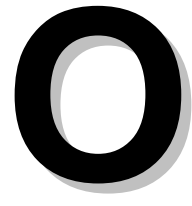




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What is zoning?

Zoning is a land classification system that designates appropriate land use activities. Zoning in Whatcom County was established to further the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and to carry out the provisions of the Whatcom County Code. Whatcom County is divided into the following zones:

Chapter	Abbreviation	District
20.20	UR	Urban Residential
20.22	URM	Urban Residential Medium Density District
20.24	UR-MX	Urban Residential Mixed District
20.32	RR	Residential Rural
20.34	RR-I	Rural Residential-Island
20.36	R	Rural
20.38	APO	Agriculture Protection Overlay
20.40	AG	Agricultural
20.42	RF	Rural Forestry
20.43	CF	Commercial Forestry
20.44	ROS	Recreation and Open Space
20.60	NC	Neighborhood Commercial
20.61	STC	Small Town Commercial
20.62	GC	General Commercial
20.63	TC	Tourist Commercial

20.64	RC	Resort Commercial
20.65	GI	Gateway Industrial
20.66	LII	Light Impact Industrial
20.67	GM	General Manufacturing
20.68	HII	Heavy Impact Industrial
20.70	AO	Airport Operations
20.72		Point Roberts Special District
20.73	MRL	Mineral Resource Lands Special District
20.74	CP	Cherry Point Industrial District
20.85	PUD	Planned Unit Development

Each zone has its own regulations concerning land use activities that are permitted, administratively permitted, and conditionally permitted. In addition, the zoning designation will determine development constraints including density, minimum lot size, maximum height, and building setbacks.

How do I determine my zone?

With your 12-digit Tax Identification/Parcel number, locate the subject parcel on a current Whatcom County Assessor's Section Map. Once you have located the subject parcel on that map, refer to a current Whatcom County Zoning Map to locate your parcel and determine your zone. All maps are available at the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services office

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Knowing the zoning designation for the subject parcel, you can reference Whatcom County Code (Title 20) to see what is permitted and what is prohibited in your zone.

Information

Due to the administrative complexity of these regulations, it is usually best to visit with a

Land Use Permit Clerk to answer any additional questions.

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