

Ordinance No. 177

Procedures For Processing Land Use Development Applications

Suggested Findings of Fact

1. Since 1995 the Washington State Legislature has enacted several pieces of legislation pertaining to regulatory reform, e.g. Chapter 347, Laws of 1995, codified primarily in Chapters 36.70A, 36.70B, and 36.70C.
2. Chapter 347, Laws of 1995, codified primarily in Chapters 36.70A, 36.70B, and 36.70C seek to integrate growth management planning and environmental review.
3. Chapter 347, Laws of 1995, codified primarily in Chapters 36.70A, 36.70B, and 36.70C mandate, among other things, that counties must adopt procedures to streamline and facilitate the processing of land use development applications.
4. The Board of Pacific County Commissioners adopted the 2010 Pacific County Comprehensive Plan on October 26, 2010 following a lengthy update process.
5. Pacific County is required to update its existing development regulations to ensure consistency with the 2010 Pacific County Comprehensive Plan and the state Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW.
6. Pacific County's Ordinance relating to the processing of land use development applications constitutes one of the development regulations that needs to be enacted under the Pacific County Comprehensive Plan and the GMA.
7. Pacific County Ordinance Nos. 145, 145A, 145B, 145C, 145D, 145E, 145F, 145G , and 164 need to be rescinded and replaced with a new primary Ordinance No. 177 to prevent confusion that occurs resulting from having multiple amendments to the same primary ordinance.
13. The Pacific County Planning Commission held public hearings on the proposed ordinance update on November 5, 2015.
14. Pacific County received no public comments regarding the proposed ordinance update during the **November 5, 2015 public hearing.**
15. After consultation with the Department of Ecology, it was determined that procedural ordinances are exempt from SEPA review.

16. Pacific County sent Notice of Proposed Ordinance Adoption to the Washington State Department of Commerce (Growth Management Services Division) on September 20th, 2015. The sixty (60) day review period will end November 19th, 2015.
17. Pacific County Ordinance No. 177 will effectuate the intent of the Pacific County Comprehensive Plan.