

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, June 18, 2002, the Skagit County Planning Commission will hold two separate public hearings to receive public comment on the following Skagit County proposals:

1. To adopt updates to city and town municipal codes for implementation within the unincorporated portions of the Burlington, Concrete, Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley Urban Growth Areas (UGAs).
2. To repeal the Rural Freeway Service (RFS) Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Designation on the Pulley property at the southeast quadrant of the Interstate-5 / Bow Hill Road Interchange, pursuant to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board's January 31, 2002, Compliance Order in Case No. 00-2-0049c.

The hearings will be held in Hearing Room C, Skagit County Administration Building, Mount Vernon, Washington, beginning at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible and continuing until no further comment is forthcoming. The Planning Commission may deliberate and take action on either or both proposals following the completion of the two public hearings.

City Code Updates in UGAs

A public hearing on this issue was scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2002. However, the hearing was not officially held due to the lack of a Planning Commission quorum.

The County has implemented a schedule of twice-yearly adoption of city and town code updates within the UGAs. In the current update adoption cycle, the Cities of Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley, and the Town of Concrete, submitted code updates for County adoption, while the City of Anacortes did not. The proposal consists of:

- Texts of the proposed city and town code updates.
- A proposed Ordinance amending SCC 14.02.040 Appendix A.

The proposed code updates, an Environmental Checklist, and a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) were circulated for review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) on March 7, 2002. No written comments were received regarding the SEPA DNS. In addition, no appeal of the SEPA DNS was filed.

Proposed Rezone of Pulley Property

The Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, in its Compliance Order in Case No. 00-2-0049c, ordered Skagit County to repeal the RFS designation on the Pulley property because the Board found that designation not in compliance with the Growth Management Act.

The property (P118222 and P118223) is located in the southeast quadrant of the Interstate 5 and Bow Hill Road interchange. On April 30, 2002, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners adopted an Interim Ordinance repealing the RFS designation on the Pulley property and redesignating the property to Rural Reserve.

RCW 36.70A.390 specifically authorizes adoption of an interim ordinance where deemed appropriate to further the goals of GMA, provided that a public hearing is held within 60 days of adoption. The purpose of the Planning Commission public hearing is to consider whether the Board of County Commissioners should adopt a permanent ordinance repealing the RFS designation on the Pulley property, and redesignating the property to Rural Reserve, consistent with its prior designation and that of surrounding properties.

Public Comments

Your views for or against the two proposals are invited by attendance, representation, or letter. Written correspondence, including facsimile transmittal, may be submitted to: Skagit County Planning and Permit Center, 200 West Washington Street, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, (360) 336-9410 or FAX (360) 336-9416. Written comments (faxed, mailed, or delivered) will be received until the close of business, 4:30 p.m., on Friday, June 14, 2002. Comments after this date must be submitted into the record during the June 18 public hearings. E-mails will not be accepted.

For citizens with special needs, Hearing Room C is accessible. Persons with special needs or disabilities are asked to call the Commissioner's Office at (360) 336-9300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any needed accommodations.

Further information and/or copies of the Proposal are available at the Planning and Permit Center at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies of the Proposal are also available for viewing at the Planning and Permit Center's home page on the Skagit County website at www.skagitcounty.net.

Written correspondence submittal requirements. Comments on the Proposal must be submitted on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Maps must be in black and white and also reduced to 8 1/2" x 11" size for reproduction purposes. Submittals not meeting these requirements will, unfortunately, not be considered.

Please address written comments or questions to: Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, Skagit County Planning and Permit Center, 200 W. Washington, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, 336-9410, FAX (360) 336-9416.

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