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Notice of Availability

including written comment period and public hearing

Proposal Information

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| Publish date: | April 4, 2024 |
| Proposal name: | Skagit County's 2024 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments |
| Documents available: | https://www.skagitcounty.net/2024CPA |
| Lead Agency: | Skagit County Planning & Development Services |
| Contact Person: | Robby Eckroth, Senior Planner |
| Public hearing body: | Skagit County Board of County Commissioners |
| Public hearing date: | April 23, 2024 at 10:15 a.m. |
| Written comment deadline: | April 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. |

Proposal Description

The Growth Management Act provides that “each comprehensive land use plan and development regulations shall be subject to continuing review and evaluation” (RCW 36.70A.130(1)(a)) and requires Skagit County to periodically accept petitions for amendments or revisions to our Comprehensive Plan policies, land use map, and development regulations. Skagit County implements this requirement through Skagit County Code Chapter (SCC) 14.08, which describes the process for annual amendments.

Skagit County has received the following applications to amend the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Zoning Map, and Development Regulations.

- **LR24-01 Deception Pass Statepark Rezone:** Rezone 77.85 acres of parcel P19610 from Rural Reserve (RRV) to Public Open Space of Regional/Statewide Importance (OSRSI). Following an approved Boundary Line Adjustment, the adjusted parcel is now held by Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC) and has been incorporated into the boundary of Deception Pass State Park.
- **LR24-02 Bayview Ridge Light Industrial Buffer Reductions:** Amend the Bayview Ridge Light Industrial Zone by reducing buffering requirements to residential zoned property (SCC 14.16.180(7)).

- **LR24-03 Cedardale Road Interstate 5/Old Highway 99 interchange Rezone:** Rezone parcels P16370 and P16372, totaling 4.87-acres, from Agriculture-NRL to Rural Freeway Service to allow the applicant to use the parcel for other commercial purposes.
- **LR24-04 Airport Environs Overlay (AEO) Disclosure Addition and AEO Compatibility Updates:** The Port of Skagit proposes updates to the Airport Environs Overlay (SCC 14.16.210) to improve awareness of the Skagit Regional Airport and address airport compatibility of future development in the vicinity of the airport by adding a new property disclosure requirement. The petition also requests to amend SCC 14.16.210(3)(c)(ii)&(v) which regulates exhaust plumes and electronic interference as compatibility requirements in the AEO.

County initiated proposals:

- **C24-1 Countywide Planning Policies Update:** Adopt amended Countywide Planning Policies recommended by the Growth Management Act Steering Committee.
- **C24-2 Fences Section:** Creation of a new section in SCC 14.16 – Zoning to regulate fencing. The new section also adds restrictions for razor wire and barbed wire fencing.
- **C24-3 Storage of Unlicensed and/or Inoperable Vehicles Amendment:** Removes use allowing storage of unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles from all zones except the Urban Reserve Commercial-Industrial (URC-I).
- **C24-4 General Code Language Clean Up:** Correct the height limit restriction of the Guemes Island Overlay in SCC 14.16.360(7)(b)(i) to only apply to proposed development in flood hazard areas and eliminate duplicate language in SCC 14.18.300(1)-(4).

More information is available at the website above.

How to Comment

Option 1: Email comments are preferred and must be sent to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us with the proposal name (“Skagit County’s 2024 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments”) in the subject line. Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

Option 2: Paper comments must be printed on 8½x11 paper and mailed or delivered to:

Planning and Development Services
 Comments on “Skagit County’s 2024 Docket of Proposed Policy, Code, and Map Amendments”
 1800 Continental Place
 Mount Vernon WA 98273

All comments must be received by the deadline referenced above and include your full name and mailing address. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Option 3: You may also comment in person. The Board of County Commissioners is hosting meetings in the Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. If you wish to provide online testimony, please send an email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us, with your name, phone number, and include a request to be added to the speakers list in the body of the email. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact Planning and Development Services at (360) 416-1320 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.

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