



Planning & Development Services

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Notice of Availability

including notice of written comment period and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	November 10, 2016
Proposal name:	Proposed 2017 Docket of Comprehensive Plan, Map, and Code Amendments
Documents available at:	www.skagitcounty.net/2017CPA
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Kirk Johnson, AICP, Senior Planner
SEPA Responsible Official:	Not Applicable for Docketing
Public hearing body:	Skagit County Board of County Commissioners
Public hearing date:	Monday, December 5, 2016, at 10 a.m.
Written comment deadline:	Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Proposal Description

The Growth Management Act provides that “each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation” (RCW 36.70A.130(1)(a)) and requires Skagit County to periodically accept petitions for amendments or revisions to our Comprehensive Plan policies, land use map, and development regulations. Skagit County implements this requirement through Skagit County Code Chapter (SCC) 14.08, which describes the process for annual amendments.

This year, the County received 15 public petitions and suggestions for Comprehensive Plan policy or map amendments or new development regulations. One of those, from Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, has since been withdrawn. Another 21 amendments have been proposed by the County. All of the submittals are available for review at www.skagitcounty.net/2017CPA.

SCC 14.08.040(3) requires the Board of County Commissioners to hold a public hearing and written comment period as part of establishing the annual docket of comprehensive plan, land use/zoning map, and development regulation amendments.

Petitions that the Board includes in the docket will then move forward for SEPA analysis, legal review, and subsequent review by the public, Planning Commission, and the Board through the process described in SCC 14.08.050-090.

SEPA Threshold Determination

The County will not conduct SEPA analysis until the docket has been established.

How to Comment

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name (“Proposed 2017 Docket of Comprehensive Plan, Map, and Code Amendments”) in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Paper comments must be printed on 8½” x11” paper and mailed or delivered to:

Comments on “Proposed 2017 Docket of Comprehensive Plan, Map, and Code Amendments”
Skagit County Planning and Development Services
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting all of the above requirements will not be considered.

You may also comment in person at the public hearing at the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.