

# Draft Updates to Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process

# Annual Schedule & Docketing Criteria

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- April 15 Opportunity to propose amendments for current annual cycle
- May 15 Deadline for amendment proposals
- May 30 Deadline for Council's amendment proposals
- July 15 Deadline for OPCD's and Planning Commission's recommendations
  - Optional public hearing*
- August 15 Council adopts docket resolution

# Annual Schedule

December 31      Deadline for OPCD's recommendations on docketed amendments

March 1            Deadline for Planning Commission's recommendations on docketed amendments

*Public hearing*

March 31           Council votes on amendments

# Docketing Criteria

- A. The amendment is legal under state and local law.
- B. The amendment is appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan because:
  1. It is consistent with the role of the Comprehensive Plan under the State Growth Management Act;
  2. It is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies and with the multi-county policies contained in the Puget Sound Regional Council's regional growth strategy;
  3. Its intent cannot be accomplished by a change in regulations alone;
  4. It is not better addressed as a budgetary or programmatic decision; and
  5. It is not better addressed through another process, such as activities identified in departmental work programs under way or expected in the near future, within which the suggested amendment can be considered alongside other related issues.

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C. It is practical to consider the amendment because:

1. The timing of the amendment is appropriate, and Council will have sufficient information to make an informed decision;
2. City staff will be able to develop within the time available the text for the Comprehensive Plan and, if necessary, amendments to the Municipal Code, and to conduct sufficient analysis and public review; and
3. The amendment is consistent with the overall vision of the Comprehensive Plan and well-established Comprehensive Plan policy, or the Mayor or Council wishes to consider changing the vision or established policy.

D. If the amendment has previously been proposed, relevant circumstances have changed significantly so that there is sufficient cause for reconsidering the proposal.

E. If the amendment would change a neighborhood plan, there is evidence of community engagement and support.

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F. The amendment is likely to make a material difference in a future City regulatory or funding decision.

G. A request to amend the FLUM\* is not necessary and will not be considered when the request affects an area that is less than a full block in size and that is adjacent to other land designated on the FLUM for a use that is the same as – or is compatible with – the designation the proponent wishes to pursue. Such requests are more properly considered through the contract rezone process. However, an amendment to an urban center, urban village or manufacturing/industrial center boundary does require an amendment to the FLUM, regardless of the area's size.

\*Future Land Use Map

# Questions?