

Agritourism

Public Hearing— Proposed Agritourism Code Amendments

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<https://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/planningandpermit/agtourismmain.htm>



Overview of Agritourism Amendments

- Agritourism definition, purpose, and intent.
- 3 levels of Agritourism based on attendance and frequency of events.
- General limitations and performance standards.
- Addresses Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.
- Prohibits Limited Event Venues, restaurants, and regularly occurring celebratory gatherings (e.g., weddings) in the Agricultural-Natural Resource Lands zone.



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Zones Proposed to Allow Agritourism

- Agricultural – Natural Resource Lands (Ag-NRL)
- Rural Resource – Natural Resource Lands (RRc-NRL)
- Rural Reserve (RRv)
- Rural Intermediate (RI)



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Prohibited Uses in Agricultural – NRL Zone

Proposal would prohibit the following in the Agricultural – Natural Resource Lands zone:

- Limited Event Venues
- Restaurants
- Regularly occurring celebratory gatherings (e.g., weddings)



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Next Steps

- Public Comment Period September 25th – October 16th
- November 18th Planning Commission Deliberations
- November 24th Board of County Commissioners Work Session
- December 23rd Possible Adoption by Board of County Commissioners



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How to Comment

- Public comment period will close on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 4:30pm.
- Three options – mailing, emailing, or commenting today at public hearing.
- Can also leave written comments today with PDS Staff.
- Mail to 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA
 - Email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us
- Please provide your full name and address for any submitted comments.



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