

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 2010-113A

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:			RECEIVED MAR 08 2010 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	3/16/10	P & D Committee/ Council
Dept. Head: David Stalheim	DS	3-5-10			
Prosecutor: Royce Buckingham	RAF	3-5-10			
Purchasing/Budget					
Executive: Pete Kremen	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/5/10			

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 (see February 23, 2010 agenda -- AB2010-113).

SEPA review required? (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Yes () NO SEPA review completed? () Yes (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) NO	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) NO Requested Date:
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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 2.160.050 indicates that Comprehensive Plan amendments submitted by private citizens, council members, and cities 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 items to initiate for further review.

COMMITTEE ACTION: 3/16/2010: Amended and forwarded to Council for approval	COUNCIL ACTION: 3/16/2010: Council Approved amended version 7-0 Res. 2010-008
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Related County Contract #:	Related File Numbers:	Ordinance or Resolution Number: Res. 2010-008
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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: PDS
Introduction date: 3/16/2010

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-008

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;

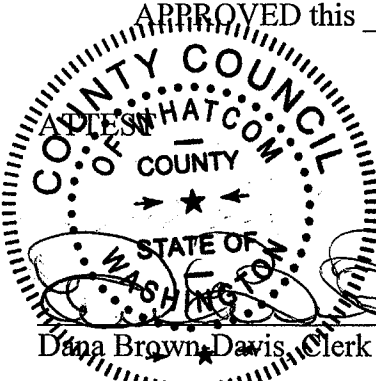
WHEREAS, Whatcom County has adopted procedures for amendment of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code;

WHEREAS, Whatcom County has received timely applications for amendment of the Comprehensive Plan and suggestions for revision to WCC Title 20 or the Whatcom County zoning map;

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 16th day of March 2010.



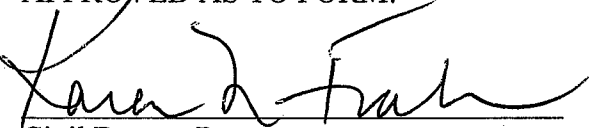
Dana Brown Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Sam Crawford, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karen A. Frank
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

2010 Comprehensive Plan Docket Additions

PLN 2010-00003	Blaine UGA – Harbor Shores	Skip Jansen	Reinstate portion of Blaine UGA south of Dakota Creek and west of Blaine Road for existing lots (Harbor Shores) and rezone the area to UR4. Proposal includes approximately 35 acres	Blaine UGA
PLN 2010-00005	Ag to Rural	Gerard/Stoner	Amend land use designation from agricultural resource lands to rural. Also includes rezone request to R10A. Proposal includes approximately 60 acres	Paradise Road NW of Ferndale
PLN 2010-00005	CIP Amendment	Whatcom County PDS	The proposal includes reviewing and updating the County's Six-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Appendix F of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. Amendments to the Capital Facilities Chapter of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan will also be considered.	Countywide

Comprehensive Plan Previously Approved Docket

2009-F	Forestry to Mineral Resource Land	4M2K, LLC (Concrete Nor th West)	Request to apply Mineral Resource Land overlay designation to approximately 280 acres of land in Commercial Forestry.	Doran Road near Wickersham
2009-G	10-year UGA Review and Revision	Whatcom County	Review and revise the urban growth areas (UGAs) located in Whatcom County as required by the Growth Management Act and Growth Management Hearings Board Final Decision and Order 08-2-0021c. Revise the Comprehensive Plan and zoning as necessary to comply with the order.	County-wide

Docket #	File Name	Applicant	Description	Location
2008-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
2008-E	Parks Amendment	Whatcom County	Update the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan for consistency with the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan.	N/A
2008-G	Agricultural Program Update	Whatcom County	Consider transfer of development rights and other innovative agriculture protection methods.	Agricultural and Rural lands
2008-I	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	Birch Bay UGA
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

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2008-M	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 services revisions, adoption of school capital facilities plans, adoption of school impact fee schedules and impact fee background information.	N/A
2010 Suggested Zoning Amendments Initiated				
PLN 2010-00013	Drive up service	Councilmember Crawford	Amend URMX and Resort Commercial zone to remove "without drive-up service"	Bellingham and Birch Bay UGAs
PLN 2010-00009	Council initiation of zoning amendments	Councilmember Crawford	Amend WCC 20.90.030/040 to allow Council initiation of zoning amendments without deadline of December 31 st	Countywide
PLN 2010-00010	Birch Bay R10 to R5	Councilmember Crawford	Amend zoning map from R10A around Birch Bay UGA to put R5A zoning where lands removed from UGA	Birch Bay