Draft Docket of Comp Plan and Development Regulation Amendments

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THE DRAFT DOCKET

New	applications/proposals:	3

Continuation of Previous Projects: <u>12</u>

Total: 15

2025 Comprehensive Plan, Development Regulation, and UGA Update

File #:

PLN 2023-00001

Applicant: Whatcom County

Review and revise the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.

If necessary, revise urban growth areas and/or associated development regulations to accommodate the urban growth projected for the succeeding twenty-year period.

Zoning Code Density and Lot Size Amendments

File #: PLN2023-00002

Applicant: Whatcom County

- Amend the text of the:
 - Urban Residential District (WCC 20.20)
 - Urban Residential Medium Density District (WCC 20.22)
 - General Commercial District (WCC 20.62)
 - Resort Commercial District (WCC 20.64)
 - Supplementary Requirements (WCC 20.80)
 - Definitions (WCC 20.97)
- The text amendments include allowing smaller lot sizes, requiring minimum net densities, reducing setbacks, and defining minimum net density.

Whatcom County Code Amendments

File #: PLN2023-00003

Applicant: Whatcom County

Review and revise the Whatcom County Zoning Code and other sections of the County Code to implement Comprehensive Plan policies and/or address issues identified in the administration of the codes.

Revisions needed to achieve consistency with the Growth Management Act may also be considered.

FEE WAIVER REQUESTS

"... 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."

WCC 22.10.020(3)(b)

Continuation of Previous Projects

- Cherry Point Shoreline Access
- Lake Whatcom Watershed Seasonal Closure Exemption
- Bellingham UGA Expansion
- Mineral Resource Lands Expansion Breckenridge Rd.
- Wind Energy System Amendments
- Mineral Resource Lands County-wide Designation Process
- Sign Regulations Update
- Vacation Rental Regulations
- Code Enforcement Amendments
- Weddings and Special Events
- Agricultural Strategic Plan Implementation
- Mineral Resource Lands Expansion North Star Rd.