FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 17

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 that Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations be subject to continuing review and evaluation.

3. RCW 36.32.120(7) provides that 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 clarify use standards related to structures accessory to residential use and to remove Guest Houses as a separate land use classification.

Section 2. General Procedural Findings.

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

1. Public outreach regarding the proposed amendments was conducted through posting in the Kitsap Sun newspaper, and direct notification GovDelivery subscribers.

2. On November 10, 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.

3. On November 16, 2026, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance was issued for proposed amendments. A 14-day comment period concluded on November 30, 2026.

4. On December 1, 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.

Section 3. General Substantive Findings.

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

1. The recommended changes are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

2. The recommended changes do not affect the capital facility plan and are consistent with the Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies.

3. The recommended changes reflect local circumstances and bear a substantial relationship to the public general health, safety, morals, and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, the Kitsap County Planning Commission considered the proposed Kitsap County Code Title 17 amendments. Following deliberation, a final motion was made to recommend approval of the proposal.

The 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 DECEMBER 1, 2026.

BY _____
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