

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING  
COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING  
AMENDMENTS TO KITSAP COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CAPITAL  
FACILITIES PLAN

**Section 1. General Findings.**

The Kitsap County Planning Commission makes general findings as follows:

1. Kitsap County is subject to the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW.
2. The GMA, in RCW 36.70A.130(1), mandates Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation.
3. RCW 36.32.120(7) provides the county legislative authorities shall make and enforce, by appropriate resolutions or ordinances, all such police and sanitary regulations as are not in conflict with state law.
4. The Department of Community Development (DCD) identified a need to update the Parks and Recreation portions of the Comprehensive Plan and Capital Facilities Plan to align the County's planning framework with the GMA and restore the appropriate hierarchy for implementation. The update incorporates the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan, adopted in July 2025 via Resolution 133-2025, and updates the Parks and Recreation portion of the 2024 Capital Facilities Plan.
5. DCD determined additional analysis of the Silverdale Regional Center was needed following the 2024 Comprehensive Plan periodic update to further evaluate the center's regional center status. This ordinance updates the Silverdale Regional Center Subarea Plan within the Comprehensive Plan based on additional studies and analysis conducted since 2024 and adds a more detailed Silverdale Center Plan as an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Section 2. General Procedural Findings.**

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

- Public outreach regarding the proposed code and code amendments was conducted through a dedicated up-to-date web page, postings in the Kitsap Sun newspaper, and direct notification to GovDelivery subscribers.
- On August 31, 2026, a 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce as required by RCW 36.70A.106.
- On August 25, 2026, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-significance was issued for proposed amendments. A 14-day comment period concluded on September 8, 2026.

- On September 15, 2026, following timely and effective public notification, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to accept comments from interested parties.
- On September 15, 2026, during a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting, the Planning Commission considered the proposed amendments, the testimony presented, and the record, and made recommendations via approved motions during deliberations.
- On September 15, 2026, the written comment period closed with the Planning Commission receiving five comments.

### **Section 3. General Substantive Findings.**

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

1. The recommended changes are consistent with the Washington State GMA, including the fifteen statewide planning goals contained therein and SEPA.
2. The Comprehensive Plan update is consistent with PSRC's Vision 2025 and Kitsap Countywide Planning Policies.
3. The recommended changes reflect local circumstances and bear a substantial relationship to public general health, safety, morals, and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission considered the proposed Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan and Capital Facilities Plan amendments and, following deliberation, a final motion to recommend as follows:

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- Approval of the Comprehensive Plan – PROS Element and Silverdale Regional Center Subarea Plan update and Silverdale Center Plan appendix addition draft dated August 31, 2026, as amended by the Planning Commission shown in Attachment A.
- Approval of the Capital Facilities Plan – Parks and Recreation portion draft dated August 31, 2026, as amended by the Planning Commission shown in Attachment A.

#### **Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Planning Commission Deliberations and Edit Matrix

This motion passed \_\_\_\_\_ and was supported by \_\_\_\_\_ approved motion(s) that made changes to the amendments presented by staff.

APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON,  
AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, HELD THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

BY \_\_\_\_\_

ASHLEE HALL, CHAIR