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Notice of Availability for Public Hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	December 24, 2025
Proposal name:	Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Housing Element Policy 7A-1.2
Documents available:	https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/2025CPA.htm
Lead Agency:	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
Contact Person:	Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner
Public hearing Body:	Skagit County Planning Commission
Public hearing Date:	January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Deliberations Date	January 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Please note: A public comment period for this was held for this proposed comprehensive plan amendment from November 20, 2025 to December 5, 2025. The public hearing was originally scheduled on December 16, 2025 but was canceled and is rescheduled for January 13, 2026.

Proposal Description

Skagit County PDS is proposing to amend the 2025 Comprehensive Plan by removing Policy 7A-1.2 to facilitate a settlement agreement in response to an appeal before the Growth Management Hearings Board.

> **Policy 7A-1.2** Permit accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in rural residential zones to provide additional housing choices for all economic levels, multi-generational, and smaller households. Allow at least two ADUs in UGAs where single family homes are permitted.

Policy 7A-1.2 was added as part of the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan update to support ADUs as affordable housing. This amendment will not impact the County's overall approach to affordable housing in rural areas, as numerous other policies continue to support this effort. Additionally, no changes are being proposed to the County's development regulations.

More information and documents related to the proposal are available at the website above.

SEPA Threshold Determination

On May 15, 2025, Skagit County issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance for the 2025 Periodic Comprehensive Plan update. Skagit County determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement was not required under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). The determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency and is available upon request and at the above listed website. Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this legislative action.

Public Hearing

If you wish to provide verbal testimony, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. 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.

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