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**WHATCOM COUNTY  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**APPLICATION FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND RELATED ZONING AMENDMENTS**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ File #: \_\_\_\_\_



**I. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES**

COMP PLAN MAP

COMP PLAN TEXT

ZONING MAP

ZONING TEXT

**II. GENERAL INFORMATION**

A. APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

B. AGENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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C. TOPIC OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. FOR MAP AMENDMENTS**

A. TAX PARCEL NUMBER(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ACREAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

SITE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 SECTION:  
\_\_\_\_\_

OWNER(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Additional sheets may be attached if more than one parcel is involved.)

B. EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:

C. EXISTING ZONING DESIGNATION:

D. PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION:

E. PROPOSED ZONING DESIGNATION:

F. THE PRESENT USE OF THE PROPERTY IS:

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G. THE INTENDED FUTURE USE OF THE PROPERTY IS:

H. SURROUNDING LAND USE:

I. SERVICES

Please provide the following information regarding the availability of services.

The site is currently served by sewer \_\_\_\_\_; septic \_\_\_\_\_. (check one)

Sewer purveyor (name): \_\_\_\_\_

The site is currently served by a public water system \_\_\_\_\_; well \_\_\_\_\_. (check one)

Water purveyor (name): \_\_\_\_\_

The site is located on a public road \_\_\_\_\_; private road \_\_\_\_\_. (check one)

Name of road: \_\_\_\_\_.

Fire District #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

J. TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (TDRs)

Are TDRs required under sections 2.160.070, 20.89.050, and/or 20.90.064 of the Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance? If so, please explain how your proposal complies with the TDR requirements and/or how you qualify for modifications/exceptions from the TDR requirements.

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**IV. FOR TEXT AMENDMENTS**

Identify the sections of the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance that you are proposing to change and provide the proposed wording (attach additional pages if necessary):

**V. FOR ALL AMENDMENTS**

A. Why is the amendment needed and being proposed?



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- E. If within an Urban Growth Area, how is the proposed amendment consistent with interlocal agreements between the County and the City?
- F. What changed conditions or further studies indicate a need for the amendment?
- G. How will the public interest be served by the amendment? In determining whether the public interest will be served, factors including but not limited to the following will be considered:
- The anticipated effect upon the rate or distribution of population growth, employment growth, development, and conversion of land as envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan.
  - The anticipated effect upon the ability of the County and/or other service providers, such as cities, schools, water and/or sewer purveyors, fire districts, and others as applicable, to provide adequate services and public facilities including transportation facilities.
  - Anticipated impact upon designated agricultural, forest and mineral resource lands.

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- H. Does the amendment include or facilitate illegal spot zoning? Please explain.

**VI. SUPPORTING INFORMATION (ATTACH THE FOLLOWING):**

- A. A vicinity map showing property lines, roads, existing and proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning designations. (This information is required for map amendments only).
- B. Mailing labels with names and mailing addresses of the owners of all property included within the area proposed for re-designation and:
- For a map amendment within an existing urban growth area, mailing labels with the typed address of each property owner within 300 feet of the external boundaries of the subject property as shown by the records of the county assessor.
  - For a map amendment outside existing urban growth areas, mailing labels with the typed address of each property owner within 1,000 feet of the external boundaries of the subject property as shown by the records of the county assessor.
  - For map amendments that involve rezoning property to an Airport Operations District, mailing labels with the typed address of each property owner within 1,500 feet of the external boundaries of the subject property as shown by the records of the county assessor.
- C. State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist

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**VII. FEES**

A. The Whatcom County Code 2.160.110 states that:

*Once an amendment is initiated by resolution of the county council, the applicant shall pay the initiation fee within 15 days. The county council may take official action to waive the initiation fee at the time it approves the initiating resolution if it finds the proposed amendment will clearly benefit the community as a whole and will not be for private financial gain.*

B. Are you requesting that the County Council waive the fees for this application?

C. If so, please describe how the proposed amendment clearly benefits the community as a whole and will not be for private financial gain.

**PLEASE SUBMIT TWO COPIES OF ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS.**

Signature of Applicant or Agent:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_