

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2008-120

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Matt Aamot	MA	2/28/08	RECEIVED MAR 04 2008 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	3/11/08	P&D/Council
Division Head: Linda Peterson	LP	2-28-08			
Dept. Head: David Stalheim	DS	2-28-08			
Prosecutor: Royce Buckingham	RB	2-25-08			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive: Pete Kremen					

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:

1. Memo from David Stalheim
2. 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. 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:

3/11/2008: Amended and forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:

3/11/2008: Council Approved 7-0
 Res. 2008-014

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res 2008-014

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.

Sponsored by: Consent
Proposed by: Planning
Introduction date: 3/11/2008

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-014

INITIATING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING AMENDMENTS

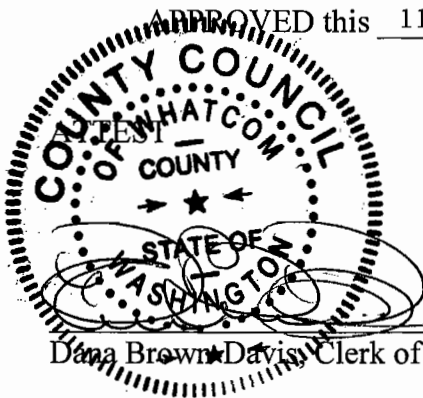
WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.130) requires that the County Council may consider amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan no more frequently than once per year (with certain exceptions); and

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, identified with 2008 docketing numbers, and urges the completion of the review process for those items included in Exhibit A and identified with 2007 docketing numbers.

APPROVED this 11th day of March 2008.



Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Carl Weimer
Carl Weimer, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Randy W. [Signature]
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

EXHIBIT A

2008 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND RELATED ZONING AMENDMENTS

Docket #	File Name	Applicant	Description	Location
2007-A	Bellingham Subarea Plan	Whatcom County	Continuation of the joint City/County review of the Urban Fringe Subarea Plan/Bellingham Urban Growth Area (UGA). The proposal includes related changes to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance.	All of the Urban Fringe Subarea and the Bellingham UGA.
2007-C	Foothills Subarea Plan	Whatcom County	Adopt a new Foothills Subarea Plan and make related modifications to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance. Repeal the 1988 Foothills Subarea Plan.	Foothills Subarea (it is anticipated that the subarea boundary will be expanded to include Deming)
2007-E	Parks Amendment	Whatcom County	Update the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan for consistency with the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan.	N/A

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2007-F	Concurrency Management	Whatcom County	Update the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, including the Transportation, Capital Facilities, and Recreation elements, in association with the comprehensive concurrency management program. This includes, but is not limited to, special district coordination, level of service revisions, adoption of school capital facility plans, adoption of school impact fee schedules and impact fee background information.	N/A
2007-G	Agricultural Program Update	Whatcom County	Determine if it is appropriate to enlarge the Agricultural Comprehensive Plan and zoning designations by converting Rural designations to Agriculture designations. Amend Comprehensive Plan Map 19 and WCC 20.38 to add Whatcom-Laboury soils to the list of Agricultural Protection Overlay soils. Add cluster requirements for agricultural and rural lands. Require deed restrictions and other measures to ensure that reserve tracts and remainder parcels function as intended. Consider transfer of development rights and other innovative agriculture protection methods.	Agricultural and Rural lands.
2007-O	Birch Bay Fire Protection and Emergency Services	Fire District No. 13	Amend the text of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Birch Bay Community Plan to correct inaccuracies with regard to the ability of Fire District 13 to provide urban levels of fire protection and emergency service to the Birch Bay Urban Growth Area.	The text amendments relate to the Birch Bay UGA.

Docket #	File Name	Applicant	Description	Location
2007-P	Cherry Point Pier Policy	Carl Weimer	Delete Comprehensive Plan Policy 2BB-7, which is to "Work with other agencies and industrial owners at Cherry Point to add additional docks, as necessary, that can also serve upland users, provided that the use is consistent with sound environmental practices."	The amendment relates to the Cherry Point Major/Port Industrial Urban Growth Area.
2007-Q	Lake Whatcom Amendments	Dan McShane	Amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan to recognize Lake Whatcom as the drinking water source for approximately half of Whatcom County, to recognize that the State has listed Lake Whatcom as an impaired water body, identify the causes of pollution, address the role of forestry in the watershed and make other text changes relating to Lake Whatcom. Modify Comprehensive Plan Goal 2PP to prioritize the Lake Whatcom area as an area to minimize development, repair stormwater problems, and ensure forestry practices do not negatively impact water quality.	The text amendments relate to the Lake Whatcom Watershed.
2008-B	Lummi Island Subarea Plan	Whatcom County	Adopt a new Lummi Island Subarea Plan and make related modifications to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance. Repeal the 1979 Lummi Island Subarea Plan.	Lummi Island

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2008-D	Six-Year CIP	Whatcom County	Update the County's Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (Appendix F of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan) for the 2009-2014 planning period.	N/A
2008-F	Sudden Valley UGA Text Removal	Whatcom County	Delete or modify goals, policies and text in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan to recognize that Sudden Valley is no longer an Urban Growth Area.	The text amendments relate to Sudden Valley.
2008-L	LAMIRDS	Whatcom County	Review the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and zoning districts for compliance with the "limited areas of more intensive rural development" (LAMIRD) criteria as required by the Growth Management Hearings Board. Revise the Comprehensive Plan and zoning as necessary to comply with the LAMIRD criteria.	County-wide