



Introduction to the Planning Commission Public Comment Response Matrix:

This Comment Response Matrix includes a summary of public comments received during the Kitsap County Planning Commission comment period of May 26, 2026 – June 16, 2026. The comments are organized by commenter, summary of comment, and Department response. The first column is the number of the comment and the second indicates the name and organization, if applicable, of the commenter. The Summary of Comment column includes a summary of each public comment. The Department Response column indicates whether a change to the proposed code amendment is recommended and associated rationale. The full written comments were transmitted to the Planning Commission on July 14, 2026 in advance of the July 21, 2026 Deliberations and Findings of Fact meeting.

Ref #	Name (Org)	Summary of Comment	Staff Response
1	Multiple inquires (7)	All commenters requested additional time for review.	Thank you for your comment on the 2026 Administrative Code Edits. The purpose of this project is to do administrative edits on Kitsap County Code without changing the intent of the existing code and to codify two director’s interpretations which are already being implemented. The only proposed changes for this project can be found within the change matrix. Code changes not within this matrix are outside the scope of this project. More details regarding the proposed changes can be found within the draft ordinance. There will be an additional public comment period to be scheduled between now and the public hearing with the Board of Commissioners. Additional information can be found on the project webpage: Administrative Code Edits. Kitsap County is always accepting comments and suggestions on code. Any code suggestions can be submitted via this form: Code Update.
2	Multiple inquires (8)	There have been several commenters concerned about softer parking requirements at Director’s discretion particularly around Olalla Market.	We have received several comments similar to yours regarding changes to Kitsap County Code 17.490 allowing for softer parking requirements for businesses. This code section is not being proposed for any changes during this administrative code update process. Only those codes outlined on our website, in the Draft Change Matrix and Draft Ordinance, are being considered at this time. Here is a link to our website where those draft documents can be found. Administrative Code Edits And, as always, we accept code change suggestions anytime at Code Update.

3	Cindy Allpress	Against the proposed removal of the Master Planning Code.	The Master Planning code was developed for the South Kitsap Industrial Area (SKIA)—the industrial complex and lands out by Bremerton National Airport. Then SKIA was annexed by the City of Bremerton (2007 - 2009) and is now the Puget Sound Industrial Center. Master Planning has not been used in at least 20 years, if ever. We proposed to remove it to rid ourselves of unused code. We cannot compel a developer to use Master Plans if they have a proposal that meets code and our intake criteria for code-based review. We also have the Performance-Based Code as well as Development Agreements that developers can consider. We will not be moving forward with this proposal and will be leaving the Master Planning Code as is for now.
4	Cathy Lustig	Concern about tree canopy math changes and is concerned about not receiving the gov delivery notices.	The tree canopy code was adopted by ordinance 337-2024 on December 2, 2024. The current Administrative Code Edits proposal is to update Table 17.495.030-2 footnote 1 to reflect the previously adopted tree canopy code.
5	Joe Lubischer	What process is used for more substantive code updates? Concern about the tree canopy code and not having any mechanism of enforcement.	More substantive code updates have a more intensive outreach process which lengthen the process. The administrative updates are intended to be non-substantive therefore requiring the minimum level of outreach. At any time during the Administrative Code Update process the Planning Commission or Board can request additional outreach take place.
6	April Ryan	Concerned that the tree canopy code does not comply with no net loss and new trees are not comparable to existing mature trees, encourages the Planning Commission to review the existing tree canopy code.	Comment noted.
7	Beverly Parsons	Staff report vision statement is from the 2016 Comp Plan and not the 2024 Comp Plan. Master Planning needs to be strengthened and not removed. Encourages code changes that ensure more attention is given to environmental safe guards.	The staff report does reference an outdated county vision. The most recent staff report has been updated to reflect the vision statements in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan as revised in 2025. The Master Planning code was developed for the South Kitsap Industrial Area (SKIA)—the industrial complex and lands out by Bremerton National Airport.

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8	William Palmer	The 2026 Admin Code Edit should include the director's interpretation issued March 20, 2020 on minimum density requirement. Would like to appeal this DI and have a discussion about it because the density requirements conflict with a footnote for one of the density and dimensions tables in the code.	Comment noted.
9	Marla Powers, Environmental planner for Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	Supports the addition of commercial to the tree retention requirements. Would like to look at the bigger picture of trees in Kitsap County to encourage the retention of mature trees. Would like a tree canopy audit beginning Jan 2027 to see how one year of the tree canopy code being in effect has changed the canopy and how the code could be made more effective.	Comment noted and will consider it as a future work program item.