



Comprehensive Plan Policy or Development Regulation Amendment Suggestion

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Per RCW 36.70A.470(2), this form is intended for use by any interested person, including applicants, citizens, hearing examiners, and staff of other agencies, to suggest amendments to Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan policies or its development regulations, which are contained in Skagit County Code Title 14. Please do not combine multiple unrelated Comprehensive Plan policy or development regulation amendments on a single form. This form is for policy or development regulation amendments; use the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request form for changes to the land use/zoning map.

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Proposal Description

Please answer all of the questions below that are applicable to your suggestion.

1. Describe your proposed amendment.

Amendments sections of the CP to create standing Citizen Committees to work with the Planning Commission on review and suggested changes to the CWPP, CP and codes.

2. Describe the reasons your proposed amendment is needed or important.

Planning staff have been reduced due to budget cuts. Standing Citizen Committees when properly chartered and convened can provide a continuing input to the Planning Commission, planning staff and the BOCC on ways to improve and use the County planning documents.

3. If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of the Comprehensive Plan, please identify which section(s):

Amend the public participation sections to include standing CACs with charters for their duties, scope and processes for reporting.

4. If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision create inconsistencies with existing sections of the Comprehensive Plan? If so, please list those sections:

We do not anticipate the addition to be inconsistent with the CP.

5. If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision require corresponding amendments to the County's development regulations?

Yes.

6. If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of Skagit County Code Title 14, please identify which section(s).

Sections covering public participation and the CP update and/or any other section on public process that is pertinent.

7. If you are suggesting this development regulation amendment as a result of a particular project or permit application, please identify which project or application:

N/A.

8. If you are suggesting specific language as part of your amendment, please attach that specific language. Specific language is not required.

Specific language should include requirement for a charter, bylaws and process for operations of a CAC; method of recruiting CAC

members; application criteria; criteria for and length of service; and other details that help achieve the goal of a standing Citizen Advisory Committee (s).

9. *Describe why existing Comprehensive Plan policies should not continue to be in effect or why they no longer apply.*

Existing CP policies would continue in effect.

10. *Describe how the amendment complies with the Comprehensive Plan's community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policy directives.*

The citizens created the community vision statements, goals, objectives and policy directives. Establishing standing Citizen Committee(s) will strengthen and clarify the original documents as well as provide additional opportunity for the Planning Commission to get more work done.

11. *Describe the anticipated impacts to be caused by the change, including geographic area affected and issues presented.*

Increased public participation and increase Planning Commission efficiency. All of Skagit County.

12. *Describe how adopted functional plans and Capital Facilities Plans support the change.*

These plans state that public participation is required.

13. *Describe any public review of the request that has already occurred.*

We are not aware of any requests.

Notices

Fees. No fees are required for a policy or code change suggestion, per SCC 14.08.020(6).

Docketing. SCC Chapter 14.08 governs the process for docketing of Comprehensive Plan amendments; suggestions for changes to the development regulations are docketed following the same process. Docketing of a suggestion is procedural only and does not constitute a decision by the Board of County Commissioners as to whether the amendment will ultimately be approved. Amendments are usually concluded by the end of the year following the request. State law generally prohibits the County from amending its Comprehensive Plan more than once per year.

Submission deadline. Suggestions must be received by the last business day of July for docketing. Suggestions received after that date will not be considered until the following year's docket.

How to Submit. Submit your suggestion via email (preferred) to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us or to Planning & Development Services at the address above.