

WHATCOM COUNTY
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

SUGGESTED ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION FORM

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. NAME: Whatcom County Planning & Development Services

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2. AGENT'S NAME: Tyler Schroeder and Matt Aamot

MAILING ADDRESS: Same as above

BUSINESS PHONE: Same as above

3. Please give a complete but short description of the suggested amendment:

Review the organizational structure of the Whatcom County Zoning Code (Title 20). This may include moving regulations from WCC 20.80 (Supplementary Requirements) into other chapters.

Review and, as needed, amend the following chapters of the Code:

- 20.04 - General Provisions
- 20.14 - Wind Energy Systems (already under way)
- 20.34 - Rural Residential-Island District
- 20.37 - Point Roberts Transitional Zone District
- 20.44 - Recreation and Open Space District
- 20.72 - Point Roberts Special District
- 20.85 - Planned Unit Development
- 20.88 - Major Project Permits
- 20.90 - Amendments
- 20.92 - Hearing Examiner
- 20.94 - Enforcement and Penalties
- 20.95 - Severability

B. PURPOSE/APPLICABILITY

1. What is the purpose of the suggested amendment?

Review and, if needed, revise the Whatcom County Zoning Code (Title 20) to comply with the Growth Management Act, be consistent with the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, and address administrative issues identified by Whatcom County Planning & Development Services.

2. Describe any "changed" condition(s) which support the suggested amendment:

Changes in state law and the County Comprehensive Plan, along with issues identified in administration of the Code, will be considered in the review process.

3. If the suggested amendment is the result of a state or federal mandate or requirement please give a short description of the requirement or mandate and include the citation or number of the RCW, WAC, Bill, etc.

The Growth Management Act, at RCW 36.70A.130, requires Whatcom County to take action to review and, if needed, revise the development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of the GMA by December 1, 2014.

Whatcom County is taking steps to review Title 20, in preparation for this future review in 2014, to ensure that the Zoning Code complies with the GMA.

In summary, there is not a state or federal mandate to review Title 20 in 2011. However, the 2011 review will help ensure GMA compliance when the 2014 review under RCW 36.70A.130 is conducted.

4. Are there any other circumstances that justify the proposed change?

N/A

C. RELATIONSHIP TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE

1. What general benefit will the public receive as a result of the suggested amendment?

Zoning regulations that are more user-friendly and easier to administer.

2. Is the suggested amendment the result of a situation that poses an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare?

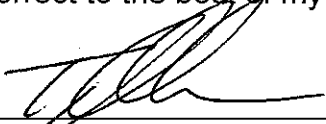
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If you have any questions regarding the zoning amendment process please feel free to contact the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department at (360) 676-6907.

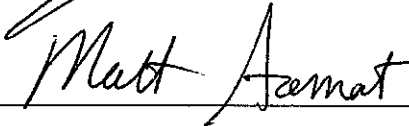
D. Authorization

Signature of Applicant(s) or Agent(s)

I (we) certify that the information supplied in this application is true, accurate, and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge:



Date: 12/2/10



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Date: _____