

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2006-082

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Matt Amol	WA	1/18/06	RECEIVED JAN 24 2006 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	1/31/06	Nat. Res.
Division Head: Troy Holbrook	TH	1-18-06			
Dept. Head: Hal Hart	HH	1-18-06			
Prosecutor: Royce Buckingham	R/B	1-18-06			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive: Pete Kremen	PK	1/23/06			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT: Docket of proposed amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and associated amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that are to be considered for initiation this year.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed Resolution Initiating Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Amendments

Note: Background materials are available for review at the County Council office.

SEPA review required? Yes NO
 SEPA review completed? Yes NO

Should Clerk schedule a hearing? Yes NO
 Requested Date:

¹ SEPA will be completed on those amendments initiated by the Council prior to final Council action.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Under the Growth Management Act, the County Council is to consider amendments to the Comprehensive Plan no more frequently than once per year (with certain exceptions). Additionally, Whatcom County Code 20.10.060 indicates that Comprehensive Plan amendments are to be "initiated" for further review by a majority vote of the County Council (an application that is submitted by a city is automatically initiated). Planning and Development Services is forwarding the proposed amendments so that the Council can determine which docketed items to initiate for further review.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

1/31/06: Nat Res Committee discussed B,C,J,K, L,M,N - B (docket), C (failed), rest held 2 weeks
 2/14/06: L,M,G,H,I recommended for docketing
 N,Y,Z,CC withdrawn
 K,DD,V,W,X,AA,BB held in committee
 U-failed (not docketed)

COUNCIL ACTION:

3/14/06: A,B,E,G,H,I,J,L,M,O&P combined
 Q,R,DD - the following items were initiated for review of Planning Commission

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2006-029

Please Note: Once adopted and signed, ordinances and resolutions are available for viewing and printing on the County's website at: www.co.whatcom.wa.us/council.

CONTINUED, PAGE 2**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

2/28/06: Nat Res - O,P,R recommended for docketing
Public Works - DD Add a new Chapter 12 and goal regarding LOS - held in committee
P & D - A,E,AA approved for docketing
D - withdrawn by applicant
F, BB failed
X - In Planning and Development Committee filed
T - Held in Natrual Resources Committee

3/14/06: Nat Res- Q recommended for docketing
S - recommended not to docket
T - failed
Public Works - DD recommended approval with language change

COUNCIL ACTION:

Sponsored by: Consent
Proposed by: Planning
Introduction date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-029

INITIATING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING AMENDMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the provisions of WCC 20.10.060 indicate that Comprehensive Plan amendments are to be "initiated" for review by approval of a resolution by the County Council; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department has forwarded a docket of proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments, along with associated zoning amendments, to the County Council for consideration;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby initiates for formal review the amendments shown on attached Exhibit A.

APPROVED this 14 day of March 2006.

ATTEST
COUNTY COUNCIL
OF WHATCOM COUNTY
STATE OF WASHINGTON

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor

EXHIBIT A

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**PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
AMENDMENTS INITIATED FOR
REVIEW**

Exhibit A

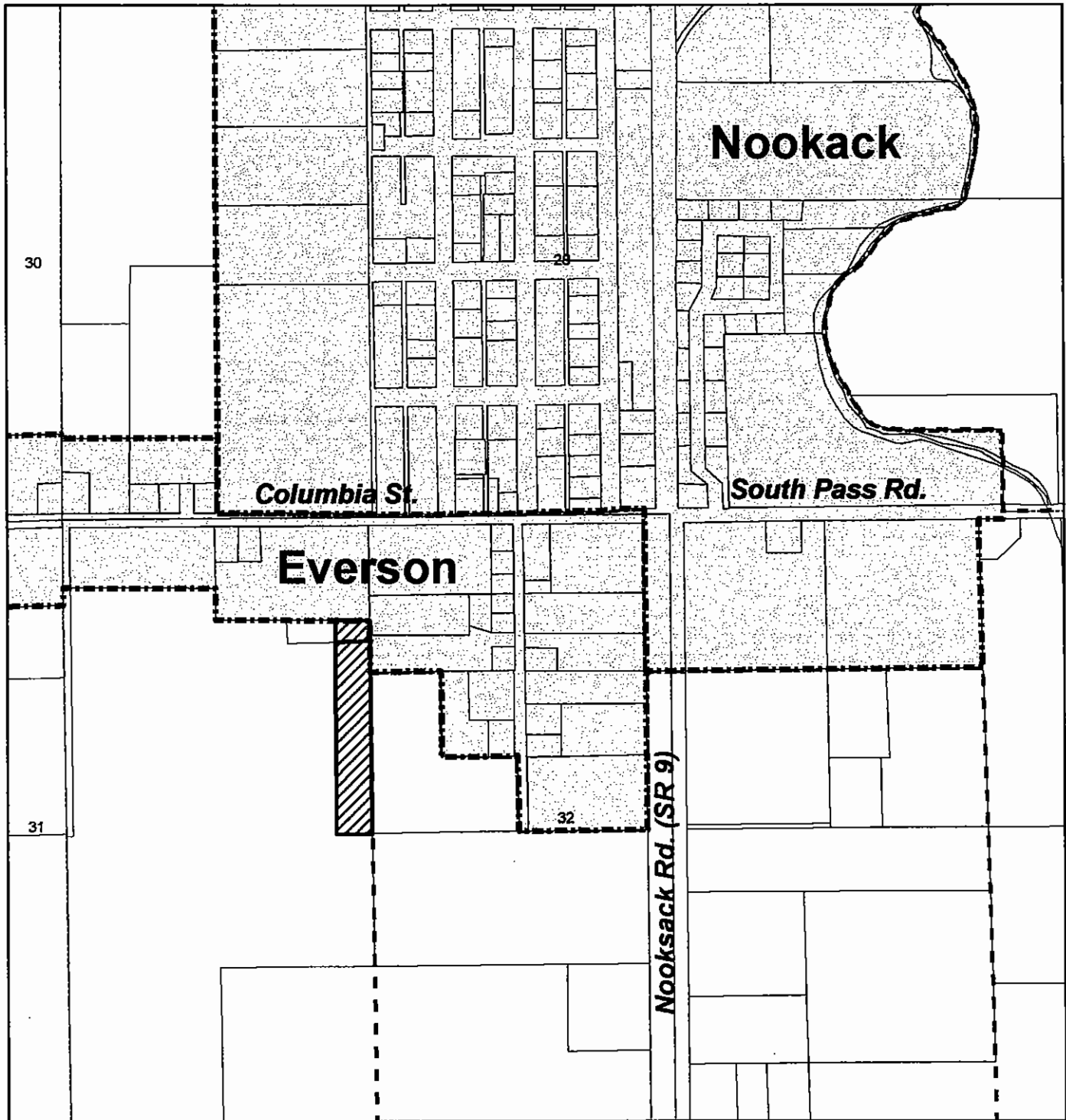
Docket #	File Name	Application	Description	Location
2006-A	Bellingham Subarea Plan	City of Bellingham	Continuation of the joint City/County review of the Urban Fringe Subarea Plan and Bellingham's Urban Growth Area (UGA). The proposal also includes related changes to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance	All of the Urban Fringe Subarea and portions of the Lake Whatcom & Chuckanut/Lake Samish Subareas that are within the Bellingham UGA.
2006-B	City of Everson UGA Expansion I	City of Everson	Amend the Comprehensive Plan map from Agriculture to Urban Growth Area for approximately 3.28 acres. Create a short term planning area zoning overlay for the 3.28 acre site.	Portion of parcel #'s 400432 066382 and 400432 112500; Within the NW ¼ of section 32, T40N, R4E, W.M. The site is located south of Columbia St. and west of Nooksack Rd.
2006-E	Foothills Subarea Plan	Whatcom County Planning & Development Services	Update the Foothills Subarea Plan and make related modifications to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance	Foothills Subarea (it is anticipated that the subarea boundary will be expanded to include Denning).
2006-G	Six-Year CIP	Whatcom County Planning & Development Services	Update the County's Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (Appendix F of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan) for the 2007-2012 planning period.	N/A
2006-H	Transportation Impact Fee Background Information	Whatcom County Planning & Development Services	Amend Appendix G of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan relating to Transportation Impact Fee Background Information. Amendments include updating information relating to existing traffic conditions, projected future traffic conditions and the list of proposed transportation projects.	N/A

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Docket #	File Name	Application	Description	Location
2006-I	Density and Clustering in UGAs	Whatcom County Planning & Development Services	Amend the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning density and cluster requirements for land divisions in Urban Growth Areas (UGAs). If the site is in a long term planning area or does not have public water & sewer, a gross density of one dwelling/10 acres and a minimum reserve tract of 90% to 95% of the parcel would be required in the Urban Residential and Urban Residential Medium Density Zones.	The amendment would apply in Urban Growth Areas.
2006-J	Rural Forestry to R10A Rezone	Whatcom County and WSDOT	Amend the Comprehensive Plan map from Rural Forestry to Rural for one acre. Rezone the once acre site from Rural Forestry to Rural one dwelling/10 acres (R10A).	Portion of parcel # 380508 202471; Within the NW ¼ of section 8, T38N, R5E, W.M. Immediately south of the cemetery on the east side of Valley Highway (SR 9).
2006-L	Rural to Agricultural Rezone I	Seth Fleetwood	Analyze Rural and Rural Residential designations to determine where it is appropriate to enlarge the Agricultural Comprehensive Plan and Zoning designations by converting Rural to Agriculture. Make changes to the Comprehensive Plan text, including adding a new rural designation with a density of one dwelling/twenty acres and eliminating the one dwelling/two acre designation.	Large areas of rural Whatcom County would be evaluated.
2006-M	Rural to Agricultural Rezone II	Dan McShane	Amend the Comprehensive Plan map from Rural to Agriculture and the Zoning map from Rural one dwelling/five acres (R5A) and Rural one dwelling/ten acres (R10A) to Agriculture.	Large areas of the County that have agriculture protection overlay (APO) soils or are in the agriculture open space classification.
2006-O	APO Soils I	Susan Kirsch	Amend Map 19 of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Chapter 20.38 of the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance to add Whatcom-Labounty soil to the list of Agriculture Protection Overlay (APO) soils.	N/A

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2006-P	APO Soils II	Donna Macomber	Add Whatcom-Labounty soils to the list of Agriculture Protection Overlay (APO) soils and Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Map 19.	N/A
2006-Q	Cluster Requirements	John Belisle	Amend the Comprehensive Plan text to add cluster requirements for agricultural, forestry and rural lands. Require deed restrictions and other measure to ensure that reserve tracts and remainder parcels function as intended (i.e. for agricultural or forestry use).	N/A
2006-R	MRL-Breckenridge Rd.	Concrete Nor'West	Amend the Comprehensive Plan map from Rural to Mineral Resource Lands (MRL) and the zoning map to create an MRL Overlay for approximately 24.9 acres. The underlying zoning is Rural one dwelling/five acres (R5A).	Parcel #'s 400428 165430, 400428 220383 & 400428 254460; Within the NW ¼ and NE ¼ of section 28, T40N, R4E, W.M. The site is located on the north side of Breckenridge Rd., southwest of the intersection of Breckenridge and Sorensen Rd.
2006-DD	Level of Service	Dave Pros	Add a new chapter 12 to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan entitled "Government Service Element." Add a goal in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan that states "LOS standards must be adhered to and cannot be diminished by increases in population."	N/A

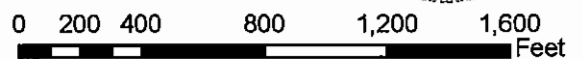


Docket #2006-B
City of Everson UGA Expansion I

January 13, 2006

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-  Docket 2006-B Subject Properties
-  Cities of Everson and Nookack
-  Urban Growth Area




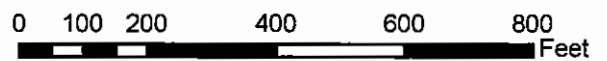


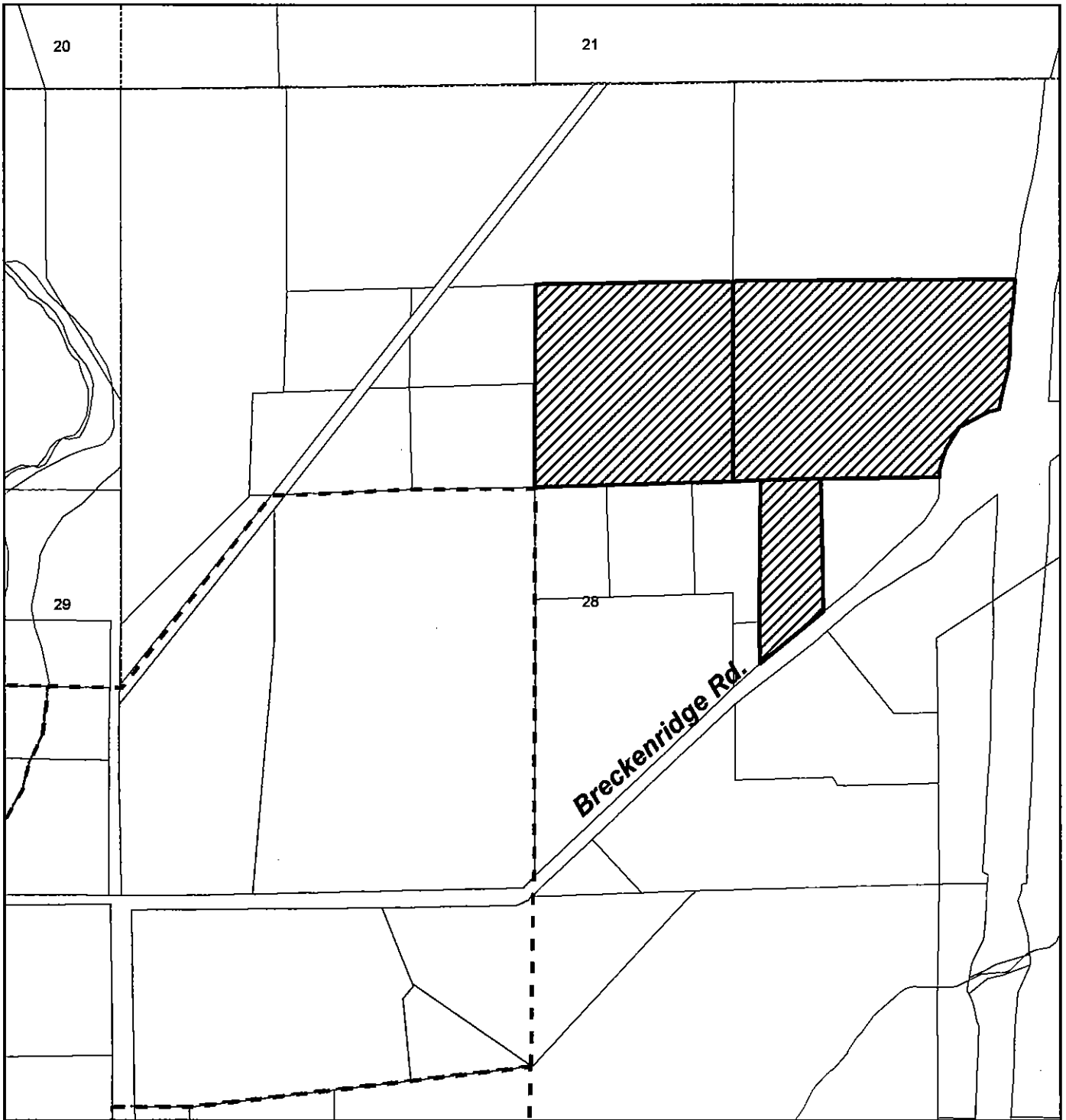
Docket #2006-J
Rural Forestry to R10A Rezone

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 Docket 2006-J Subject Property







Docket #2006-R MRL - Breckenridge Rd.

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-  Docket 2006-S Subject Properties
-  Urban Growth Area - Nooksack

