



**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**  
**ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITY**  
**THURSTON COUNTY ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESTITUTION CENTER EXPANSION:**  
**WORK RELEASE/FLEX HOUSING UNIT**

**Date of the Meeting:** Thursday, May 17, 2012

**Start Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** 3013 Ferguson Lane SW Tumwater, WA

**Background:** Thurston County's Accountability and Restitution Center (ARC) is located at 3491 Ferguson St. SW in Tumwater, WA. This is the County correctional facility and it is classified as a Type 2 Essential Public Facility per Thurston County (Thurston Co. Code Chapter 20.54) and the City of Tumwater (Tumwater Municipal Code, Section 18.56.260).

In 2007, Thurston County conducted an Essential Public Facility public notice process for Phase 1 of the ARC facility. Phase 1 was approved by the City of Tumwater on September 25, 2007 when Conditional Use Permit TCUA #3-07 became final. Phase 1 construction has since been completed and it includes approximately 100,000 square feet of building area, 352 beds, central booking/intake/assessment, central control, medical, food service/laundry, inmate program areas, video arraignment, video visitation, and administrative support. Occupancy of the ARC Phase 1 facility is projected to occur in late 2012/early 2013.

**Proposed Development:** On March 16, 2012, notice was published in *The Olympian* and *The Nisqually Valley News* and notice was posted on Thurston County's website that described proposed modifications to the ARC Phase 1. Publication of the notice commenced a 90-day public review and comment period associated with modifications to the Phase 1 facility. This comment period is required before Thurston County can submit a Conditional Use Permit application to the City of Tumwater for the proposed ARC Phase 1 changes.

Modifications that are proposed to the ARC Phase 1 facility are listed below. Additional details concerning the proposed modifications, including a site plan, are noted on the County's project website (<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/arc>).

- **Work Release Unit** – A Work Release Unit would be the first development on the ARC site. An existing, vacant office/warehouse building that is located in the northeast portion of the site would be renovated and expanded (approx. 1,000 sq.ft.) to create a 7,700 sq.ft. building to accommodate a 100-bed, segregated work release facility for men and women. Parking for approximately 24 vehicles and 16 bicycles would be provided adjacent to the building.
- **Flex Housing Unit** – It is proposed that a Flex Housing Unit be built after development of the Work Release Unit. This would be located within an undeveloped portion of the ARC site, immediately north and west of the existing ARC building. The Flex Housing Unit would include approximately 21,000 square feet of building space and would contain approximately 116 beds.
- **ARC Housing Modifications** – Approximately 40 new beds would be added to the existing ARC building through double-bunking (changing single bed cells to double bed cells). No new square footage would be added to the existing ARC building.

Comments concerning the proposed ARC Phase 1 modifications may be submitted to the ARC project manager at the public meeting (noted above). Written comments will also be accepted by Thurston County until **June 15, 2012**. Comments should be addressed to: **Robyn Sederberg, ARC Project Manager, c/o 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia WA 98502**. In addition, comments may be e-mailed to her at [sederbr@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:sederbr@co.thurston.wa.us) -- or submitted via the project website at <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/arc>.

This summer, the public will also be able to comment on the permits associated with the proposed ARC Phase 1 modifications. It is anticipated that a public hearing concerning the proposed ARC Phase 1 modifications will be held by the City of Tumwater in late summer/early autumn. Details regarding these additional opportunities for public input will be provided through mailings to adjacent property owners, publication in *The Olympian* and notices posted on the project website, <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/arc>.