

**NINE STEP PLANNER
CLARK COUNTY WORK SESSIONS**

This form needs to be reviewed and approved by the council **before** a work session is scheduled.

REQUESTED BY: *Community Planning*

1. TOPIC: Essential Public Facilities

2. WORK SESSION:

Staff members to present and attend the work session:
Sharon Lumbantobing, Michael Sallis, Colete Anderson, and Oliver Orjiako

3. TIME FRAME:

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: 30 minutes

DESIRED DATE: March 25, 2020

SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: _____

4. TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:

Essential public facilities include those facilities which are typically difficult to site, such as airports, state education facilities, state or regional transportation facilities, regional transit authority facilities, state and local correctional facilities, solid waste handling facilities, and inpatient facilities including substance abuse facilities, mental health facilities, group homes, and secure community transition facilities.

The Growth Management Act requires that the comprehensive plan and development regulations of each county planning under GMA include a process for identifying and siting essential public facilities (RCW 36.70A.200 and WAC 265-196-550). The GMA provides that no comprehensive plan or development regulation may preclude the siting of essential public facilities (RCW 36.70A.200(5)).

Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan contains a countywide planning policy that pertains to the identification and siting of essential public facilities. The Clark County Code contains criteria for siting essential public facilities. The Clark County Code needs to be amended to include a definition of essential public facilities and a process for siting essential public facilities.

5. DESIRED RESULTS:

Schedule a work session with the county council to direct staff to amend the county's development regulations to include a process for siting essential public facilities.

6. IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):

This is a requirement of RCW 26.70A.200, WAC 265-196-550, and Clark County Community Framework Plan 6.0.10 (Clark County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan 2015-2035, page 182).

7. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The county needs to amend its development regulations to include a process for identifying and siting essential public facilities to comply with RCW 26.70A.200, WAC 265-196-550.

8. **ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:**

The GMA states that a county can require appropriate and reasonable conditions and mitigation from the development of any local, regional, state, or federal essential public facility as long as the effect of the conditions and/or mitigation does not preclude the siting of the facility.

9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Direct staff to amend the county's development regulations (Title 40) to reflect the requirements of RCW 36.70A.200 and WAC 365-196-550 that pertain to establishing a process for siting of Essential Public Facilities.

Signature of requestor:

Sharon Lundy

DATE: March 2, 2020

APPROVED FOR SCHEDULING: