

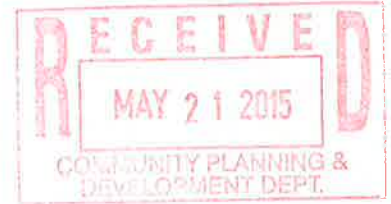


West Olympia BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

A Voice for West Olympia Business

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RE: Design Code Amendments

Dear Todd:

I am writing on behalf of the West Olympia Business Association regarding the proposed Design Code amendments.

The West Olympia Business Association (WOBA) opposes the proposed amendments to the Design Code. WOBA does not believe that it is in the best interest of the community to expand the reach of the code to all new development and substantial remodels making them subject the Basic Commercial Design Criteria, either reviewed by the City staff or the Design Review Board.

WOBA believes that applicants are entitled to a process that is reasonably fast, and objectively clear, and no more expensive than necessary. Applicants need to be able to evaluate in advance the feasibility and expense associated with projects they are considering with a substantial degree of certainty. The expanded Design Review process would add further delay and subjectivity to a process that is already too lengthy and opaque for the applicants. It would also require more applicants to hire professionals which increases their expense.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JAMES RANDALL
President
West Olympia Business Association