
HOUSE BILL 1933

State of Washington

53rd Legislature

1993 Regular Session

By Representatives Stevens, Wood, Fuhrman, Morton, Tate, Forner, Vance, Padden, Miller, Brumsickle, Long, Casada, Ballasiotes, Mielke, Cooke, Van Luven and Dyer

Read first time 02/17/93. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT Relating to proposed actions by local governments; adding a
2 new section to chapter 36.70A RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 35.63 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 35A.63 RCW; and adding new
4 sections to chapter 36.70 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 Local governments shall notify, in clear language that is
9 understandable to the average reader, private property owners of
10 proposed land use actions by local governments. The notices shall
11 describe the potential impact of specific property taxes and overall
12 tax revenues on local governments, the impact regulations have on the
13 affordability of local housing, and shall include the following:

- 14 (1) Prior notice of the consideration or action;
15 (2) A clear statement of "standing";
16 (3) An explanation of the effect on the property owner of having
17 and of not having standing;
18 (4) What the property owner must do to ensure that he or she has
19 standing; and

1 (5) The procedure for obtaining standing provided in section 2 of
2 this act, including the address and deadline for submitting written
3 statements.

4 Actions subject to the requirements of subsections (1) through (5)
5 of this section include, but are not limited to, adoption or amendment
6 of comprehensive plans or building codes, zoning actions, designations
7 of open space or wetlands, and environmental determinations.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 35.63 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 A person has standing to contest an action which is subject to
11 section 1 of this act if the person submits a written statement to a
12 city or county legislative body that:

13 (1) Concerns the action being considered or taken by the
14 legislative body; or

15 (2) Expresses a desire or demand for standing with respect to the
16 action.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.63 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 (1) When a code city is considering or taking an action that may
20 impact the value or use of private property, it shall publish, in the
21 publication with the largest circulation within its jurisdiction, the
22 following:

23 (a) Prior notice of the consideration or action;

24 (b) A clear statement of "standing";

25 (c) An explanation of the effect on the property owner of having
26 and of not having standing;

27 (d) What the property owner must do to ensure he or she has
28 standing; and

29 (e) The procedure for obtaining standing provided in section 2 of
30 this act, including the address and deadline for submitting written
31 statements.

32 (2) Actions subject to the requirements of subsection (1) of this
33 section include, but are not limited to, adoption or amendment of
34 comprehensive plans or building codes, zoning actions, designations of
35 open space or wetlands, and environmental determinations.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 35A.63 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 A person has standing to contest an action that is subject to
4 section 1 of this act if the person submits a written statement to a
5 code city legislative body that:

- 6 (1) Concerns the action being considered or taken by the
7 legislative body; or
8 (2) Expresses a desire or demand for standing with respect to the
9 action.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) When a county is considering or taking an action which may
13 impact the value or use of private property, it shall publish, in the
14 publication with the largest circulation within its jurisdiction, the
15 following:

- 16 (a) Prior notice of the consideration or action;
17 (b) A clear statement of "standing";
18 (c) An explanation of the effect on the property owner of having
19 and of not having standing;
20 (d) What the property owner must do to ensure he or she has
21 standing; and
22 (e) The procedure for obtaining standing provided in section 2 of
23 this act, including the address and deadline for submitting written
24 statements.

25 (2) Actions subject to the requirements of subsection (1) of this
26 section include, but are not limited to, adoption or amendment of
27 comprehensive plans or building codes, zoning actions, designations of
28 open space or wetlands, and environmental determinations.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 A person has standing to contest an action which is subject to
32 section 1 of this act if the person submits a written statement to a
33 county legislative body that:

- 34 (1) Concerns the action being considered or taken by the
35 legislative body; or

1 (2) Expresses a desire or demand for standing with respect to the
2 action.

--- END ---