



# NOTICE OF DECISION

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## ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS REGARDING HIGH RISK SECURED FACILITIES

Date of Decision: 1/8/20 | Effective Date: 1/22/20

**Planning File:**

Zoning Ordinance Amendments Regarding High Risk Secured Facilities

**Project Description:**

High-Risk Secured Facility means a facility that provides court-ordered housing, supervision, 24-hour security, and coordinates treatment services for persons who are found by the court to be a “Sexually Violent Predator” or pose a likelihood of serious harm to others as defined in RCW 71.05.020 and are civilly-committed to a less restrictive alternative as defined in state law. Such facilities accommodate two or more persons placed by the court plus treatment and support stat. A High-Risk Secured Facility does not include secure community transition facilities proposed under the authority of, and consistent with the provisions of Chapter 71.09 RCW; or nursing homes, assisted living, or adult family homes that become licensed as enhanced services facilities as defined in RCW 70.97.060(4).

Federal and state court decisions require cities and counties to allow secured community-based living facilities. Prior to this amendment, there were no local regulations for where these types of facilities could be located.

The Poulsbo City Council passed Ordinance 2019-07 on April 16, 2019. This ordinance established a six-month interim development prohibition on High-Risk Secured Facilities. The City Council authorized and extension to the interim development prohibition on October 9, 2019 (Ordinance 2019-16). These code amendments replaced the interim zoning regulations.

**Review Process:**

The Planning Commission reviewed the Zoning Ordinance Amendments Regarding High Risk Secured Facilities in a public hearing on December 18, 2019 and recommended approval to the City Council. The City Council reviewed and approved the amendments at a duly advertised public hearing on December 18, 2019.

**Decision:**

The City Council has APPROVED the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments Regarding High Risk Secured Facilities. This decision is represented in City of Poulsbo [Ordinance 2020-01](#).

**Appeal Authority:**

The decision is final. Per RCW 36.70A.290, appeals of development regulations are to be made with the Central Growth Management Hearings Board, per their prescribed requirements and procedures.

**Examination of File:**

The complete case file and conditions of approval may be examined at the PED Department, 200 NE Moe Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to arrange a time to examine the file, please contact the PED Department at (360) 394-9748. The City has posted all pertinent information at the following link: <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/development-regulation-amendments/>

