

City of Poulsbo
NOTICE OF DECISION

Zoning and Code Enforcement Ordinances
Development Regulations Amendment Package 2
Type IV Permit

Planning File: 2012-2013 Development Regulations Update – Amendment Package 2
Update to Poulsbo Municipal Code (PMC) Title 18 – Zoning
Adoption of new Code Enforcement Ordinance – new Chapter 1.16 to PMC

Date of Application: Amendment package released publicly March 6, 2012. Official Notice of Application issued August 3, 2012.

Review Process: The City of Poulsbo approved a three-phase approach to update its development regulations, and has now completed the second phase: a comprehensive update to the City’s Zoning Ordinance, codified as Title 18 in the Poulsbo Municipal Code. The main purpose of the zoning ordinance update was to implement new policy direction contained in the City’s 2009 Comprehensive Plan update, and conduct significant reformatting of the ordinance.

Included with Phase 2, was a Code Enforcement Ordinance that consolidates the City’s code enforcement procedures and penalties into a new section of the Poulsbo Municipal Code Chapter 1.16.

The Draft Zoning and Code Enforcement Ordinances were publicly released March 6, 2012, and underwent a methodical review by the Poulsbo Planning Commission who met from March through August 2012 to review and revise the draft ordinances. The Commission held its public hearing on August 21, 2012 and forwarded to the City Council a September 2012 Planning Commission Recommended Draft Zoning and Code Enforcement Ordinances.

The City Council held a series of nine workshops to review and consider the recommended draft ordinances. The City Council identified a number of revisions to the September 2012 Recommended Draft Zoning and Code Enforcement Ordinances, and released a February 2013 City Council Revised Draft Zoning and Code Enforcement Ordinances. The City Council held its public hearing on February 27, 2013 on its revised draft. The Poulsbo City Council approved the ordinances on February 27, 2013, and adopted the ordinances on March 13, 2013. Both ordinances become effective on March 27, 2013.

Summary of Adopted Ordinances:

The Revised Draft Zoning Ordinance’s significant new provisions include:

- Dividing the City’s current one commercial zoning district into four commercial zoning districts – recognizing the four distinct commercial areas of the City – Downtown/Front Street; Viking Avenue; SR 305; and College Market Place. In tandem, the ordinance includes more detailed architectural design standards for the four commercial zones. The four commercial zoning districts are also depicted on the Zoning Map.
- Infill and redevelopment incentives for the C-2 Viking Avenue commercial zoning district, identifying alternative development standards when utilized through Planned Mixed Use Development, and in conjunction with specific site and building design standards. The incentives’ purpose is to support a mixed use corridor with commercial uses and activities, while creating a complementary residential urban neighborhood. The incentives are voluntary and are not required to be utilized.
- New provisions for Planned Mixed Use Developments. This is a direct implementation of the Comprehensive Plan policies supporting and encouraging mixed use.

- Also related to the strong policy support in the comprehensive plan for mixed use, are new provisions for Live/Work units and neighborhood commercial in residential zoning districts. The Zoning Ordinance also includes non-residential uses (primarily professional and government offices) in its RM and RH zoning districts.
- Zoning Map changes for master plan overlays.
- Updated sign code standards, including new provisions for sandwich board signs.
- The Zoning Ordinance also includes provisions not included in the previous zoning code, such as development agreements, annexations, tree retention, and temporary transitory accommodations.
- Other provisions, such as wireless communication facilities, parking, landscaping, and design review, have been amended to modernize the standards, clarify confusing sections, and provide additional predictability on permit applications.
- The Zoning Ordinance is reformatted from the City's current ordinance.

The new Code Enforcement Ordinance provisions include:

- Consolidates the City's code enforcement procedures and penalty provisions into one section of the Poulsbo Municipal Code, instead of being found in various sections. It is also intended to provide consistent code enforcement procedures. The ordinance creates a new Chapter 1.16 of the Poulsbo Municipal Code.
- The Code Enforcement Ordinance identifies amendments to the following Chapters of the PMC: Chapter 2.16; Chapter 9.50; Chapter 15; Chapter 16; and Chapter 17. The specific amendments are identified in the draft ordinance. Exhibit A to the Draft Code Enforcement Ordinance is the proposed new Section 1.16 of the Poulsbo Municipal Code.

Further Information:

Please contact the Poulsbo Planning Department at (360) 394-9882 or email at planninginfo@cityofpoulsbo.com for further information. The adopted ordinances, associated documents and additional information are available at the City's webpage www.cityofpoulsbo.com under the Development Regulations Update link. Hard copies are made available for a reasonable fee at the Poulsbo Planning Department, 200 NE Moe Street – 2nd Floor.

Appeals:

The adoption of the ordinances may be appealed to the Central Puget Sound Growth Hearings Board, as per their requirements and procedures.