

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 6, 2020
2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT (CHAIR), MAYOR RYDER, COUNCILMEMBER GREENSTEIN

STAFF PRESENT: SCOTT SPENCE, DAVE SCHNEIDER, RICK WALK, WADE DUFFY, PERI EDMONDS

ACTION: APPROVE THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA.

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND MAYOR RYDER

ACTION: APPOINT DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT AS CHAIR OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN AND MAYOR RYDER

**THURSTON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH & SERVICES DEPARTMENT – VAPING IN PUBLIC PLACES
ORDINANCE**

PRESENTER: KATERI WIMSETT, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EVIDENCE & PARTNERSHIP

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

The Committee received a presentation on vaping in public places. There are potential health effects from exposure to vapor, especially for vulnerable populations, a rapidly normalized use by teens and young adults, and high poisoning risk to children from concentrated nicotine e-juices.

Due to the vaping epidemic among youth, on January 1, 2020, a new law went into effect in Washington State that makes it illegal to sell tobacco and vapor products to anyone under the age of 21. The new law is intended to reduce the number of youth who develop a lifelong addiction to nicotine.

Currently, 10 of Washington's 39 counties have acted to pass regulations on vaping in places to protect public health. Thurston County will be proposing vapor product

regulations with similar language as the tobacco law, and will be made part of Thurston County's Sanitation Code.

OVERVIEW OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT SERVICES

STAFF: WADE DUFFY, BUILDING OFFICIAL AND FIRE MARSHALL

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff provided an overview of the building permit process, types of permits, and what triggers a permit. A review of project plans prior to permit issuance verifies compliance of the applicable codes, and helps the project progress smoothly in order for completion of the project to be a success for everyone.

The inspection process is required when the proposed work is completed and before moving to the next phase of the project. Most projects will have multiple phases and, therefore, multiple inspections. If an inspection fails, a correction report is issued with the noted discrepancies, and the project cannot proceed until passing a re-inspection. In 2019, staff completed 9,346 inspections.

A Certificate of Occupancy (C/O) is required at the completion of a new commercial project, new tenant improvement, and any commercial change of use. The C/O is issued by the Building Official after the assigned departments have completed and approved all of their inspections.

New single-family residential projects receive a Certificate of Final Inspection once assigned departments have completed and approved all of their inspections.

The Building Department works closely with regulatory partners, which include City departments such as Public Works, Planning, and Stormwater, and external agencies such as Olympia Master Builders, Thurston Council Public Health & Social Services, and Lacey Fire District 3.