

**APPLICATION
FOR TEXT AMENDMENT
TO PIERCE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

A Text Amendment is a proposed change or revision to the policies of the Comprehensive Plan text.

Applications will not be accepted in the following community plan areas as they are currently under an update process:

- Frederickson Community Plan
- Mid-County Community Plan
- Parkland-Spanaway-Midland Communities Plan
- South Hill Community Plan

Please refer to the [Community Plans update webpage](#).

NOTE: An application must be completed for all proposed amendments, whether initiated by the County Council, County Executive, or a city or town with jurisdiction in Pierce County. No application is considered officially initiated until: 1) the Executive forwards the application to the County Council for inclusion in the Council resolution initiating amendments; 2) a city or town forwards the application to the County Council for inclusion in the Council resolution initiating amendments; or 3) the County Council includes the application in the resolution initiating amendments. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the completed application and to check on the status of the request. If you want a city or town to initiate an amendment, you need to work directly with the city or town. See the handout [Guidelines for Submitting Applications for Amendments to the Pierce County Comprehensive Plan](#) for additional information.

The deadline to submit an application is 4:00 p.m., **July 31, 2020**. Complete all the blanks in this application form. A letter or report in lieu of this application will not be accepted. However, reports, photos or other materials may be submitted to support your application.

A \$3,000.00 fee for each Comprehensive Plan amendment is required. Whether a request to initiate an amendment is made to the County Executive or County Council, a non-refundable submittal fee of \$500.00 is required at time of application. If the Council approves to initiate the amendment, the remaining \$2,500.00 fee shall be required within ten (10) working days after the amendment is initiated by the County Council. If an applicant fails to pay the required fee, staff will be unable to proceed with the review of an application(s), and this will result in the expiration and cancellation of an application(s).

For additional information, contact Pierce County Planning and Public Works, Long Range Planning Division, by phone at (253) 798-3736 or by email at Jessica.Nappi@piercecountywa.gov.

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DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT:

1. General description of proposal:

Amendments proposed to meet the requirements of the NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit to coordinate and integrate stormwater planning with land use planning. Updates include: background information for context and understanding within the Comprehensive plan; information on the types of soils with regard to stormwater infiltration and development; several new policies under the Environment, Utilities, and Land Use Elements; and clean up of existing reference materials that have been superseded by more recent adopted plans.

2. Write text as it currently appears in the Comprehensive Plan (include element/chapter and Pierce County Code citation):

See attached summary table of SWM's amendments.

3. Write proposed amendment (if new, indicate the proposed location by specifying the document, page number, and location on the page):

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4. Why is the text amendment needed and being proposed?

SWM is submitting comprehensive plan amendments in response to requirements in the NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit to better coordinate stormwater planning with long-range planning as required under the current permit.

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

**Pierce County PPW – SWM’s proposed language improvements and new policies
for the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment cycle:**

Legend: added language, existing language, deleted language in strike-thru, instructions in *italics*

Page x <i>Add new acronym</i>	MS4 Municipal Separate Sewer Storm System
Page 1-4 <i>Edit</i> Inconsistency: <i>There are 2 elevations listed for Mt. Rainier in this section</i>	The highest natural point in Washington is Mount Rainier at 14,411 feet . Mount Rainier is the most visited attraction in Washington, and the tallest volcano in the lower 48 states. The Mount Rainier National Park celebrated 100 years in 1999. The park has a perpetual snowpack and 26 glaciers. TOPOGRAPHY The topography of Pierce County is quite varied; elevations range from sea level to the 14,410 foot summit of Mount Rainier.
Page 1-13 <i>Related Documents Edit Add Include links</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2014 Stormwater Management Program Plan ▪ Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan ▪ Clarks Creek Restoration Plan ▪ Spanaway Lake Watershed-Scale Stormwater Management Plan ▪ Swan Creek Watershed Characterization and Action Plan
Page 2-22 LU 7.4	The methodologies used to determine the capacity of the UGAs and to calculate the allowable number of dwelling units for individual development proposals shall take into consideration soil infiltration capacity for stormwater management, and be consistent with each other.
Page 2-23 LU-8.6 <i>Add (permit requirement)</i>	Consider stormwater management needs early in the planning process, including while determining land capacity for accommodating growth.
Page 2-26 <i>Edit Add</i>	LU-15.6 Allowance for vertical mixed use development in selected places; and LU-15.7 Transit amenities; and LU-15.8 Bioswales, rain gardens, native vegetation and pollinator plants.
Page 2-29 <i>Add bullet to list of techniques highlighted under LU-24</i>	Low impact development techniques
Page 2-29 LU-27.1	These services include, but are not limited to, water, adequate sewage treatment, stormwater and surface water management, and roads, where appropriate.
Page 2-61 LU-81.7	Low Impact Development (LID) techniques that do minimize the amount of impervious surface in development is preferred.
Page 2-80 LU 106.10 <i>Suggested to update for time lapsed.</i>	Consider amendments necessary to provide consistency and compatibility between the County’s Comprehensive Plan, Development Regulations, and the Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) upon completion of the JLUS. which is anticipated to occur in October 2015.
Page 5-9	Encourage water quality treatment techniques within overall site design.

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D-17.6 <i>Strengthen language to align with NPDES permit</i>	The preferred approach to onsite water quality treatment is by using Low Impact Development techniques and practices.
Page 7-4 2 nd ¶ under Water Quality section	The use of low impact development to infiltrate clean water into the ground is a priority in order to help protect and enhance the environment, air and water quality, and the availability of water.
Page 7-5 ENV-5.14	Require the use of low impact development principles and best management practices for stormwater drainage, as implemented by the Pierce County Stormwater Management Manual, including use of infiltration systems, such as bioretention, rain gardens, and permeable pavement, to maintain water quality for fish and wildlife.
Page 7-5 ENV-5.14.3 <i>Add</i>	Make the use of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques in public and private developments the preferred and most widely used method of land development. <i>(in U-38 currently)</i>
Page 7-5 ENV-5.17	Promote public education on the appropriate type, amount, time, and location for application of pesticides and natural yard care alternatives.
Page 7-7 ENV-9.1	Implement the recommendations of the watershed action basin plans, as adopted by County Council, salmon recovery, and other ecosystem recovery plans.
Page 13-14 <i>Edit first bullet in storm drainage narrative</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing cost and complexity of managing stormwater
Page 13-16 U-32.3 <i>Add (permit requirement)</i>	Plan structural stormwater control projects based on a locally developed program that includes a process to prioritize and implement projects, and explain how the watershed-scale stormwater plans informs the prioritization or selection of projects (or both).
Page 13-16 U-32.4 <i>Add</i>	Implement the actions identified in the Spanaway Lake Watershed-Scale Stormwater Management Plan.
Page 13-17 U-36.5 <i>Add (permit requirement)</i>	Convene an interdisciplinary team to conduct and coordinate the stormwater comprehensive planning program effort. Team make-up should include representatives from the jurisdiction’s stormwater program, long-term planning, transportation, parks and recreation, and scientific and technical experts.
Page 13-17 U-37	Reduce or eliminate the stormwater drainage impacts from roadways onto adjacent properties and into surface waters and MS4 receiving waters.
Page 13-18 U-49	Align SWM Fee Credit Program to incentivize retrofits to current standards for increased partnerships while incorporating to incorporate water quality treatment as well as flow reduction as mandatory eligibility criteria.

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