



# Planning & Development Services

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## Notice of Availability

*including written comment period and public hearing*

### Proposal Information

**Publish date:** March 26, 2026

**Proposal name:** Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments

**Documents available:** <https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>

**Lead Agency:** Skagit County Planning & Development Services

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**Public hearing**

**body:** Skagit County Board of County Commissioners

**Public hearing date:** April 13, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

**Written comment**

**deadline:** April 15, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

### Proposal Description

Skagit County is proposing amendments to Skagit County Code Title 14 which include an agritourism definition and use standards. Agritourism uses are required to be secondary and related to an ongoing agricultural use and cannot result in the permanent conversion of agricultural land. Agritourism uses are proposed to be allowed in the Agricultural – Natural Resource Lands, Rural Resource – Natural Resource Lands, Rural Reserve, and Rural Intermediate zones. The amendments propose the establishment of three levels of Agritourism:

Agritourism 1 (Permitted Use – Subject to an agreement affirming compliance)

- Number of guests cannot exceed 50 people per day.
- Agritourism activities cannot exceed 10 days per year.

Agritourism 2 (Administrative Special Use)

- Number of guests cannot exceed 100 people per day.
- Agritourism activities cannot exceed 35 days per year.

Agritourism 3 (Hearing Examiner Special Use)

- Guests and number of days will be limited based on conditions of approval.

The amendments propose to amend the name of Temporary Use Events to Limited Event Venues. The amendments propose to prohibit Limited Event Venues, restaurants, music venues, concerts, and regularly occurring celebratory gatherings, such as weddings in the Agricultural-NRL zone. The amendments also replace “activities associated with tourism that promote local agriculture...” as an Agricultural Accessory use as they will be replaced with the new Agritourism use.

More information is available at the website above.

## How to Comment

**Option 1:** Email comments are preferred and must be sent to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us) with the proposal name (“Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments”) 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 “Skagit County Agritourism Code Amendments”  
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 or online via Zoom. The Board of County Commissioners is hosting meetings in the Skagit County Commissioners’ Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. You may also watch the hearing on TV21, or attend the hearing online via Zoom on your phone, computer, or tablet. Please visit the Commissioner’s webpage for more information on viewing options (<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/CountyCommissioners/main.htm>). 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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