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**Comprehensive Plan and/or
Development Regulation
Amendment Application**

Date Received: _____ File #: _____

Please check one or more of the following amendment types:

- Comprehensive Plan Map
- Comprehensive Plan Text
- Development Regulation Map
- Development Regulation Text

This form should be used for proposed amendments to the following development regulations in the Whatcom County Code:

- Title 16 - Environment,
- Title 20 - Zoning,
- Title 21 - Land Division Regulations, and
- Title 23 - Shoreline Management Program.

Topic of Proposed Amendment:

A. General Information – All applicants must complete this section.

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Agent/Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Please complete the questions below. Attach additional pages as needed

B. For Map Amendments

Parcel Information

Tax Parcel Number(s) (APN) _____

Total Acreage - Gross _____ Net: _____

Site Address _____

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ ¼ Section: _____

Owner Name _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

1. Existing Comprehensive Plan Designation: _____

2. Existing Zoning Designation: _____

3. Proposed Comprehensive Plan Designation: _____

4. Proposed Zoning Designation: _____

5. The Present Use of the Property is:

6. The Intended Future Use of the Property is:

7. Surrounding Land Use:

8. Services:

Please provide the following information regarding the availability of services:

The site is currently served by: Sewer Septic

If sewer the purveyor is: _____

The site is currently served by: Public Water System Well

If public water the purveyor is: _____

The site is located on a: Public Road Private Road

Name of Road: _____

Fire District #: _____ Name: _____

School District #: _____ Name: _____

9. Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs):

Are TDRs required under section 20.89.050 of the Whatcom County Code?

Yes No

If so, please explain how your proposal complies with the TDR requirements and/or how you qualify for modification/exceptions from the TDR requirements

4. How is the proposed amendment consistent with the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan?

5. If within an Urban Growth Area, how is the proposed amendment consistent with interlocal agreements between the County and the City?

6. What changed conditions or further studies indicate a need for the amendment?

7. How will the public interest be served by the amendment? Please address the factors identified below.

- 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.

8. Does the amendment include or facilitate illegal spot zoning? Yes No
Please explain.

E. 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.
- For map amendments that involve rezoning property to a Mineral Resource Land (MRL) designation, mailing labels with the typed address of each property owner within 2,000 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

D. For Comprehensive Plan map amendments that propose to re-designate property to a MRL designation, a Comprehensive Plan MRL Application Supplement form is required.

F. Fees

Applicants pay a docketing fee when submitting an application and additional amendment application fees if the County Council decides to docket the application. The Whatcom County Code 22.10.020(3)(b) states that, when docketing an application, the county council may waive the application fees if it finds the proposed amendment would clearly benefit the community as a whole.

A. Are you requesting that the County Council waive the application fees?
 Yes No

If so, please describe how the proposed amendment clearly benefits the community as a whole.

NOTE: Fees will be assessed in accordance with the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule (UFS) in effect at the time of application submittal. Please contact Planning and Development Services to determine project specific fees. Click [here](#) to see the 2019/2020 UFS.

Per UFS 2843 all permits and applications are subject to a Technology fee. The fee is calculated on the permit/application fees due.

E. Authorization

Signature of Applicant(s) or Agent:

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____