



**Planning Commission Resolution No. 18-01**  
**A Resolution Recommending that the City Council Amend Existing Zoning Code**  
**and Building Code Regulations Pertaining to Electric Fences**

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds the following:

1. The Zoning Code includes regulations for fences, including electric fences, which prohibit the installation of electric fences, except within the A-1 (Agricultural) zone;
2. Electric Guard Dog, a private company requested that the City initiate consideration of a an amendment to the City's Zoning Code regulations to allow for installation of electric fences for security purposes for certain commercial or industrial properties;
3. The Planning Commission agreed to initiate consideration of a code amendment process;
4. The Planning Commission held a Public Workshop on January 16, 2018, to consider public comments and information from City staff and from the proponent for the code amendment, and requested additional information from City staff;
5. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on February 20, 2018, to consider the additional information requested at the January 16, 2018 Public Workshop, additional public testimony, and a recommendation from City staff for amendments to the Zoning Code (EMC Title 19), the Building Code (EMC Title 16), and the Project Review Procedures (EMC Title 15).

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission concludes the following:

1. The proposed amendments to the Everett Municipal Code will provide for the public health, safety and general welfare of the community;
2. The proposed amendments are not inconsistent with any existing policies of the Everett Growth Management Comprehensive Plan;
3. The proposed amendments promote the best long-term interests of the Everett community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

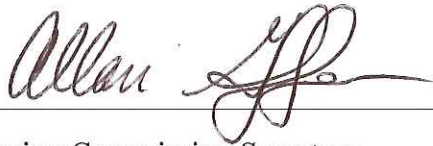
The Planning Commission recommends that the Everett City Council amend the Everett Municipal Code as stated in the attached Exhibit A.



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Planning Commission Chair

2.20.18

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Date



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Planning Commission Secretary

## Exhibit A

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### Title 19

#### 19.39.070 Fences.

F. Electric Fences. Electric fences are permitted only in nonresidential zones using the review process described in Title 15; except that an electric fence may be installed and maintained in the A-1 zone for the purpose of controlling permitted livestock provided that no such fence shall border any public right-of-way or constitute a property line fence. Electric fences except in the A-1 zone must be installed interior to a non-electric perimeter barrier that is not less than six-feet in height.

### Title 16

#### 16.56.010 Electric fences.

No person shall erect, alter, extend or maintain any fence, wire or structure, within the city limits of Everett, through which an electric current shall pass for the purpose of creating and imparting an electric shock to persons or animals that may come in contact with the same; except as allowed by section 19.39.070.F. Any electric fence erected or maintained shall be energized by battery power only or by some other method as allowed by the Building Official and fence controllers shall be approved by a nationally recognized testing lab and so indicated. An "electric fence" warning sign shall be posted at not more than fifty-foot intervals.

#### 16.56.030 Permits required.

A building and/or electrical permit shall be obtained, from the building department, prior to erection or re-erection of any fence.

### Title 15

#### 15.16.080 Decisions included.

- A. Review Process II applications include the following administrative decisions:
50. Electric fences except in the A-1 zone.