

Planning & Economic Development Department

Our Mission: To partner with the community, residents, elected officials, and private entities to promote Poulsbo's charm, character, and livability. This is achieved through sustainable comprehensive planning, efficient permit review and processing, and deliberate economic development strategies.

PLANNING

Long Range Planning

- Engages the public to formulate plans to guide the future development of the city.
- Continually evaluates codes and regulations to provide a more efficient development process.
- Responds to federal, state, and regional policies and laws.

Current Planning

- Reviews land use applications such as site plan review, shorts plats, conditional use permits, and variances.
- Reviews building permit applications to ensure compliance with environmental and land use regulations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Goals of Economic Development:

- Guide and enhance a positive economic climate.
- Support business retention, expansion, and recruitment.
- Foster local entrepreneurship.
- Support the expansion of education and training opportunities.
- Support economic development initiatives that create family wage jobs and a talented workforce.
- Encourage business activity that takes advantage of technology.
- Promote alternatives to commuting, include the increasing trend to work from home.
- Provide sufficient infrastructure and public facilities to support economic development.
- Ensure a high quality of life for residents and businesses.

CODE COMPLIANCE

- Works in partnership with the citizens of Poulsbo to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment.
- Helps to maintain and improve the quality of the community by enforcing laws and codes targeted to solve specific problems within the community.
- Resides both within the Planning and Economic Development Department and Police Department.
- Relies on complaints from the public to identify potential violations of codes.

