



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.

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Proposal Description

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

1. Describe your proposed amendment.

I propose the development code so that rural landowners in rural residential zones can legally have more <200 square foot outbuildings than the 1 per 5 acre limit that is currently allowed.

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

Rural residents have legitimate needs for outbuildings such as wood sheds, chicken coops, storage sheds etc. It is unreasonable to restrict this number.

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

NA

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:

NA

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

NA

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

NA

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:

NA

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

This is regarding SCC 15.04.030(1)(a)1.c. which should be modified to: "Up to a maximum of 4 exempt buildings are allowed."

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

NA

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

The amendment complies with several Comprehensive Plan vision statements:

-Protect and retain rural lifestyles: Rural people like to have small farms, heat with wood, they have tools they need to store, etc. in a sometimes very wet climate. A variety of outbuildings are really a necessity to protect rural lifestyles in Skagit County.

-Respect property rights: This respect the rights of property owners to do what they see fit on their land.

-Encourage citizen participation and involvement: Loosening the restrictions on regulations such as this can increase citizen participation in the building permit process by making it more reasonable. This is a small start but other such leniencies should be considered.

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

This will benefit all rural residential zoned areas.

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

Unknown

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

This was mentioned in my public comments at the East County Forum in Concrete on July 31, 2019.

Notices

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 or to Planning & Development Services at the address above.