

CLEARANCES	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.: Planning & Develop	5/18/99	RECEIVED MAY 18 1999 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	5/18/99	Council
Division Head:				
Dept. Head:				
Prosecutor:				
Budget:				
Executive:				

SUBJECT:

Resolution initiating emergency comprehensive plan amendment

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N N Requested Date:
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This resolution initiates an emergency amendment to revise the Urban Fringe Subarea Plan to clarify the inten of the County Council regarding commercial development and design standards in the Gateway Industrial District

RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1999 - 188 5/18/99: Approved 7-0, Res. #99-022

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

RES. # 99-022

Sponsored by: CONSENT
Proposed by: Planning & Development Services
Introduction date: 5/18/99

RESOLUTION NO. 99-022

INITIATING EMERGENCY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.130) requires that the County Council consider amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan no more frequently than once per year with certain exceptions, including emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of WCC 20.10.080 indicate that Comprehensive Plan amendments can be initiated for processing outside of the yearly cycle, upon approval of a resolution by a two-thirds majority of the County Council, if they constitute an emergency. An emergency includes when expeditious action is necessary in order to preserve the health, safety or welfare of the public or support the economic or environmental well being of the County;

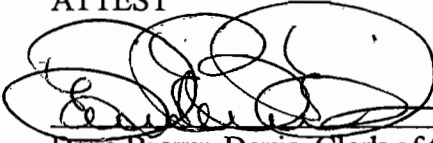
WHEREAS, the Urban Fringe Subarea Plan, which was adopted as an element of the County Comprehensive Plan, includes language relating to commercial development and design standards in the Gateway Industrial District, which has been subject to different interpretations;

WHEREAS, expeditious review of this language to clarify its intent will preserve public welfare and support the economic well being of the County by removing uncertainty regarding potential opportunities for development in this area.

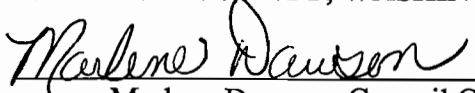
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby initiates an emergency amendment to revise the Urban Fringe Subarea Plan to clarify the intent of the County Council regarding commercial development and design standards in the Gateway Industrial District.

APPROVED this 18 day of MAY, 1999.

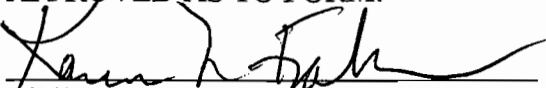
ATTEST


Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Marlene Dawson, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor