

Whatcom County

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Agenda Bill Master Report

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TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan relating to density credits, PDRs, and TDRs

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

This ordinance would insert the concept of a density credit program into the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan. A density credit program would allow development incentives, such as increased land use intensity, in exchange for a voluntary contribution towards preserving agricultural lands and open space. The proposal would also amend purchase of development right (PDR) and transfer of development right (TDR) provisions in the Comprehensive Plan.

This proposal was forwarded by Council on November 7, 2018, to be considered with other proposed Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments from 2018/2019 (see AB2018-298). Per Whatcom County Code 2.02.115, because the ordinance was not adopted within 120 days of its original introduction date, it must be reintroduced, notice of introduction republished, and at least 13 days elapsed before the ordinance can come up for final consideration by the Council

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

Date:	Acting Body:		Action:	Sent To:
11/07/2018	Council		FORWARDED FOR CONCURRENT REVIEW	Council
06/29/2021	Council	Aye: 7	INTRODUCED Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, El	enbaas, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

07/27/2021 Council

ADOPTED

Aye: 5 Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 2 Byrd, and Elenbaas

Absent: 0

Attachments:

Agenda Bill Master Report, Staff Memo, Proposed Ordinance, Planning Commission Findings and Minutes, Presentation, Work Group Final Report, Code and RCW Language Related to Concurrent Review