

Recommendation to City Council

To: City of McCleary Council

At the October 5, 2026 City of McCleary Planning Commission meeting, the following recommendations were discussed, voted on and approved for City Council consideration.

1. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the PNW Community Development Consultant contract as soon as possible, in order for the City to complete long overdue updates to its municipal codes and development standards.
2. The Planning Commission recommends full implementation of all municipal code and development standard updates prior to approval of any new building projects within the McCleary city limits.

Rationale:

The Planning Commission is aware of, and excited about, the variety of growth opportunities that are being discussed for the City of McCleary. Our goal with these recommendations is to facilitate responsible, well planned growth.

The Planning Commission's understanding from city staff is that the City's building codes have not been updated since the late 1990s, and the most recent development standards were last updated prior to 2010.

In order to manage responsible growth in an environment where all developers are held to the same standards, we are recommending that the City complete long overdue code and standard updates prior to the review and approval of any development applications. Doing so will:

- create an environment where all development is managed to one set of standards that are up-to-date;
- facilitate consistent and effective code enforcement, and;
- give the City the tools it needs to manage the variety of growth opportunities that are on the horizon - growth that is needed in order to become a thriving community.

Respectfully Submitted

Peggy Utesch, Chair