



# Comprehensive Plan Policy or Development Regulation Amendment Suggestion

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Per RCW 36.70A.470(2), this form is intended for use by any interested person, including applicants, citizens, hearing examiners, and staff of other agencies, to suggest amendments to Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan policies or its development regulations, which are contained in Skagit County Code Title 14. Please do not combine multiple unrelated Comprehensive Plan policy or development regulation amendments on a single form. This form is for policy or development regulation amendments; use the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request form for changes to the land use/zoning map.

## Submitted By

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## Proposal Description Addition to 14.16.400 (2) (b)

Please answer all of the questions below that are applicable to your suggestion.

1. Describe your proposed amendment.

In the definition to 14.16.400 (2) (b) (7) Activities associated with tourism which promote local agriculture; provided, that adequate parking and specified ingress and egresses are designated and permitted.

Add the following:

(a) Limited food service which is dependent on and subordinate or incidental to the principal use of the farm and with foods predominantly produced on the farm. Restaurants or food service at farm stores shall not exceed 20 seated guests. At no time shall the construction and/or operation be allowed to convert farmland or impact agricultural drainage infrastructure.

2. Describe the reasons your proposed amendment is needed or important.

Clarify that certain food services are permissible in 14.16.400 as an Agricultural accessory use and enhance agritourism opportunities for farms to showcase their farm raised products to their customers.

3. If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of the Comprehensive Plan, please identify which section(s):

See above

4. If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision create inconsistencies with existing sections of the Comprehensive Plan? If so, please list those sections:

No

5. If you are suggesting revision to the Comprehensive Plan, would the revision require corresponding amendments to the County's development regulations?

No

6. If you are suggesting revision to a particular section of Skagit County Code Title 14, please identify which section(s).

See above

7. If you are suggesting this development regulation amendment as a result of a particular project or permit application, please identify which project or application:

In response to Planning Department telling Samish Bay cheese that sit down food service is not permitted in 14.16.400

8. *If you are suggesting specific language as part of your amendment, please attach that specific language. Specific language is not required.*

See above

9. *Describe why existing Comprehensive Plan policies should not continue to be in effect or why they no longer apply.*

N/A This suggestion does not negate any policies of the Comprehensive Plan

10. *Describe how the amendment complies with the Comprehensive Plan's community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policy directives.*

By enhancing opportunities for farms and thereby protecting agriculture.

11. *Describe the anticipated impacts to be caused by the change, including geographic area affected and issues presented.*

Perhaps small increase in traffic in certain locations.

12. *Describe how adopted functional plans and Capital Facilities Plans support the change.*

I don't know.

13. *Describe any public review of the request that has already occurred.*

None that I am aware of.

## Notices

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**Fees.** No fees are required for a policy or code change suggestion, per SCC 14.08.020(6).

**Docketing.** SCC Chapter 14.08 governs the process for docketing of Comprehensive Plan amendments; suggestions for changes to the development regulations are docketed following the same process. Docketing of a suggestion is procedural only and does not constitute a decision by the Board of County Commissioners as to whether the amendment will ultimately be approved. Amendments are usually concluded by the end of the year following the request. State law generally prohibits the County from amending its Comprehensive Plan more than once per year.

**Submission deadline.** Suggestions must be received by the last business day of July for docketing. Suggestions received after that date will not be considered until the following year's docket.

**How to Submit.** Submit your suggestion via email (preferred) to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us) or to Planning & Development Services at the address above.