

# TOWN OF EATONVILLE

## Agenda Staff Report

Agenda Item No.:	_____	Meeting Date:	<u>December 8, 2014</u>
Subject:	<u>Resolution No. 2014-II Opposing the</u>	Prepared by:	<u>Gregory A. Jacoby</u>
	<u>Pierce County Regional Council's</u>		<u>Town Attorney</u>
	<u>Recommended Amendment to the</u>	Atty Routing No:	_____
	<u>Pierce County Countywide Planning</u>	Atty Review Date:	<u>December 4, 2014</u>
	<u>Policies</u>		

**Summary:** The Pierce County Regional Council has recommended an amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies. On June 24, 2014, Pierce County adopted Pierce County Ordinance No. 2014-17s approving the proposed amendment. The County is now asking all jurisdictions within the County to either approve or disapprove the proposed amendment. In order for the proposed amendment to be adopted it must be ratified via approval by 60 percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County representing 75 percent of the total population.

The proposed amendment was reviewed by the Town's Planning Commission, which consulted with the Town's planning consultant, Larson and Associates. Based on its review the Planning Commission believes the proposed amendment is not in the best interests of the Town of Eatonville. The proposed amendment will increase costs for the Town while increasing obstacles to annexation and reducing the Town's annexation authority. The proposed amendment may be beneficial to the intensely urbanizing areas of the County, but it provides little to no advantage to the Town given the existing conditions of the Town's Urban Growth Area while increasing costs to the Town.

If, contrary to the Planning Commission's recommendation, a majority of the Council supports the proposed amendment, then the Council should vote down Resolution No. 2014-II. According to the Pierce County Regional Council's rules, it is not necessary to pass a resolution in support of the amendments; taking no action is deemed approval.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2014-II, stating the Town's opposition to the Pierce County Regional Council's proposed amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

**Motion for consideration:** I move to adopt Resolution No. 2014-II, stating the Town's opposition to the Pierce County Regional Council's proposed amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

**Fiscal Impact:** Although the precise fiscal impact on the Town was not determined, the additional work that will be required of the Town in the event the proposed amendment is adopted will increase costs to the Town.

**Attachments:** Resolution No. 2014-II  
Summary of the PCRC Countywide Planning Policies Amendment  
Proposal

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - II**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON,  
STATING THE TOWN'S OPPOSITION TO THE PIERCE COUNTY  
REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PIERCE  
COUNTY COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Pierce County Regional Council has proposed an amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2014, Pierce County adopted Pierce County Ordinance No. 2014-17s approving the proposed amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, all local jurisdictions within Pierce County are now being asked to approve or disapprove of the proposed amendment, with approval of 60 percent of Pierce County Jurisdictions representing 75 percent of the total population being required for adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment was reviewed by the Town of Eatonville Planning Commission, which has recommended disapproval of the proposed amendment; now, therefore;

**THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE, WASHINGTON,  
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT:** The Town of Eatonville opposes the Pierce County Regional Council's proposed amendment to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

PASSED by the Town Council of Town of Eatonville and attested by the Town Clerk in authentication of such passage this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

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Mike Schaub, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Linnemeyer, Town Clerk