

Skagit County's 2021 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) and Incorporation by Reference of Existing Environmental Documentation

Description of Proposal: The 2021 docket consists of amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Zoning Map, and Development Regulations under consideration through the 2021 Docket. This DNS does not include petitions for (PL19-0419) Nielsen Brothers Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Map Amendment, or (LR20-04) Fully Contained Communities. This DNS only includes the following petitions:

- LR 20-02 Small Scale Business Zone Use Amendment: Amend SCC 14.16.140 Small Scale Business (SSB) zone to include restaurants as a permitted use.
- LR 20-05 Public Notice Amendment for Mineral Resource Extraction Area: Amend SCC 14.06.150, Public Notice Requirements. For mineral extraction activities notice must be provided within one mile and be posted at any post offices of nearby communities.
- LR20-07 Accessory Dwelling Unit Code Amendment: This proposal relaxes the family member occupancy requirement and removes the current Accessory Dwelling Unit size restrictions for existing structures.
- LR21-02 Clarify CaRD Land Divisions and the “Reserve” Function: Clarify the definition and function of the Conservation and Reserve Developments (CaRD) within the Comprehensive Plan and code.
- LR21-04 Agricultural Processing Facilities in Bayview Ridge-Light Industrial: Clarify “Agricultural and food processing, storage and transportation”, a permitted use in Bayview Ridge Light Industrial (BR-LI) zone, by adding Agricultural slaughtering facilities as an accessory use incidental to Agricultural and food processing, storage and transportation facilities.
- C21-1 2020 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan: Update the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the 2020 Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan. This includes review of zoning and consistency of park classifications.
- C21-2 SEPA Determination Review Timing: The code for independent SEPA reviews does not require the submittal of a development permit when in the feasibility stage. This amendment would clarify that an appeal can be filed prior to a permit decision.
- C21-3 Hamilton Zoning & Comprehensive Plan Updates: Changes to the County Comprehensive Plan are needed to reflect the 2019 Hamilton annexation. This change will clean up zoning references that don't exist anymore.

- C21-4 Reduced Front Setback to Include Class 19 Roads.
- C21-5 Pre-application requirement: Pre-application meeting requirement associated with a Project permit would no longer be required.

Proponent: Skagit County

Location of Proposal: Applies to areas within the unincorporated areas of Skagit County, WA.

Lead Agency: Skagit County Planning & Development Services.

Threshold Determination: Skagit County has determined that this non-project proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of completed environmental checklists and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request and at www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/communplan.htm


This determination of non-significance is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); Skagit County will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of this notice. **Written comments on this threshold determination must be submitted by 4:30 pm, January 13, 2022.**

Appeals process: Pursuant to SCC 16.12.210, no administrative appeal process is available for this DNS on this legislative action. Appeals may be filed with the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, following final Board of County Commissioner action on the proposal, based on written comments submitted on the DNS by the deadline noted above.

Comments: Comments are accepted digitally or on paper, please include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the proposal name in the subject line. Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments. Please direct any comments concerning this threshold determination to:

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SEPA Responsible Official: Hal Hart, AICP, Director/Administrative Official,
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Signature  _____

Hal Hart, Director/Administrative Official
Skagit County Planning & Development Services

Date of Decision: December 16, 2021

Publication Date: December 23, 2021

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