



**Permit Center**

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**COMPREHENSIVE / NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT  
DOCKET APPLICATION FORM**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY STAFF:** Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

Use this form to request docketing of a proposed Comprehensive Plan and or Neighborhood Plan amendment(s). Applications may be submitted at any time but must be received by **April 1** of each year for review during the following year. Please complete the following and attach additional pages as needed. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

1. An application must include the following materials:

- Docket Application Form.
- Fee payment calculated at 10% of the total comprehensive plan amendment fee.\* The fee is not refunded if the proposal is not docketed. The fee is calculated as follows:

(a) Non-site specific Comprehensive / Neighborhood Plan amendments:

\$1,594 base fee + \$255 notice fee x 0.1 = \$185 due at docket application.

OR

(b) Site specific Comprehensive / Neighborhood Plan amendments:

\$1,594 base fee + \$255 notice fee + \$213 per acre over first acre (\$12,750 max.) x 0.1 = fee due at docket application. Final fees will be calculated at the time the application is submitted.

\*Recognized Neighborhood Associations are exempt from this fee.

2. Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact if applicant is a group: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the application materials and acknowledge that if the proposed amendment is approved by the City Council for inclusion in the annual docket, a complete Comprehensive / Neighborhood Plan Application must be submitted within **45 days of the Council's docket decision or a date approved by the Planning and Community Development Director** in order to continue to final review. Failure to submit a complete application prior to the deadline may result in removal from the docket.

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Provide an explanation of how the proposed Comprehensive or Neighborhood Plan amendment meets one or more of the docking criteria listed in **Bellingham Municipal Code 20.20.030 A. (2)**. (Docketing criteria - page 4 attached)
4. If the proposal includes general Comprehensive Plan or Neighborhood Plan amendments that are not site-specific, please describe your amendment proposal as specifically as possible and attach it to this form. If specific wording changes are proposed, show the changes in ~~strike through~~ and underline format. Reference the location in the Plan where the change is proposed.

**Complete the following sections if the proposal includes a site-specific amendment to a comprehensive plan land use designation.**

**Property Owner**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner's Authorized Agent/Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Information**

1. Assessor Parcel Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Attach a map (8.5" x 11") identifying the property included in the proposed amendment and showing parcels and streets located within and adjacent to the site.

3. Neighborhood Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Proposed Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Current Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Proposed Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_

**Property Owner(s)**

I am the owner of the property described above or am authorized by the owner to sign and submit this application. I grant permission for the City staff and agents to enter onto the subject property at any reasonable time to consider the merits of the application and post public notice. I certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the information on this application and all information submitted herewith is true, complete and correct.

I also acknowledge that by signing this application I am the responsible party to receive all correspondence from the City regarding this project including, but not limited to, expiration notifications. If I, at any point during the review or process, am no longer the Applicant for this project, it is my responsibility to update this information with the City in writing in a timely manner.

Signature by Owner/Applicant/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State where this application is signed: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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**20.20.030 ANNUAL DOCKETING CRITERIA**

A. The City shall use the following criteria in selecting proposals for inclusion in the annual docket of comprehensive plan/neighborhood plan amendments. In order to be included on the annual docket, a proposal must meet the following criteria:

- (1) The City has the resources, including staff and budget, necessary to adequately and comprehensively review the proposal within the timeframe of the annual review process; and
- (2) The proposal meets one or more of the following criteria:
  - a. The proposed amendment represents an issue appropriately addressed in the comprehensive plan or in a neighborhood plan;
  - b. The proposal demonstrates strong potential to serve the public interest by implementing specifically identified goals and policies of the comprehensive plan;
  - c. The public interest would be best served by considering the proposal in the next amendment cycle, rather than delaying consideration to a future plan update process;
  - d. The amendment addresses changing circumstances, changing community values, or corrects or updates information in the comprehensive plan or a neighborhood plan; or
  - e. State law requires, or a decision of a court or administrative agency has directed a change to the comprehensive plan or a neighborhood plan.