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## Rural Element Update



Whatcom County is working to update its policies and regulations for managing growth and development in rural areas. The purpose of this update is to ensure that the Rural Element section of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan accurately reflects the values and expectations of county residents. Whatcom County will hold public meetings before considering changes to its Comprehensive Plan and its zoning classifications.

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## The latest:

County Council introduces revised ordinance

At its April 26, 2011 work session the County Council considered the changes to the Comprehensive Plan recommended by the Planning Commission and decided to incorporate those changes (except a proposed change to the Laurel LAMIRD boundary) into the final ordinance. At the regular County Council meeting that night, following a public hearing on the rural element ordinance, the Council introduced an ordinance that included the Planning Commission recommendations (except the Laurel boundary), a small revision to the

This web site is intended to provide citizens with information on the project, including [proposed](#) changes, a [summary](#) of the Rural Element project, a brief [history](#), background on [LAMIRDs](#), [public comments](#) that are part of the [public process](#), and information on [how to get involved](#). We welcome and invite your comments and questions.

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text in the Lake Whatcom text in the Comprehensive Plan, and a change to the zoning code adding the addition of a 25-foot buffer in commercial and industrial zones bordering the Agriculture zone.

Because a revised ordinance has been introduced, final adoption cannot occur until after another public hearing at the May 10 County Council meeting regarding the changes discussed above. The record is open for public comment through that public hearing for those changed items only.

The revised ordinance is posted on the [Proposed page](#).

Planning Commission makes recommendations

The Planning Commission held a work session and public hearing April 25 on the changes made to the comprehensive plan draft made since the Planning Commission's 2009 recommendation. The Planning Commission's recommended revisions are shown on the [linked document](#) (highlighted with purple comment bubbles in the right hand margin of the draft the Commission reviewed). These recommendations were forwarded to the County Council for their review on April 26.

Staff memo for April 25, 2011 Planning Commission meeting posted

Go to the [Planning Commission agenda page](#) to view the staff memo on the changes to the Comprehensive Plan draft. Also posted are attachments that show the changes between the 2009 Planning Commission recommendation and the draft ordinance introduced by County Council on April 12, 2011 - both the text and the maps.

Hearings Board grants another extension of the compliance deadline

On April 15, the Growth Management Hearings board issued an [order granting an extension of the compliance deadline](#) until May 24, 2011.

Hearings Board Rescinds Order Determining Invalidity

In a December 22, 2010 order, the Growth Management Hearings Board extended Whatcom County's compliance deadline to March 29, 2011 on its Rural Element amendments, and "enter[ed] a Determination of Invalidity as to Whatcom County's LAMIRD designation criteria." Following the County's adoption of moratoria on subdivisions in affected areas, the Board rescinded the determination of invalidity. For more information, follow these links:

- [February 22, 2011 Hearings Board Order on Motion to Rescind Invalidity](#)
- [December 22, 2010 Hearings Board Order Granting Extension of Compliance Deadline and Imposing Invalidity](#)
- GMA provisions on invalidity ([RCW 36.70A.302](#) and [RCW](#)

[36.70A.320](#))

January 11, 2011 Emergency Interim Moratorium

At its January 11, 2011 meeting the County Council adopted [Ordinance #2011-001](#) imposing an emergency interim moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for subdivisions and short subdivisions (with lots smaller than ten acres) in parts of the areas that were affected by the 2005 hearings board decision, but were not included in the moratorium imposed by Ordinances #2010-053 and #2010-066. The moratorium applies only to the areas the Planning Commission had recommended be included in a LAMIRD, and to subdivisions proposing divisions of property into parcels smaller than 10 acres. The ordinance includes maps showing the areas where the Planning Commission had recommended LAMIRDS be designated. On January 25, 2011 the County Council adopted the interim moratorium ([Ordinance #2011-002](#)).

October 26, 2010 Emergency Interim Moratorium

At its October 26, 2010 meeting the County Council adopted [Ordinance #2010-053](#) imposing an emergency interim moratorium on the acceptance of new applications for subdivisions and short subdivisions in parts of the areas affected by the 2005 hearings board decision. On December 7, 2010 the County Council adopted [Ordinance #2010-066](#) which keeps the interim moratorium in effect for six months. The moratorium applies only to the areas where the Planning Commission had recommended rezoning to R-10A or RR-10A, and to subdivisions proposing divisions of property into parcels smaller than 10 acres. The ordinances include maps showing the areas where the Planning Commission had recommended R-10A or RR-10A zoning.



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## Rural Element Amendments

### Summary

The Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) has found [Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan](#) and development regulations out of compliance with the Washington Growth Management Act ([GMA](#)). The Board ordered the County to revise several Comprehensive Plan land use designations and several zoning classifications to adequately protect the character of the rural areas. Approximately 17,000 parcels, covering approximately 17,000 acres, are affected by the decision, being located within a zoning classification or land use designation that was found out of compliance. ([See map of affected areas](#)). The rest of the rural areas (lots zoned rural with 5 or 10 acre lot size) are not affected by this proposal and are not being considered for any rezoning or land use designation change.



A [2009 Washington State Supreme Court decision](#) affirmed the Hearings Board's requirement that Whatcom County revise its comprehensive plan in accordance with the GMA's requirements for rural areas, but remanded to the Hearings Board the question of rural densities, instructing the Board to reconsider that issue without using a five-acre "bright line" to determine what densities are rural. The Hearings Board has set a compliance date of December 29, 2010 by which the County must adopt an ordinance to bring its comprehensive plan and zoning regulations into compliance with the GMA. The Board will hold a hearing in March 2011 to determine whether the County's revised standards are compliant

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with the GMA.

GMA authorizes (but does not require) counties to create limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs) where uses and densities more intensive than those normally found in rural areas can be retained. Whatcom County Planning and Development Services (PDS) proposes Comprehensive Plan amendments that would create 26 LAMIRDs. Areas meeting LAMIRD criteria would have a land use designation of Rural Center or Rural Business; the remainder of the affected areas would be designated as Rural or Agriculture.

PDS proposes changes to zoning classifications within LAMIRD boundaries that would limit the building size, scale, use, and intensity of new development to levels that existed in 1990, per GMA requirements. PDS proposes changes to Whatcom County Code Title 20 (Zoning) to create new rural commercial and industrial zoning classifications that would reflect 1990 development intensity and replace more intensive zones that now exist. Also proposed are changes to other existing commercial and industrial zones existing only in rural areas, to reflect 1990 development intensity. Land within LAMIRDs - about 6,000 acres - would retain more intensive zoning (the new commercial and industrial zones described above or higher-density residential zones). The remaining affected areas outside LAMIRDs would be rezoned to a Rural or Rural Residential zone with a minimum lot size consistent with rural character.

[Growth Management Hearings Board Cases referencing LAMIRDs](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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## Rural Element Amendments

### History

In early 2005, Whatcom County adopted an update of its Comprehensive Plan. Futurewise, a statewide public interest group, challenged portions of the County's Comprehensive Plan and zoning code before the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. On September 20, 2005 the Board ruled that Whatcom County's Comprehensive Plan and zoning regulations do not comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA). The Board's findings were related to three topics: Rural Density, Urban Density, and Limited Areas of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRDs).



An intervener in the case, Gold Star Resorts Inc., appealed the Hearings Board decision to Whatcom County Superior Court, and in 2006 the court reversed

the Hearings Board decision on the **rural density** and **LAMIRD** issues (the Court was silent on the **urban density** issue).

In 2006 PDS staff had prepared draft comprehensive plan amendments to address the **urban density** and **LAMIRD** issues and discussed the draft amendments with the Planning Commission in May and June of that year. The project was placed on hold when the Superior Court decision reversed the Hearings Board decision on those issues. In 2007 the County rezoned about 1,700 acres of UR3 zoned land within the Ferndale and Everson UGAs to UR4, which has resolved the **urban density** issue.

On August 27, 2007, the Court of Appeals of the State

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of Washington reversed the 2006 Superior Court decision and reinstated the 2005 Hearings Board decision. Though Whatcom County has resolved the Urban Growth Area density issue, the County now must address the remaining two issues from the Hearings Board decision: **rural density** and **LAMIRDs**.



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## Rural Element Amendments

### LAMIRDs



GMA allows counties to designate limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs), where more intensive uses can be contained to prevent the spread of sprawl

development into the rural areas. GMA establishes three types of LAMIRDs, Type I for areas established with a variety of more intensive uses on July 1, 1990, Type II for isolated tourist and recreational uses, and Type III for isolated businesses.

Whatcom County's [proposed](#) Comprehensive Plan designation of Rural Community would be a Type I LAMIRD, while the Rural Tourism designation would be a Type II. The Rural Business designation would be a Type III LAMIRD, depending on the history and pattern of development in the area.

Land within LAMIRD boundaries would retain more intensive zoning, though some of the commercial and industrial zones, such as GC and LII, would be changed to a classification more compatible with rural areas. Zoning of the affected areas outside LAMIRD boundaries would be changed to reflect rural densities and uses. The criteria for designating LAMIRDs and determining their boundaries, based largely on GMA requirements, is contained in [proposed Comprehensive Plan Policies 2HH\(1\) through \(3\)](#).

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## Rural Element Amendments

### Proposed amendments - Ordinance introduced April 26, 2011

This page provides links to the text and maps that are part of the Rural Element ordinance introduced on April 26, 2011. A public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for the May, 2011 County Council meeting (on the changes the County Council made on April 26), at which time the Council may adopt the ordinance. The ordinance includes proposed changes to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and zoning code, as well as zoning and Comprehensive Plan maps.

The following changes were made by the County Council on April 26:

- Revisions to Comprehensive Plan policies per the [April 25, 2011 Planning Commission recommendations](#) (except their recommended change to the Laurel LAMIRD boundary)
- Revision to Comprehensive Plan text concerning Lake Whatcom above Goal 2MM on page 17: "A significant cause of declining oxygen levels **has been** from residential development in the watershed."
- Revisions to the zoning code adding a 25' buffer requirement in commercial and industrial zones adjacent to Agriculture zones (chapters 20.59, 20.60, 20.61, 20.63, 20.67, and 20.69, and the setback tables in chapter 20.80 that reference those chapters).

The "LAMIRD Report document" (see links below) summarizes the changes for each affected area. The report was updated following the introduction of the ordinance introduced on April 26, 2011.

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Most of the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments are in Chapter Two, Land Use, which contains the Rural Lands element. These proposed changes update the county's vision of rural character and replace land use designations and policies that were found to be out of compliance with Washington's Growth Management Act (GMA). The new Rural Lands element would limit and contain more intensive uses and densities within Rural Center and Rural Business designations, which are limited areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDs), allowed by GMA. The proposed amendments to other Comprehensive Plan chapters are intended to maintain consistency within the plan, updating references to rural land use

The proposed changes to the land use designations appear on the draft Comprehensive Plan maps. These maps show the LAMIRD areas being changed to Rural Community or Rural Business, while the areas outside the LAMIRD areas would be changed to the Rural designation. The criteria by which these proposed designations have been drafted are listed in the draft Comprehensive Plan Chapter Two amendments, Goal/Policy 2HH, pp 10-15.

The proposed zoning map amendments show more intensive zones being retained within the Rural Commercial/Rural Business LAMIRDs (though some are changed to zones more compatible with rural areas and the 1990 built environment as required in GMA), while land outside those areas would be rezoned to a rural zoning classification and density.

Proposed changes to Whatcom County's zoning code (Title 20) are intended to make the county's development regulations reflect the character of the county's rural areas. Changes include new rural densities in the Rural Residential zone (RR) and a new Rural Industrial-Manufacturing zone (RIM) and Rural General Commercial zone (RGC). The new zones allow intensive uses appropriate to their location within a Rural Community or Rural Business designation.

*Last updated May 4, 2011*

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### **April 29, 2011 LAMIRD Report**

- [Report body](#) - Introduction and profile/map of each affected area (3mb document)
- [Appendices A and B](#) - Countwide maps and analysis maps(4 mb document)
- [Appendices C, D, and E](#) - Acreage statistics spreadsheets (App. E modified May 4, 2011 to show "maximum potential new residential lots" statistic in the far right hand columns)

### **[Introduced Ordinance with Findings and Conclusions of the County Council](#)**

**[Exhibit A: Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan](#)** (no track changes)

**[Exhibit A: Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan](#)** (track changes version showing all changes from existing Comprehensive Plan text)

**Reference: [March 14 Draft Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan](#)** (track changes version with highlighted comments in the right hand margin showing dates changes were made, as of the beginning of the March 15 Council Committee of the Whole Meeting)

**[Exhibit B: Whatcom County Code Title 20 Zoning](#)** (no track changes)

**[Exhibit B: Whatcom County Code Title 20 Zoning](#)** (track changes version showing all changes from existing code)

**Reference: [March 14 Draft Whatcom County Code Title 20 Zoning](#)** (track changes version with highlighted comments in the right hand margin showing dates changes were made, as of the beginning of the March 15 Council Committee of the Whole Meeting)

## Exhibit C: Zoning & Comprehensive Plan Maps

*Please Note:*

*On the zoning maps, existing zoning is in parenthesis, proposed zoning is not. Parcels proposed for rezoning are cross hatched. Only the areas shown on the maps are affected. Maps that have changed since the September 2010 draft maps are noted below. No maps have changed since April 12, 2011.*

TITLE 20 ZONING DESIGNATIONS in affected areas (key to abbreviations)

### **INDUSTRIAL**

LII - Light Impact Industrial  
GM - General Manufacturing  
GI - Gateway Industrial

RIM - Rural Industrial  
Manufacturing

### **COMMERCIAL**

GC - General Commercial  
TC - Tourist Commercial  
NC - Neighborhood  
Commercial  
STC - Small Town  
Commercial  
RC - Resort Commercial

RGC - Rural General  
Commercial

### **URBAN RESIDENTIAL**

URM(12) - Urban Residential  
URM(6) - Urban Residential  
UR(3) - Urban Residential-

### **RURAL RESIDENTIAL**

RR(3) - Rural Residential-3  
RR(2) - Rural Residential-2  
RR(1) - Rural Residential-1  
TZ - Transitional-R5A/RR1

### **RURAL**

R(2) - Rural-1Unit/2 Acres

### **OTHER**

EI - Eliza Island

[All Zoning Maps](#) (45 maps - 7 mb document)

[All Comprehensive Plan Maps](#) (45 maps - 6 mb document)

### **Individual Maps:**

Acme

[Zoning](#) (amended per  
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April 12, 2011)

[Comp. Plan](#) (amended  
per County Council  
vote April 12, 2011)

Badger & Guide Meridian

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Birch Bay Lynden & I-5 (Type III  
LAMIRD)

[Zoning](#) (amended per  
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April 12, 2011)

[Comp. Plan](#) (amended  
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Birch Bay Lynden & Valley View  
(Type I LAMIRD)

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Blue Canyon

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Cain Lake

[Zoning](#)

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Chuckanut

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Custer

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Deming

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[Comp. Plan](#)

Diablo

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

East Lynden

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Eliza Island

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Emerald Lake

[Zoning](#) (amended per  
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per County Council  
vote April 12, 2011)

Fort Bellingham / Marietta

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Glacier

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[Comp. Plan](#)

Glacier Springs

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Glen at Maple Falls

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[Comp. Plan](#)

Guide Meridian Border Crossing

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Hinotes Corner

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[Comp. Plan](#) (amended  
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Kendall

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Kwina

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Lake Samish

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Lake Whatcom

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Laurel

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#) (amended  
per County Council  
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Lummi Peninsula

[Zoning](#)

[Comp. Plan](#)

Maple Falls

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North Lake Samish & I-5

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Pole & Guide Meridian

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Portal Way North

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Sandy Point / Sandy Point Heights

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Slater & Elder

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Slater & Haxton

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Smith & Guide Meridian

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South Bay

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Wiser Lake East

[Zoning](#)

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Additional background documents related to the Rural Element Update process can be accessed from the [Public Process](#) page. If you have questions or comments, please contact Planning and Development Services at the contact points listed below.

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## Public Process

### Objectives of the Rural Element Updates:

**Fair and Inclusive Process** □ Throughout the update process, Whatcom County Planning and Development Services has been working with citizens; hosting stakeholder meetings, workshops, public meetings and hearings; posting web site and e-mail newsletters; and receiving written comments from residents and property owners.

**Compliance with State Laws** □ The [Washington State Growth Management Act](#) has specific requirements counties must follow when planning land uses in their rural areas.

Whatcom County encourages you to get involved. If you would like to learn more, or if you would like to receive periodic progress reports on the update process, please see the [get involved](#) page.

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- [View Documents](#) *(to view the current proposed draft being considered by the County Council, go to the "[Proposed](#)" page)*
- [View Project Timeline](#)
- [Go to Public Comment Tracker page](#)

## Documents

- [Proposed Amendments currently under consideration by the County Council](#)
- [View Planning Commission Recommendation \(October 2009\)](#)
- [View previous drafts considered by the Planning Commission \(June-September 2009\)](#)

### **Presented to the Planning Commission 2011**

- [April 25, 2011 Staff presentation](#)
- [April 18, 2011 Memo](#)
  - [Attachment A - Comprehensive Plan text comparison](#)
  - [Attachment B - Comprehensive Plan map comparison](#)

### **Presented to County Council 2011**

- **LAMIRD Report** - April 29, 2011 (based on ordinance introduced April 26, 2011)
  - [Report body](#) - Introduction and profile/map of each affected area (3mb document)
  - [Appendices A and B](#) - Countwide maps and analysis maps (4 mb document)
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- [April 25, 2011 recommendations of the Planning Commission](#)
- [1990 Building Size data](#) [revised document forwarded to County

- Council on April 12, 2011]
- [April 5, 2011 Staff memorandum](#)
  - [April 5, 2011 Memorandum to County Council from Karen Frakes](#) on Planning Commission review of Comprehensive Plan changes
  - [1990 Building Size data](#) [forwarded to County Council March 14, 2011]
  - [1990 Building Size data](#) [corrected March 18, 2011 to reflect size of Sudden Valley barn per Assessor's outer dimensions]
  - [March 13, 2011: Letter to County Council from Council Member Kershner](#)
  - [March 10, 2011: Memorandum to County Council from County Executive](#)
  - [March 9, 2011: Presentation to County Council](#) [summary of Rural Element process to date]
  - [March 4, 2011: Presentation to County Council](#) [background on proposed zoning code revisions]
  - [March 1, 2011: Alternative analysis maps for Ft. Bellingham and Birch Bay-Lynden & I-5 maps](#)
  - [February 15, 2011: Presentation to County Council](#) [background on zoning and comprehensive plan maps]
  - [February 15, 2011: Draft acreage and buildout table](#)

### **Presented to County Council 2010**

- [December 1, 2010: Memo to County Council](#)
- [December 1, 2010: Reference maps](#) (24 meg pdf file)
- [November 10, 2010: Memo to County Council with updated CP draft](#)

- [November 2, 2010: Memo to County Council](#)
- [October 5, 2010: Memo to County Council](#)
- [September 28, 2010: Updated GC - RGC zoning comparison](#)
- [September 28, 2010: Updated LII - RIM zoning comparison](#)
- [September 21, 2010: Memo to County Council](#)
- [September 14, 2010: Presentation to County Council](#)
- [July 13, 2010: Presentation to County Council](#)
- [June 22, 2010: Presentation to County Council](#)
- [June 8, 2010: Presentation to County Council](#)
- [June 8, 2010: Presentation to County Council \(MAP\)](#)
- [May 25, 2010: Presentation to County Council](#)
- [May 18, 2010: Memo to County Council](#)
- [May 11, 2010: Presentation to County Council Planning and Development Committee](#)
- [May 11, 2010: Map of waterlines](#)
- [April 27, 2010: Presentation to County Council Planning and Development Committee](#)
- [April 27, 2010: WWGMHB Case No. 07-2-0018c - Clallam County](#)
- [April 13, 2010: Presentation to County Council Planning and Development Committee \(7.8meg document\)](#)
- [March 30, 2010: Presentation to County Council Planning and Development Committee](#)
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## Timeline

**April 12, 2011: Work session Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole; possible introduction of new ordinance at regular County Council meeting.**

March 30, 2011: County files [motion for extension of compliance deadline](#)

March 29, 2011: Compliance date set by Hearings Board [order of December 22, 2010](#). ([Motion for extension](#) of previous December 29, 2010 compliance deadline was submitted by Whatcom County November 2010)

March 29, 2011: Public Hearing by County Council

March 9, 2011: Public Hearing by County Council

March 4, 2011: Work session Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole to consider proposed amendments to the zoning code WCC Title 20

February 15, 2011 - March 1, 2011: work sessions Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole to consider proposed amendments to zoning and Comprehensive Plan maps

January 11, 2011 : County Council adopted [Ordinance 2011-001](#), imposing an emergency interim moratorium on subdivisions and short subdivisions in affected areas outside areas proposed for LAMIRDs in the Planning Commission recommendations. Interim moratorium adopted January 25, 2011 ([Ord. 2011-002](#)) imposes the moratorium until July 2011.

October 26, 2010: County Council adopted [Ordinance 2010-053](#), imposing an emergency interim moratorium on subdivisions and short subdivisions in affected areas outside areas proposed for LAMIRDs in the Planning Commission recommendations. Interim moratorium adopted December 7, 2010 ([Ord. 2010-066](#)) imposes the moratorium until June 2011.

September 14, 2010 - February 8, 2011: work sessions Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole to consider proposed amendments to the

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September 7, 2010: Revised [proposed draft](#) posted and sent to County Council

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July 1, 2009: 6:00-8:30 pm: Public meeting was held at Meridian High School, 194 W. Laurel Rd, Bellingham

July 1, 2009: 9:00-11:30 am: Public meeting was held at Whatcom County Council Chambers, 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham

June 30, 2009: 6:00-8:30 pm: Public meeting was held at Mount Baker High School, 4936 Deming Rd, Deming

June 30, 2009: 1:00-3:30 pm: Public meeting was held at Fire Station 61, 9408 Odell Rd, Blaine

May 14, 2009: Planning Commission work session continuation on deliberation and recommendation on policy issues

April 28, 2009: Whatcom County Council Planning and Development Committee overview and update

April 23, 2009: work session with Whatcom County Planning Commission

April 16, 2009: public hearing with Whatcom County Planning Commission

March 4, 2009: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. a public meeting was held at Meridian High School Cafeteria, 194 W. Laurel Rd.

March 5, 2009: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. a public meeting was held at Whatcom County Council Chambers, 311

Grand, Bellingham

March 5, 2009: 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. a public meeting was held at American Legion: Peace Arch Post # 86, 4580 Legion Drive, Blaine

March 5, 2009: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. a public meeting was held at the Rome Grange, 2821 Mt. Baker Hwy.

December 11, 2008, work session with Whatcom County Planning Commission

November 12, 2008, a public workshop was held at Meridian High School from 6pm-8:30pm.

November 13, 2008, a public workshop was held at the Bellingham Public Library from 9am-11:30am.

November 13, 2008, a public workshop was held at Mount Baker High School from 6pm-8:30pm



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## Public Outreach: How You Can Get Involved

We want to hear from you on how to manage growth on Whatcom County's rural lands. We invite you to become informed and stay involved. Please express your views in any or all of these ways:

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All written public comments sent to Whatcom County via US Mail or e-mail regarding the Rural Element Update are posted below. Comments that are specific to a property or an area, or to a specific proposed Comprehensive Plan or zoning code amendment, are denoted by summaries in [brackets]. Want to make a comment? See [How to Get Involved](#).

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