

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON
COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN**

Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend have partnered to conduct a Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan. The purpose of this report is two-fold, first to document housing needs in East Jefferson County, and second, to identify strategies for tackling housing needs. Action items in the plan are aimed principally at benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. For eight months, the Housing Advisory Group, appointed by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners and Port Townsend City Council worked with a consultant, and city and county staff to develop the plan funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant. The consultant conducted focus group interviews with Realtors, Lenders, Builders, and housing providers. Community input was gathered via public open house meetings and phone surveys.

Hearing Time and Location

Two open-record public hearings are scheduled for the Housing Action Plan:

Monday, October 2, 2006:

6:30 PM Port Townsend City Council
 City of Port Townsend Fire Hall
 701 Harrison Street, Port Townsend, WA

Monday, October 9, 2006

Note that this is a new date and time. The County hearing was originally scheduled for Oct. 2..

10:45 AM Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC)
 Board of County Commissioner's Chambers in the
 Basement of the Jefferson County Courthouse
 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA

Persons wishing to testify regarding the Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan may do so either by submitting oral testimony at either of the two public hearings, or by submitting written comments to the City Clerk, 250 Madison Street, Ste. 2, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written comments must be received by 5:00 PM, Thursday, September 28, 2006.

BoCC and Council Chambers are handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon 24-hour advance notice to Pam Kolacy, City Clerk at 379-5045.

Where to View Documents:

A copy of the Housing Action Plan to be considered by the BoCC and City Council will be available for public review at:

City of Port Townsend Planning Department
250 Madison Street, Suite 3
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Jefferson County Department of Community Development
621 Sheridan Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368

And posted on the County website at:
<http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/commdevelopment/housing.htm>

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