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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Manufacturing Regulatory Roadmap

Answers to top questions about
the program and new portal

How did the program get started?

Passed in 2013, House Bill 1818 authorized the Department of Commerce to promote economic development through business and government streamlining projects. In partnership with businesses and local jurisdictions, Commerce has been piloting Regulatory Roadmaps since 2014.

What is the goal of the Regulatory Roadmap?

These Roadmaps are designed to provide businesses with regulatory information that guides them through startup or expansion phases. Roadmaps currently cover manufacturing siting feasibility, starting a restaurant and starting a residential construction business.

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Frequently asked questions about Regulatory Roadmaps

What's new about the manufacturing portal?

Building upon lessons learned from the initial pilots with our legacy partners (the cities of Arlington, Marysville and Lynnwood), the Department of Commerce has completed work on a dynamic, web-based portal for manufacturing siting feasibility. The new portal enables a user to select a specific jurisdiction and review information on zoning, critical considerations, property-specific requirements and permitting.

Which jurisdictions participated in the portal project?

Commerce partnered with Pierce County and the city of Sumner to launch the online portal, scheduled to go live in January 2020.

What's next for the Regulatory Roadmap portal?

The long-term goal is to incorporate the regulatory information of other jurisdictions for manufacturing siting feasibility into the site, while identifying ways to adapt the portal to serve multiple business categories. The city of Tacoma will join the portal following its initial launch.

How do I access the portal?

You can access the portal using Chrome, Internet Explorer or Firefox browsers on a desktop computer. The address is: <http://regulatoryroadmap.wa.gov>

Whom can I contact with questions?

For questions related to regulatory requirements for a specific location in the portal, contact the specific jurisdiction.

For general program questions, contact Lynn Fetch at lynn.fetch@commerce.wa.gov (phone: 360.725.2810)

Fast Facts

- Regulatory Roadmaps are in place for restaurants in Seattle, Tacoma (partial), Spokane and Spokane Valley.
- The City of Kennewick was the launch customer for the Regulatory Roadmap for contractors.
- The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University recognized the Regulatory Roadmap as one of the Top 25 Innovations in American Government in 2017.