

CITY OF STANWOOD

The City of Stanwood, Washington



is seeking a

Senior Planner

\$82,704 to \$93,084 annually, plus excellent benefits



Stanwood is located 50 miles north of Seattle, at the mouth of the Stillaguamish River near Camano Island, and is the commercial and cultural hub of the greater Stanwood/Camano community.

Stanwood has retained its small town character and sense of community. The City's historic resources have been preserved and its connections to the surrounding agricultural land and rural environment have been strengthened. New residential neighborhoods and commercial centers form an aesthetically pleasing community character. The City and community work cooperatively together to promote tourism, access to local natural features and special events.

Stanwood was founded in 1866 as Centerville, adopting its current name in 1877 and incorporated as a City in 1903. Since the 1990s, Stanwood has grown into a bedroom community for Seattle and Everett.

Stanwood is located on State Route 532, an east-west highway connecting Camano Island to Interstate 5 east of Stanwood. The City is also served by two other major highways: Pioneer Highway, historically part of State Route 530 and the Pacific Highway (U.S. Route 99), which continues north to Conway and east towards Arlington; and Marine Drive, which continues south to Warm Beach, the Tulalip Indian Reservation, and Marysville.



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THE COMMUNITY:

Stanwood is the town center serving a diverse rural, suburban and urban population of 34,000 people spread across two counties in what is generally identified as "Greater Stanwood Camano." Stanwood's residential population totals 7,125, an increase of 13% since 2010,

making it one of the fastest growing communities in Snohomish County. Many residents outside the City come into Stanwood for business, community events and park and recreation services. The City is focusing on retaining its role as the center of the Greater Stanwood area by pursuing new endeavors that support the downtown and employment diversification. This area is rich in both scenic beauty and natural resources.

CITY GOVERNMENT:

The City of Stanwood utilizes a mayor-council form of government, with an elected strong mayor and council elected at-large. The mayor-council form of government consists of two separate power centers, each directly elected by the people: the mayor as chief executive and the council as the municipal legislature.

The Senior Planner reports directly to the Community Development Director. City departments include Community Development, Administrative (City Clerk, Human Resources and Economic Development), Finance and Public Works. Police, Fire, and City Attorney services are provided under contract. Thirty-six (36) full-time employees provide municipal services, with the Mayor guiding an overall \$52.2 million annual operating and capital budget.

THE POSITION:

This is an advanced professional level position. Responsibilities involve planning, coordinating and participating in activities which require analysis of complex issues, program administration and/or coordination with other divisions, outside agencies and the public, and providing responsible and complex staff support. Work is performed under general direction from the Community Development Director with initiative, discretion and independent judgment in the performance of duties based on extensive knowledge of city policies, procedures, operations, an planning methodology. Typical assignments may include review of land use proposals for consistency with adopted codes, managing long-range planning projects including Comprehensive Plan and Code amendments, and providing analysis of varying policy documents.



THE IDEAL CANDIDATE:

The ideal candidate will be customer-service focused and will have experience in the following:

- Creating and implementing policies on sensitive and complex topics;
- Successfully engaging the public;
- Making presentations to the public and decision-making bodies;
- Managing and reviewing complex land use applications;
- Comprehensive Plan Update and Code Amendment experience;

- Writing, interpreting, and applying development codes and design guidelines;
- Conducting environmental review;
- Performing on-site inspections.

Preferred experience includes working with or for local government agencies, electronic plan review, project management, and public outreach. The successful candidate will enjoy working on a diverse range of projects such as a rewrite of the City's zoning code, review of new developments, and updates to existing design guidelines. Opportunities may also include participation in planning for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update.

Responsibilities include analyzing and preparing recommendations on land use, environmental, and urban planning issues, responding to land use inquiries and serving as a resource to the City Council, Planning Commission, Hearing Examiner, and other City boards and committees. Individuals assigned to this position are expected to perform planning assignments involving a high level of responsibility and judgment and to provide advice and guidance to Department staff.

The Senior Planner position is central to Stanwood's success. Join us as we move Stanwood toward a more sustainable and vibrant future!

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE and TRAINING:

Possession of a bachelor's degree in land use planning, urban planning, landscape architecture, or related field. American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification desired.



Minimum of four years of experience in municipal or local government planning; or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience, which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

The successful candidate must pass a pre-employment background and reference check prior to the start of employment.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:

The annual range is \$82,704 to \$93,084. Placement within the range will be dependent upon the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate. An excellent benefit package provides medical insurance, dental and vision coverage, life, short and long-term disability insurance, Paid Time Off: 21-31 days per year. Twelve paid holidays per year. Washington State Public Employees Retirement System, and Deferred Compensation Retirement Plans, with City match.

The City of Stanwood does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, sex, or age, in any programs or activities. Equal Opportunity/ADA Employer

TO APPLY :

Apply online or download application materials: www.stanwoodwa.org

Open until filled. Next application review: Friday, July 30, 2021