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Notice of Availability

including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date: October 15, 2026

Proposal name: Skagit County Code 9.08 Single Outdoor Events Code Rewrite

Documents available: <https://www.skagitcountywa.gov/services/planning-and-building/community-planning/outdoor-events-code-rewrite/>

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services

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Public hearing body: Skagit County Board of County Commissioners

Public hearing date: November 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Written comment deadline: November 4, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

Skagit County Planning and Development Services is proposing to rewrite SCC 9.08, which regulates one time outdoor public musical entertainments, amusements, and assemblies attracting 100 or more people. This chapter of Skagit County Code was originally adopted in 1970 and has not been updated since.

The proposed code would repeal and replace the chapter to create a modern regulatory framework. The proposed amendments overhaul the chapter to:

- Define events and establish thresholds
- Shift application processing from the Board of County Commissioners office to Planning and Development Services
- Specify application submittal requirements and procedures
- Enhance public safety provisions
- Improve enforceability and provide references to other applicable Skagit County code titles
- Add grounds for denial

More information including the staff report and proposed amendments is available at the website above.

SEPA Threshold Determination

Skagit County has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request and at the above listed website. This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the publish date indicated in the table above. Written comments regarding this Determination of Nonsignificance must be submitted by the written comment deadline (above) and in the same manner as other comments. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@skagitcountywa.gov with the proposal name (“Skagit County Code 9.08 Single Outdoor Events Code Rewrite”) in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services
Comments on “Skagit County Code 9.08 Single Outdoor Events Code Rewrite”
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person or online via Zoom. The Board of County Commissioners is hosting meetings in the Skagit County Commissioners’ Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. You may also watch the hearing on TV21, or attend the hearing online via Zoom on your phone, computer, or tablet. Please visit the Commissioner’s webpage for more information on viewing options (<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/CountyCommissioners/main.htm>). Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

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