

1 **FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS AND**
2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**
3 **OF THE KITSAP COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION,**
4 **TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,**
5 **REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**
6 **TO KITSAP COUNTY CODE TITLE 17 ‘SHOOTING**
7 **FACILITIES’**
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9 The Kitsap County Planning Commission finds as follows:

- 10 1) The Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA), requires that Kitsap
11 County’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan and implementing development regulations
12 be subject to continuing review and evaluation. The GMA requires counties to
13 review, and if needed, revise their Comprehensive Plans and implementing
14 development regulations to ensure compliance with the GMA.
- 15 2) In 2012, the Board of Commissioners adopted a public safety ordinance related to
16 outdoor shooting facilities to ensure citizen safety by requiring these facilities to
17 demonstrate they have the physical and institutional controls for bullet containment.
- 18 3) Currently, the county has two outdoor ranges that fire weapons where projectiles
19 can leave their property. Both facilities have “grandfathered” status for what was in
20 existence in 1992 when they received such status from the Chair of the Board of
21 Commissioners.
- 22 4) Kitsap County’s Code (KCC) Title 17, Zoning, lacks development standards for new
23 shooting facilities and those wishing to expand their current operations. Under
24 current code, a new shooting facility would be classified as a private recreational
25 use, subject to KCC Title 17 Zoning and the zoning and use table requirements
26 contained within.
- 27 5) The Planning Commission process for Title 17 KCC revisions began with a formal
28 work study with the Planning Commission on January 20, 2015.
- 29 6) A legal notice for the Planning Commission public hearing was issued on January
30 26, 2015.
- 31 7) A public hearing was conducted on February 17, 2015.
- 32 8) The Planning Commission considered the proposed revisions to Title 17 KCC and
33 on March 17, 2015 recommended approval.

- 1 9) The proposed code revisions are consistent with the statewide planning goals
2 contained within the GMA.
- 3 10) The proposed code revisions are consistent with the Kitsap County County-Wide
4 Planning Policies and with the goals and policies contained in the Kitsap County
5 Comprehensive Plan, including Goal 7 in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space
6 Element and POS-119 which encourages promoting open space for recreational
7 activities.
- 8 11) The proposed code revisions reflect current local circumstances and citizen
9 demands for projectile containment.
- 10 12) The proposed code revisions promote the public interest and welfare of the citizens
11 of Kitsap County, and should be approved.

12 **NOW THEREFORE**, the Kitsap County Planning Commission recommends to the
13 Board of County Commissioners as follows:

14 **RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission unanimously voted to adopt the**
15 **Title 17 KCC amendments as attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated**
16 **herein by this reference:**

17 **APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF KITSAP COUNTY,**
18 **WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, HELD THIS 7TH DAY OF**
19 **APRIL, 2015.**

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21 BY James E. Sommerhauser 4/7/15
22 **JAMES E. SOMMERHAUSER, CHAIR**