



## Thurston County Board of Commissioners Work Session Summary

<b>Date of Work Session:</b>	<b>January 24, 2018</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Office/Department:</b>	<b>Community Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Title 26</b>
<b>Staff Contact/Author:</b>	Name/Title: Gary Richardson <span style="float: right;">Phone: x2125</span>
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p>Commissioners Present: Bud Blake, John Hutchings, Gary Edwards</p> <p>County Manager: Ramiro Chavez; Asst. County Manager: Robin Campbell</p> <p>Other Staff: Josh Cummings, Mike Kain, Kraig Chalem, Robert Manns, and Gary Richardson.</p>
<b>Discussion Points:</b>	<p>The intent of the briefing was to discuss potential amendments to Title 26.</p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p><b>Bud Blake</b> - Asked for clarification on chain of command in terms of who ultimately makes decisions on issuing citations. In those terms, wants separation from resource stewardship and County manager. Voiced interest in having ombudsman for the purpose of working with and being a part of discussions with RS manager and director when citations are issued. Aside from a shorter and clearer definition to elements of Table 26-1, agreed that Title 26 looks good. Other two commissioners concur.</p> <p><b>John Hutchings</b> - Voiced concern over who will have discretion in making determinations on which citizens receive reductions on penalties under 26.20.120 (D). Wants to avoid the appearance of favoritism. Kraig Chalem satisfied concern with proposing director play a role in that decision. Responded with, "I love the idea".</p> <p><b>Gary Edwards</b> – Voiced concern over how citizens would know, in advance, when fees escalate. Asked for clarification regarding TCC 26.05.110 (D) in terms of which department director controls discretion to require financial guarantee. Also wanted to know if County could secure an outside source/jurisdiction to whom the County could share Title 26 proposal with. Wants an effort made to get a second opinion on Title 26 for the purpose of identifying potential citizen comments that may arise in a public hearing forum.</p> <p><b>Ramiro Chavez</b> - Proposed sending out a questionnaire of a sort (was not clear to whom and how) to get an awareness of the eye of citizens on how they perceive Table 26-1. Also wants to change the culture characterized by Gary Edwards as nit-picking about small details that can undermine or hinder the development process. Also wanted draftspersons of Title 26 to better identify values associated with proposed changes under Title 26, and express them at the next meeting.</p>

**Results/Board  
Direction:**

There were minimal questions on the current Title 26 Amendments. All three commissioners were satisfied with the amendments as they were, although there is a unanimous consensus among the three commissioners regarding Table 26-1, that it is too simple and does not clarify for the citizen when such actions kick in.