

**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@piercecounitywa.gov](mailto:Jessica.Nappi@piercecounitywa.gov).

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**DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT:**

1. General description of proposal:

Amendment to Design Element policies related to Planning Commission’s recommendation that the County provide more flexibility in Countywide design standards.

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

N/A new text

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

Pierce County Comprehensive Plan / Chapter 5 Design and Character Element (page 5-1 through 5-9)

ADD policy (exact location to be determined):

Encourage regulatory streamlining and innovation, and allow for the flexibility in the design standards and guidelines to ensure they promote quality and innovative development and support a range of housing types and affordability opportunities.

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

In March 2020, the Pierce County Planning Commission made recommendations relating to the Community Plan Updates proposal, including for some amendments to the County's design standards and guidelines in Title 18J. In addition to the recommended 18J amendments, the Planning Commission requested the County explore a more flexible approach to regulating design than the set of prescriptive standards in Title 18J (whether existing or as proposed by the Planning Commission).

Attach additional sheets if necessary.