



# Skagit County Planning & Development Services

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## Notice of Availability

*including notice of SEPA threshold determination, written comment period, and public hearing*

### Proposal Information

<b>Publish date:</b>	October 8, 2015
<b>Proposal name:</b>	Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2015 Docket
<b>Documents available at:</b>	<a href="http://www.skagitcounty.net/planning">www.skagitcounty.net/planning</a> (click on "Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2015 Docket")
<b>Lead Agency:</b>	Skagit County Planning & Development Services
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Dale Pernula, AICP, Director
<b>Public hearing body:</b>	Skagit County Board of County Commissioners
<b>Public hearing date:</b>	Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.
<b>Written comment deadline:</b>	Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.

### Proposal Description

The Growth Management Act requires the County to have a process for receiving suggestions for amendments to Comprehensive Plan policies, the Comprehensive Plan map, and development regulations. Under county code, proposals are due by the last business day in July of each year.

This year, the Planning & Development Services Department received 22 petitions for amendments to the comprehensive plan, map, or development regulations from members of the public. The County likewise initiated two Comprehensive Plan map amendment proposals and six code amendment proposals.

The October 27 hearing before the Board of County Commissioners and the corresponding written comment period are intended to allow applicants and the public to comment on whether the proposed amendments should be docketed for further consideration. The Board's decision to include a proposed amendment in the docket is procedural and does not constitute a decision as to whether the amendment will ultimately be approved.

A staff report summarizing the amendment proposals and containing the Department's docketing recommendations to the Board is available at the website above.

## **SEPA Threshold Determination**

There is no SEPA threshold determination required at this time. SEPA review will occur once the Board has established the official docket and will be limited to those amendment proposals included in the docket.

## **How to Comment**

Comments are accepted via email or on paper. All comments must be received by the deadline and include (1) your full name, (2) your mailing address, and (3) the proposal name (“Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2015 Docket”) in the subject line. Comments not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

Email comments are preferred and must be sent to [pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us). Include your comments in the body of your email message rather than as attachments.

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

Comments on proposed “Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2015 Docket”  
Planning and Development Services  
1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon WA 98273

You may also comment in person at the public hearing at the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon. Public hearing testimony is usually limited to three minutes, so written comments are preferred.

Each applicant or petitioner whose proposal is being considered for inclusion in the docket will be provided up to five minutes at the beginning of the public hearing to describe the proposal. Applicants who submitted more than one proposal will have a total of five minutes to describe their proposals.

Anyone who plans to attend the public hearing and has special needs or disabilities should contact the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners at (360) 416-1300 at least 96 hours before the hearing to discuss and arrange any special accommodations.