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Notice of Availability

including written comment period, and public hearing

Proposal Information

Publish date:	November 20, 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:	December 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Deliberations Date	December 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Written comment deadline:	December 5, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

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.

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name (“Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Housing Element Policy 7A-1.2”) in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services
Comments on “Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Housing Element Policy 7A-1.2”
1800 Continental Place
Mount Vernon WA 98273

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

Option 3: You may also comment in person. 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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