



Executive Summary – Planning Commission

Issue Title: Department of Community Development: Equestrian Facility Assessment

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

Time Required: 20 Minutes

Attendees: Heather Cleveland, Senior Long Range Planner

Action Requested at this Meeting: Information only.

Background:

The Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners first identified regulation of equestrian facilities as a priority for 2025. Initial work in 2025 indicated that a more robust outreach and evaluative approach was needed, including research, stakeholder engagement, and policy analysis, which exceeded available staffing capacity at the time. As a result, the Board postponed the effort in October 2025.

In 2026, the Kitsap County Department of Community Development (DCD) is conducting a comprehensive assessment and developed recommendations to present to the Board of County Commissioners for further direction. This effort included research and data review, a stakeholder survey, an open house workshop, and ongoing feedback from the Equestrian Working Group. Together, these activities are identified options for direction moving forward, including near-term administrative or code clarification solutions or education and longer-term policy projects with direction from the Board of County Commissioners to assist with near-term solutions. This briefing will provide an update on direction and next steps.

Next Steps:

- NA

Attachments:

- Presentation

Reference:

- [Commercial Equestrian Assessment](#) Project Webpage