

1 FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING
2 COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING
3 NEW BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT CODE AND AMENDMENTS TO KITSAP
4 COUNTY CODE TITLE 16 (SUBDIVISIONS), TITLE 17 (ZONING), AND TITLE 21 (LAND
5 USE AND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES)

6 **Section 1. General Findings.**

7 The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general findings as follows:

- 8 1. Kitsap County is subject to the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management
9 Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW.
- 10 2. The GMA, in RCW 36.70A.130(1), mandates that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan and
11 development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation.
- 12 3. RCW 36.32.120(7) provides that the county legislative authorities shall make and enforce, by
13 appropriate resolutions or ordinances, all such police and sanitary regulations as are not in
14 conflict with state law.
- 15 4. The Department of Community Development (DCD) identified an absence of a formal
16 review process for Boundary Line Adjustments (BLAs). DCD maintains that this lack of
17 review process provides no mechanism to notify property owners that adjustments may
18 create illegal parcels that cannot be developed or further developed.

19 **Section 2. General Procedural Findings.**

20 The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general procedural findings as follows:

- 21 1. Public outreach regarding the proposed amendments was conducted through a dedicated up-
22 to-date web page, postings in the Kitsap Sun newspaper, and direct notification to
23 GovDelivery subscribers.
- 24 2. On November 11, 2025, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, DCD
25 presented the Planning Commission with a work plan to discuss the proposed Boundary Line
26 Adjustment Code for Title 16 and administrative amendments to Kitsap County Code Titles
27 16, 17, and 21.
- 28 3. On December 10, 2025, a 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt was sent to the Washington State
29 Department of Commerce as required by RCW 36.70A.106.
- 30 4. On December 29, 2025, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-
31 significance (DNS) was issued, and no comments were received prior to the closing of the
32 30-day comment period on January 26, 2026.
- 33 5. On January 6, 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning
34 Commission held a work study session to review and discuss the proposed code and
35 amendments.
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- 1 6. On February 3, 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the
2 Planning Commission held a work study session to review and discuss the proposed code and
3 amendments.
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- 5 7. On March 3, 2026, following timely and effective public notification, the Planning
6 Commission held a public hearing to accept comments from interested parties.
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- 8 8. On March 3, 2026, the written comment period closed with the Planning Commission
9 receiving 17 comments. A total of 42 public comments were received throughout the
10 duration of the project.
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- 12 9. On March 17, 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning
13 Commission considered the proposed amendments, the testimony presented, and the record.
14 During deliberations, the Planning Commission moved to consider the proposed changes and
15 approved sub-motions on specific language during deliberations. However, the final motion
16 to approve the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment Code, as presented by staff and amended
17 by the Planning Commission, resulted in a final vote of 4 in favor and 4 opposed (1 absent).

18 NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission considered the proposed
19 Boundary Line Adjustment Code and associated amendments and, following deliberation, a final
20 motion to approve the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment Code as presented by staff and
21 amended by the Planning Commission did not pass on a tie vote. No Planning Commission
22 recommendation is thus issued.

23 APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
24 AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, HELD THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL 2026.
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29 ASHLEE HALL, CHAIR