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Please confirm receipt of the attached Comprehensive Plan Policy or Development Regulation Amendment Suggestion

Thanks



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.

All County GIS maps regularly and routinely used for planning and permitting purposes under the Growth Management Act and Comprehensive Plan, and any derivative planning, should be updated on a regularly scheduled interval. The recommended interval for scheduled updates is three years, or less.

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

Scheduled GIS maps used for planning and permitting would increase accuracy, uniformity, and reliability to planning and permitting activities for both citizens and County agencies.

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

This suggestion does *not* pertain to any specific Comprehensive Plan section.

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:

This suggestion does *not* create inconsistencies with existing sections of the Comprehensive Plan. In fact, over time, this suggestion would help *eliminate* current inconsistencies.

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

An amendment to current development regulations *may* be one mechanism to implement this suggestion. There may be others.

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

No Skagit County Code Title 14 revisions are necessary to implement this suggestion. In fact, implementation of this suggestion would, over time, enhance and facilitate the use of SCC Title 14.

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:

This suggestion is *not* as the result of any particular project or permit application.

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

Each and every Skagit County GIS map regularly and routinely used for planning and/or permitting purposes under the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70a), the Comprehensive Plan, and all derivative plans, will be updated as to content at a regularly scheduled interval not to exceed three years.

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

Not applicable for this suggestion

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

By providing scheduled updates of County GIS maps used in planning and permitting, this suggested Comprehensive Plan amendment *facilitates* compliance with community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policy directives.

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

Positive impacts of this suggested amendment are increased accuracy, uniformity, and reliability in planning and permitting functions for both citizens and County personnel. Fewer errors, fewer "redo's", better initial understanding all contribute to lesser cost for the County and for citizens. One negative impact is that, initially, additional work must be done by the County GIS department, however this initial cost will be recaptured by no more massive updates (map updates neglected for excessive periods) and fewer errors and "redo's" in County planning and permitting activities.

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

Currently adopted functional plans do not, per se, support this suggested amendment, however all such functional plans will benefit from it.

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

No public review of this suggested amendment to the Comprehensive Plan has already occurred.

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.