Planning and Economic Development Director
- Puyallup Indian Tribe / Andrew Strobel, Tribal Land Use Director
- Snoqualmie Tribe / Cindy Spiry, Environmental and Natural Resources Director
- Squaxin Island Indian Tribe / Penni Restivo, Director of Planning and Community Development
- Washington Department of Transportation
- Washington Department of Ecology / SEPA Unit
- Comprehensive Plan Amendments Interested Parties List



Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)
For Nonproject Legislative Actions Pursuant to the Growth Management Act or Shoreline Management Act

Environmental Application Number: 953521 **Project ID Number:** 577672

Family Application Number(s): n/a

Parcel Number(s): n/a

Action: Pierce County 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Description: The proposal would amend the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan as part of the biennial Comprehensive Plan Amendment cycle for 2021. The proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments are listed below.

Application No.	Description
940374	Amendment to expand the Urban Growth Area to include up to eight parcels adjacent to the Town of Wilkeson.
938320	Redesignate two parcels in the Graham Community Plan area from Rural 10 to Rural Activity Center.
939329	Redesignate one parcel (Walker High School) in the City of Puyallup’s Potential Annexation Area from Employment Center to Public Institution to correct a technical error.
939690	Redesignate four parcels in the City of Puyallup’s Potential Annexation Area from Moderate Density Single-Family to Mixed Use District.
939790	Redesignate five parcels in the Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan area from Rural 5/Rural 10 to Park and Recreation.
940337	Redesignate two parcels in the in the City of Gig Harbor’s Potential Annexation Area from Employment Center to Mixed Use District.
940347	Redesignate three parcels in the Alderton-McMillin Community Plan area from Rural 10 to Rural Neighborhood Center.
939497	Amendments to meet the requirements of the NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit to coordinate and integrate stormwater planning with land use planning.
939858	Amendments to meet PSRC’s requirement for jurisdictions to adopt “center” plans for regional growth centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Center.
939860	Amendments to bring land use policies into consistency with the GMA goals

and requirements to ensure land use compatibility through coordination with the military base commander (per RCW 36.70A.530).

939884	Amendments to protect the water quality in the Lake Tapps Reservoir.
939943	Amendment to Design Element policies related to Planning Commission's recommendation that the County provide more flexibility in Countywide design standards.
939944	Amendments to policies that would improve delivery and access to transit service per Ordinance No. 2019-67s.
940158	Amendments to include information on PSRC VISION 2050 and multicounty planning policies related to climate change that need to be addressed in the next GMA comprehensive plan periodic update.
940161	Amendments to provide guidelines and review criteria for the redesignation of property as well as allow for the redesignation of single parcel or single ownership in appropriate circumstances such as public parks, schools, and other public institutions, or when contiguous with an existing land use designation.
940164	Amendments that include acknowledging language and policies under the Housing and Land Use elements that provide direction to identify strategies to expand opportunities for meeting the needs of farm worker housing.
940316	Amendments to adopt policies that support the refinement of fire protection standards.
939864	Alderton-McMillin Community Plan: Correcting a technical oversight. Replacing "Reserve 5" with "Rural 5" descriptive text in the Alderton-McMillin adopted community plan per Ordinance No. 2015- 40.
939874	Graham Community Plan: Correcting a technical oversight. Replacing "Reserve 5" with "Rural 5" descriptive text in the Graham adopted community plan per Ordinance No. 2015-40.
940163	Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan: Updating the background information and maps for the Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan, coordinating land use and infrastructure planning in the UGA at Purdy with the City of Gig Harbor, and amendments suggested by the Land Use Advisory Commission including and not limited to tree preservation policies. This application is merged with Application No. #939868 to correct a technical oversight by replacing "Reserve 5" with "Rural 5" descriptive text in the Gig Harbor Peninsula adopted community plan per Ordinance No. 2015-40.
941881	Browns Point-Dash Point Community Plan: Amendments to bring sign policies into consistency with the 2015 US Supreme Court Reed v. Town of Gilbert ruling that prohibits regulations that categorize non-commercial signs based on the type of information they convey (e.g. temporary, political and ideological) and then apply different standards to each category.
941882	Key Peninsula Community Plan: Amendments to bring sign policies into

consistency with the 2015 US Supreme Court Reed v. Town of Gilbert ruling that prohibits regulations that categorize noncommercial signs based on the type of information they convey (e.g. temporary, political and ideological) and then apply different standards to each category.

Location: Pierce County

Proponent(s): Pierce County Planning and Public Works Department

Pierce County, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that it will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

Pierce County has determined that the requirements for environmental analysis, protection, and mitigation measures have been adequately addressed in the development regulations and comprehensive plan adopted under Chapter 36.70A RCW, and in other applicable local, state, or federal laws or rules, as provided by RCW 43.21C.240 and WAC 197-11-158. Pierce County will not require any additional mitigation measures under SEPA.

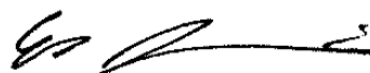
- There is no comment period for this DNS. Pierce County Code does not provide for an administrative appeal of legislative actions taken by the County Council. See WAC 197-11-680 for procedures regarding SEPA judicial appeals.
- This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from issue date. Comments must be submitted within 14 days of the issue date. Appeals must be filed within 60 days following publication in the County paper of record for the approved ordinance.

Responsible Official: Melanie D. Halsan
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Issue Date: January 27, 2021



for Melanie D. Halsan, Responsible Official

Appeal:

The Responsible Official has issued this Determination of Nonsignificance for a nonproject action, which may be appealed under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). RCW 43.21C.075. In some cases, the SEPA appeal must be combined with any appeal of the underlying governmental action pursuant to RCW 43.21C.075(2)(a). SEPA appeals associated with legislative actions taken by the Pierce County Council pursuant to the requirements of the Growth Management Act or Shoreline Management Act must be appealed to the Growth Management Hearings Board. PCC 1.22.080.B.1.k and RCW 36.70A.280(1)(a). The appeal must be filed with the Growth Management Hearings Board within 60 days following publication in the County paper of record for the underlying governmental action pursuant to RCW 36.70.290(2) and WAC 242-03-200. Review *Practicing Before the Growth Management Hearings Board Handbook* for additional information on the appeal process.

Note: The issuance of this Determination of Nonsignificance does not constitute approval. The applicant must comply with all other applicable requirements of Pierce County, federal, and state agencies.

Pierce County Online Permit Information:

<https://pals.piercecountywa.gov/palonline/#/permitSearch/permit/departmentsStatus?applPermitId=953521>

