

# Exhibit A: Proposed Miscellaneous Code Amendments 2021

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## WCC TITLE 20 (ZONING)

### 1) Clean-up of Department & Division Names

This is just clean-up of department and division names.

### Chapter 20.04 General Provisions

#### 20.04.035 Administrative responsibilities.

~~The land use division of the Department of Planning and Development Services department~~ is responsible for the administration of this ~~title. The division, and~~ shall act as a coordinating agent to ensure that the regulatory process is expeditious. ~~In so doing, the Department and~~ shall recognize input provided by other departments ~~and divisions~~ having appropriate expertise, including: ~~the Public Works' division of the Engineering Services division for solid waste,~~ road, drainage, and land alteration; the ~~Fire Marshal~~ for fire-related issues; the Whatcom County ~~Health Department~~ for domestic water, waste disposal, ~~solid waste,~~ and noise; and the ~~Department's Planning Division~~ for land use and general site design. All ~~County departments and divisions of county government~~ shall cooperate fully ~~with the land use division~~ in the exercise of their duties relative to land use controls and regulations.

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### 2) Habitable v. Inhabitable

This is just a grammatical change. Though “habitable” and “inhabitable” mean the same thing, “habitable” is used more commonly in the code and permitting staff are more used to it. Therefore staff would like to exchange the terms in the below section.

### Chapter 20.38 Agriculture Protection Overlay

#### 20.38.060 Development and use standards.

Subdivisions or segregations for nonagricultural uses shall be clustered. Development on all parcels subject to this section shall follow the requirements below:

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- (7) Any ~~in~~habitable structure within the cluster subdivision shall be set back a minimum of 100 feet, and any accessory or other non-~~in~~habitable structures shall be set back at least 30 feet, ~~from the~~ property line of any parcel that is an APO reserve tract or designated or taxed for agricultural purposes; and

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### 3) Rural Forestry Lot Coverage (1 POLICY CHANGE)

The purpose of the Rural Forestry district is:

The primary purpose of this district is to implement the forestry designation of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, established pursuant to RCW 36.70A.170, by providing the opportunity for non-industrial landowners to **manage their land for long-term productivity and sustained use of forest resources**. In addition, the district encourages the **management of land for wildlife, aesthetics, and other non-commodity values**. It also provides for uses that are compatible with these activities, while maintaining water quality and soil productivity. Lummi Island Scenic Estates shall be administered under the RR-I zone district regulations. A secondary purpose of this district is **to serve as a holding district within the urban growth area** Comprehensive Plan designations **to allow forestry uses** in the near term **while protecting the area from suburban sprawl and preserving the potential for future urban development**. [WCC 2042.010, emphasis added]

When calculating lot coverage only areas of roofed structures are included (as shown in the following definition) in all zones except the Rural Forestry district.

#### 20.97.217 Lot coverage.

“Lot coverage” means the percent of a lot or parcel which is, or will be, covered by all structures located thereon. Coverage is determined by measuring areas covered by a weather tight roof. For properties within the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Program (WCC Title 23), submerged lands and/or tidelands within the boundaries of any waterfront parcel that are located waterward of the ordinary high water mark shall not be used to compute lot coverage.

In Rural Forestry, §20.42.450 indicates that we’re to include in the calculation everything that is not in forest product production. This would include roads and other open areas not containing roofed structures; basically anything (but critical areas) not containing forest. Unfortunately the language of §20.42.450 addresses two issues: primarily maintaining forest land but a little about lot coverage.

Staff proposes to break this section into two: One actually addressing lot coverage as it’s addressed in other districts (i.e., how much land can be covered in structures), and the other addressing forest land protection (which is what the existing language is primarily about). The proposed lot coverage language is taken from that of the Rural district. The proposed forestland retention language (§20.42.455) comes from the existing “lot coverage” language. This part of the amendment is not a policy change.

However, one policy amendment staff is proposing is to require a variance, rather than a conditional use permit. The current forestland protection regulation allows the 20% limit to be exceeded (up to 35%) through a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which worked fine in the past for the forestry industry when it was more prominent. However as the forestry industry subsides more and more houses are being built in this district, and builders are using the CUP process to clear more forest so as to obtain hilltop views. This is contrary to the intent of this district, which is for “for nonindustrial landowners to manage their land for long-term productivity and sustained use of forest resources” (§20.42.010). Changing the process for exceeding the 20% clearing limit would require that such applicants show a hardship for doing so (which in some instances may be warranted), which is not a CUP criteria.

Additionally, staff recommends that we get rid of WCC 20.40.900, which contains CUP criteria specific to this zone. The criteria for other CUPs are found in WCC 22.05.026 and are almost identical, with the exception of a few that are already covered by other sections of the code (e.g., stormwater, critical areas, etc.). We find it odd to have different CUP criteria for different zones and believe this is a holdover from days past.

## Chapter 20.42 Rural Forestry (RF) District

### 20.42.450 Lot coverage.

~~No more than 20 percent of the lot area shall be permanently altered or removed from production of forest products, excluding natural meadows, bogs, surface water and rock outcrops, unless authorized as a conditional use or the planned unit development provision of Chapter 20.85 WCC, in which case no structure or combination of structures, including accessory buildings, shall occupy or cover more than 35 percent of the lot. No structure or combination of structures, except for forest production structures, shall occupy or cover more than 5,000 square feet or 20%, whichever is greater, of the total lot area, not to exceed 25,000 square feet.~~

### 20.42.455 Forestland Retention.

~~No more than 20% of a lot's area shall be permanently altered or removed from the production of forest products, unless authorized by a variance (WCC 22.05.024) or as a Planned Unit Development (WCC Chapter 20.85), in which case no more than 35% of the lot's area shall be permanently altered or removed from the production of forest products.~~

### 20.42.150 Conditional uses.

The conditional uses listed herein shall be administered pursuant to the applicable provisions of Chapters ~~20.80 WCC (Supplementary Requirements), and Chapter 22.05 WCC (Project Permit Procedures), 16.08 the Whatcom County (SEPA) Ordinance, and Titles 21 (Land Division Regulations) the Whatcom County Subdivision Ordinance and 23 (the Whatcom County Shoreline Management Program)~~. Applicable conditional use permit criteria are established in the provisions of WCC 20.42.900 and will not be subject to the conditional use criteria provided for in WCC 22.05.026.

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Editor's Note: The list of conditional uses is not being shown as they are not proposed for amendment.

### ~~20.42.900 Conditional use permit criteria.~~

~~.901 The conditional uses listed in WCC 20.42.150 shall be subject to the following forestry conditional use criteria. Said criteria listed in WCC 20.42.902 shall supersede the criteria listed in WCC 22.05.026.~~

~~.902 Before approving an application for a conditional use permit, the hearing examiner shall ensure that any specific standards of the use district defining the conditional use are fulfilled and shall find adequate evidence showing that the proposed conditional use at the proposed location will:~~

- ~~(1) Be in accordance with all applicable local and state laws, standards and regulations;~~
- ~~(2) Be reasonably compatible with the surrounding environment and with the policies of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan;~~
- ~~(3) Not generate traffic in excess of capacity of the public road system at reasonable safety and service levels;~~
- ~~(4) Not create unreasonable demands for public expenditures to provide services, facilities, or utilities beyond those which are normally required for permitted uses in the Forestry District;~~
- ~~(5) Provide entrances to public roads or private roads open to public use in accordance with applicable county or state standards;~~

- ~~(6) Provide reasonable sound and sight buffering so as not to detract from normal use of surrounding property, public and private roads, and trails open to public use;~~
- ~~(7) Be located a reasonable distance from areas of actual or potential natural hazard;~~
- ~~(8) Not unreasonably contribute to actual or potential water quality or quantity problems;~~
- ~~(9) Be designed to provide reasonable safety from fire hazard;~~
- ~~(10) Not unreasonably interfere with any territorial or otherwise significant view from surrounding property and public roads;~~
- ~~(11) Not remove areas of native vegetation which protect shorelines and streambanks from erosion, except as necessary for such uses as culverts, bridges, boat ramps, recreation areas and stream bank stabilization projects; and~~
- ~~(12) Include reasonable soil erosion plans necessary to prevent soil, organic debris and other pollutants from entering streams, ponds, or lakes.~~

#### 4) Mineral Lands Notification Distance

In 2003, Council amended WCC 14.06.030(B) (Mineral Resource Land – Disclosure) to required that— upon conveyance of a fee interest in real property or upon the issuance of a discretionary development permit—property owners sign a disclosure acknowledging that the property is within 500 feet of Mineral Resource Lands (it had previously been 300 feet). The purpose of this requirement was “to promote a good neighbor policy between mineral and non-mineral property owners by requiring notification to purchasers and users of property adjacent to or near mine operations of the inherent potential problems associated with such purchase or use.” (WCC 14.06.010(B))

There are similar requirements in various zones; however, they all require disclosure if within 300 feet of an MRL. It appears that the change in distance was not updated everywhere (nor mentioned in the ordinance (ORD2003-061). Staff would like to rectify this inconsistency, and since ORD2003-061 was the most recent amendment to this policy we proposed to change the distance to 500 feet in each of the Title 20 sections in which this inconsistency is found.

### Chapter 20.22 Urban Residential – Medium Density (URM) District

#### 20.22.662 Use of Natural Resources.

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of the area designated as Agriculture, Rural, Commercial Forestry or Rural Forestry or within ~~300-500~~ feet of an area designated as Mineral Resource Lands in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, or upon which farm operations are being conducted, shall be subject to the right to farm, right to practice forestry, and mineral land disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

### Chapter 20.24 Urban Residential Mixed (UR-MX) District

#### 20.24.652 Use of Natural Resources.

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of the area designated as Agriculture, Rural, Commercial Forestry or Rural Forestry or within ~~300-500~~ feet of an area designated as Mineral Resource Lands in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, or upon which farm operations are being conducted, shall be subject to the right to farm, right to practice forestry, and mineral land disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

## Chapter 20.32 Residential Rural (RR) District

### 20.32.652 Use of Natural Resources.

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of the area designated as Agriculture, Rural, Commercial Forestry or Rural Forestry or within ~~300~~500 feet of an area designated as Mineral Resource Lands in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, or upon which farm operations are being conducted, shall be subject to the right to farm, right to practice forestry, and mineral land disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

## Chapter 20.34, Rural Residential-Island (RR-I) District

### 20.34.652 Use of Natural Resources.

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of the area designated as Agriculture, Rural, Commercial Forestry or Rural Forestry or within ~~300~~500 feet of an area designated as Mineral Resource Lands in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, or upon which farm operations are being conducted, shall be subject to the right to farm, right to practice forestry, and mineral land disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

## Chapter 20.36 Rural (R) District

### 20.36.652 Use of Natural Resources.

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of the area designated as Agriculture, Rural, Commercial Forestry or Rural Forestry or within ~~500~~300 feet of an area designated as Mineral Resource Lands in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, or upon which farm operations are being conducted, shall be subject to the right to farm, right to practice forestry, and mineral land disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

## Chapter 20.37 Point Roberts Transitional Zone (TZ) District

### 20.37.651 Use of Natural Resources.

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of an area designated as Rural or within ~~3~~500 feet of an area upon which farm operations are being conducted shall be subject to the right to farm, ~~right to practice forestry, and mineral land~~ disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

## Chapter 20.40 Agriculture (AG) District

### 20.40.662 Use of Natural Resources.

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of the area designated as Agriculture, Rural, Commercial Forestry or Rural Forestry or within ~~500~~300 feet of an area designated as Mineral Resource Lands in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, or upon which farm operations are being conducted, shall be subject to the right to farm, right to practice forestry and mineral land disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

### Chapter 20.42 Rural Forestry (RF) District

**20.42.652 Use of Natural Resources.**

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of the area designated as Agriculture, Rural, Commercial Forestry or Rural Forestry or within 500 ~~300~~ feet of an area designated as Mineral Resource Lands in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, or upon which farm operations are being conducted, shall be subject to the right to farm, right to practice forestry and mineral land disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

### Chapter 20.43 Commercial Forestry (CF) District

**20.43.662 Use of Natural Resources.**

All discretionary project permits for land on or within one-half mile of the area designated as Agriculture, Rural, Commercial Forestry or Rural Forestry or within 500 ~~300~~ feet of an area designated as Mineral Resource Lands in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, or upon which farm operations are being conducted, shall be subject to the right to farm, right to practice forestry and mineral land disclosure policies contained in WCC Title 14, Use of Natural Resources.

**5) Standardizing Kennel Language**

In 2021 the Hearing Examiner issued a decision on an appeal of a PDS Code Interpretation (APL2020-0004) in which he raised a code construction problem: That throughout the code we use (and in the past have used) “kennel” in different ways and with different “intent” language. The following table indicates where the term “kennel” appears and its various iterations:

Zone	Permitted	Conditional Use	Prohibited	Term Used
Rural		20.36.155		Animal hospitals and <b>accessory kennels</b> and stables (subject to 3 standards)
		20.36.156		<b>Commercial kennels</b> and stables intended for the boarding or training of domestic animals
Agriculture		20.40.165		<b>Commercial kennels</b> (subject to numerous standards)
Rural Forestry		20.42.157		The operation of fur farms and <b>kennels</b>
Lake Whatcom Overlay District			20.51.100	Animal hospitals and <b>accessory kennels</b> and stables
			20.51.101	<b>Commercial kennels</b> and stables
Rural General Commercial		20.59.201		<b>Animal kennels</b>
Small Town Commercial	20.61.051(3)			Veterinary practices with <b>accessory indoor kennels</b>
		20.61.201(4)		<b>Animal kennels</b> not associated with a veterinary practice
General Commercial		20.62.155		<b>Animal kennels</b>

Rural Industrial and Manufacturing	20.69.053(5)			Animal hospital and <b>accessory kennels</b> and stables
Water Resources Protection Overlay District			20.71.220	Animal hospitals and <b>accessory kennels</b> and stables
			20.71.221	<b>Commercial kennels</b> and stables
Point Roberts Special District		20.72.154(2)		In the STC, <b>animal kennels</b> for kenneling up to six animals and that are associated with an animal groomer
			20.72.204(2)	In the STC, <b>animal kennels</b> , except as allowed by 20.72.154(2)

Because of the Hearing Examiner’s suggestion, staff would like to remedy this by standardizing the language and by adding a new definition of “accessory kennel.” Note that we are not proposing to amend the definition of “kennel,” nor the conditions they’re allowed in some of the zones.

For reference, the definition of “kennel” is:

**20.97.191 Kennel.**  
 “Kennel” means a commercial establishment in which five or more dogs, cats, or other household pets are housed, bred, or boarded for a fee or compensation. A kennel may include grooming and/or training as accessory uses.

Additionally, staff recommends that kennels be allowed in the Light Impact Industrial district and proposes to add them to the permitted use section of Chapter 20.66.

**Chapter 20.97 Definitions**

**20.97.004 Accessory kennels and accessory stables**

“Accessory kennel” or “accessory stable” means the indoor facilities necessary for an animal hospital or veterinarian to house overnight animals undergoing medical care or treatment.

**Chapter 20.36 Rural (R) District**

**20.36.150 Conditional uses.**

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**.156 Commercial ~~k~~Kennels** and stables.

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**Chapter 20.40 Agriculture (AG) District**

**20.40.150 Conditional uses.**

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**.165 Commercial ~~k~~Kennels**, ~~as identified in WCC 20.97.191~~, which shall be located, designed, and operated so as not to interfere with the overall agricultural character of the area, provided the following criteria are met:

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### Chapter 20.42 Rural Forestry (RF) District

#### 20.42.150 Conditional uses.

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.157 ~~The operation of f~~ur farms and kennels.

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### Chapter 20.51 Lake Whatcom Watershed Overlay District

#### 20.51.080 Prohibited uses.

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.101 ~~Commercial k~~ennels and stables.

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### Chapter 20.59 Rural General Commercial (RGC) District

#### 20.59.200 Conditional uses.

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.201 Retail and office type uses.

(1) ~~Animal k~~ennels.

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### Chapter 20.61 Small Town Commercial (STC) District

#### 20.61.050 Permitted uses.

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.051 Retail and office type uses.

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(3) Veterinary practices ~~with and~~ accessory ~~indoor~~ kennels.

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### Chapter 20.62 General Commercial (GC) District

#### 20.62.150 Conditional uses.

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.155 ~~Animal k~~ennels.

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### Chapter 20.66 Light Impact Industrial (LII) District

#### 20.66.050 Permitted uses.

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.082 Kennels

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**Chapter 20.71 Water Resource Protection Overlay District**

**20.71.200 Prohibited uses.**

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**.221** ~~Commercial k~~ kennels and stables.

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**Chapter 20.72 Point Roberts Special District**

**20.72.150 Conditional uses.**

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**.154** In the Small Town Commercial District:

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(2) Animal groomers and accessory kennels for ~~kenneling~~ up to six animals ~~and that are associated with an animal groomer.~~

**20.72.200 Prohibited uses.**

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**.204** The following uses are prohibited in the Small Town Commercial Zone District:

(2) ~~Animal k~~ kennels, except as allowed pursuant to WCC 20.72.154(2).

**6) Childcare Facilities Definitions.**

In 2009 via Ord. 2009-034, the Council amended the definitions of and standards for the various types of childcare centers the County allows, adopting the following definitions:

**20.97.092 Day care center.**

“Day care center” means a structure other than an occupied dwelling unit regularly providing care during part of the 24-hour day to 13 or more children.

**20.97.126 Family day care home.**

“Family day care home” means an occupied dwelling unit regularly providing care during part of the 24-hour day for six or fewer children in the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care the children are placed. Such care in a family day care home is limited to six or fewer children, including those children living in the home or children of other close relatives cared for in the home.

**20.97.241 Mini-day care center.**

“Mini-day care center” means a structure other than an occupied dwelling unit regularly providing care during part of the 24-hour day for 12 or fewer children. Such care in a mini-day care center is limited to 12 or fewer children, including those children of the faculty or children of other close relatives cared for by the faculty.

**20.97.242 Mini-day care home.**

“Mini-day care home” means an occupied dwelling unit regularly providing care during part of the 24-hour day for seven to 12 children in the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care the children are placed. Such care in a mini-day care home is limited to 12 or fewer children, including those children living in the home or children of other close relatives cared for in the home.

However, the previous (then existing) definitions were not deleted by Ord. 2009-034. As clean up, staff proposes to do that now so that our code doesn't contain conflicting definitions.

Additionally, Ord. 2009-034 designated family day care homes as an accessory use (in the 9 zones where they were allowed), but failed to remove them as permitted uses, so now they're listed as both in 5 of those zones. Thus, staff proposes to delete family day care homes as a permitted in those 5 zones, leaving them as an accessory use. Doing this will not change in what districts family day care homes are allowed as an accessory use, as they would still be listed as such in the UR, URM, UR-MX, RR-I, R, TZ, AG, NC, and RGC districts.

**Chapter 20.20 Urban Residential (UR) District**

**20.20.050 Permitted uses.**

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~~.059 Family day care homes subject to the requirements of WCC 20.97.180 for home occupations.~~

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**Chapter 20.22 Urban Residential – Medium Density (URM) District**

**20.22.050 Permitted uses.**

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~~.057 Family day care homes subject to the requirements of WCC 20.97.180 for home occupations.~~

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**Chapter 20.24 Urban Residential Mixed (UR-MX) District**

**20.24.050 Permitted uses.**

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~~.057 Family day care homes subject to the requirements of WCC 20.97.180 for home occupations.~~

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**Chapter 20.37 Point Roberts Transitional Zone (TZ) District**

**20.37.050 Permitted uses.**

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~~.056 Family day care homes subject to the requirements of WCC 20.97.180 for home occupations.~~

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**Chapter 20.40 Agriculture (AG) District**

**20.40.050 Permitted uses.**

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~~.057 Family day care homes subject to the requirements of WCC 20.97.180 for home occupations.~~

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## Chapter 20.97 Definitions

### ~~20.97.052.1 Child care facilities.~~

~~“Child care facilities” means a family day care home, mini-day care center, and day care center as defined below:~~

- ~~(1) “Family day care home” means a person regularly providing care during part of the 24-hour day to six or fewer children in the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care the children are placed.~~
- ~~(2) “Mini-day care center” means a person or agency providing care during part of the 24-hour day to 12 or fewer children in a facility other than the family abode of the person or persons under whose direct care the children are placed, or for the care of seven through 12 children in the family abode of such person or persons.~~
- ~~(3) “Day care center” means a person or agency that provides care for 13 or more children during part of the 24-hour day. (Ord. 99-068, 1999).~~

## 7) Agricultural Boundary Line Adjustments

The language of WCC 20.40.254 contains the general criteria that apply to the separation of farmstead parcels through both agricultural short plats and boundary line adjustments. However, some of the language is confusing as it mixes requirements for the two even though certain ones only apply to one or the other. In particular, the sections addressing “remainder parcels” only apply to short plats, not BLAs. Staff proposes to alleviate this confusion by clarifying which criteria only apply to short plats, and which apply to BLAs. No policy amendments are proposed, only grammatical ones.

### 20.40.250 Division or modification of parcels.

#### .254 Separation of the Farmstead Parcel Criteria.

- (1) The criteria for approval for the farmstead parcel and remainder parcel created through agricultural boundary line adjustment or agricultural short subdivision shall be the following:
  - (a) The area of the parcel containing the farmstead home site, whether the home exists or is to be added, is limited to the minimum amount required to encapsulate structures, parking areas, driveways, septic systems, wells, and landscaping required setbacks; and
  - (b) The farmstead parcel size shall be as stated in WCC 20.40.251, unless the existing residential structure(s) and/or well and septic constraints require a larger parcel, but shall not exceed the maximum lot size consistent with the exceptions in WCC 20.40.253; and
  - (c) The farmstead parcel and farmstead home site meet the siting criteria contained in WCC 20.40.650; and
  - (d) For agricultural short plats:
    - (i) A remainder parcel shall be created equal to or greater than 10 nominal acres; and
    - (ii) The remainder parcel shall have no existing residential development and no development rights, and a condition containing the language as provided in WCC 20.40.250(4) ~~or (5)~~ shall be included on the short plat ~~or boundary line adjustment~~ for the remainder parcel prior to final approval; and
    - (iii) The applicant and his or her heirs provide right of first purchase for a period of not less than 60 days through deed restriction to the original purchaser and subsequent purchasers of the

remainder parcel for purchase of the farmstead parcel before they are offered on the open market; and

(e) For boundary line adjustments the language as provided in WCC 20.40.250(5) shall be included on the boundary line adjustment prior to final approval;

~~(d)~~(f) A right to farm disclosure statement as provided for in WCC 14.02.040(B) will be signed by the farmstead parcel owner and subsequent purchasers of the farmstead parcel, and recorded as per WCC 14.02.040(A)(1) and 14.02.050; and

~~(e)~~(g) All land division shall comply with the appropriate map and recording provisions of WCC Title 21; and

~~(f)~~(h) The overall submittal shall comply with WCC 20.40.250 et seq.

### 8) Time Period for Responding to NOARs

Under state law, all jurisdictions (including Whatcom County) are required to act on permits within 120 days. However, this clock is stopped at certain points in the review process, one of which is when the County requests additional information when an application doesn't contain enough to ensure consistency with our codes (done through a Notice of Additional Requirements, or NOAR). To keep this schedule, and keep projects from inaction, §22.05.100(3) sets a 180-day time limit for applicants to provide this information. But it also provides an opportunity for applicants to request addition time (up to 2 years). However, staff has found that the language allowing the applicant to request additional time is unclear and would like to adjust it, as shown below.

## Title 22 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

### Chapter 22.05 Project Permit Procedures

#### 22.05.100 Consistency review and recommendations.

During project permit review, the review authority shall determine if the project proposal is consistent with the county's comprehensive plan, other adopted plans, existing regulations and development standards.

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- (3) For all project permit applications, if more information is required to determine consistency at any time in review of the application, the department may issue a notice of additional requirements. The notice of additional requirements shall allow the applicant 180 calendar days from the date of issuance to submit all required information. The ~~d~~Director ~~or designee~~ may extend this period for no more than cumulative 24 months upon written request by the applicant, provided the first request is submitted before the end of the first 180-day period. Additional extension requests may be considered if submitted before the end of any subsequent extension period. A notice of additional requirements is not a final administrative determination.

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**9) Replacing the word “marijuana” with “cannabis.”**

On 2/8/22 Council adopted new marijuana regulations, including some non-substantive amendments proposed by Councilmember Galloway that day. One of these amendments was to replace the word “marijuana” with “cannabis” throughout the code. Unfortunately, not all sections of code with the word “marijuana” were included in that ordinance as those sections of code weren’t relevant to the regulation of its production, processing, or sales (other than name).

To solve this conundrum and keep the code consistent, staff is adding those remaining sections to this set of code amendments.

**WCC TITLE 20 (ZONING)****Chapter 20.51 Lake Whatcom Watershed Overlay District****20.51.080 Prohibited uses.**

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**.102** ~~Cannabis Marijuana~~ production or processing facilities.

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**Chapter 20.59 Rural General Commercial (RGC) District****20.59.050 Permitted uses.**

**.051** Retail and office type uses.

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(4) Retail establishments including but not limited to grocery, liquor, drug, sundries, variety, building supplies, clothing, florist, nurseries, optical, sporting goods, appliance, music, pet stores, and ~~marijuana cannabis~~ retail facilities.

**Chapter 20.60 Neighborhood Commercial Center (NC) District****20.60.050 Permitted uses.**

**.051** Retail and office type uses.

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(7) ~~Marijuana Cannabis~~ retail facilities, not greater than 2,500 square feet

**Chapter 20.61 Small Town Commercial (STC) District****20.61.050 Permitted uses**

**.051** Retail and office type uses.

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(4) Retail establishments with less than 2,500 square feet of retail floor area per establishment, including but not limited to liquor, drug, sundries, variety, clothing, florist, optical, sporting goods, appliance, craft, music, pet stores, and ~~marijuana cannabis~~ retail facilities.

**Chapter 20.71 Water Resource Protection Overlay District****20.71.200 Prohibited uses.**

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**.222** ~~Marijuana Cannabis~~ production facilities.

