

**City of Seattle
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

Use this application to propose a change in the policies, future land use map, appendices, or other components of the adopted City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan. Applications are due to the Seattle City Council no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th for consideration in the next annual review cycle. If May 15th falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday closest to that date. Any proposals received after May 15th will be considered in the review process for the following year.

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Date: May 15, 2010

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Name of general area, location, or site that would be affected by this proposed change in text (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Citywide

If the application is approved for further consideration by the City Council, the applicant may be required to submit a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist.

Acceptance of this application does not guarantee final approval.

Applicant

Signature: _____

Date: 5/15/2010

Signature: 

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REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application

Please answer the following questions in text and attach them to the application. Supporting maps or graphics may be included. Please answer all questions separately and reference the question number in your answer. The Council will consider an application incomplete unless all the questions are answered. When proposing an amendment, you must show that a change to the Comprehensive Plan is required.

1. Provide a detailed description of the proposed amendment and a clear statement of what the proposed amendment is intended to accomplish. Include the name(s) of the Comprehensive Plan Element(s) (Land Use, Transportation, etc) you propose to amend.

Proposed Amendment:

Add a new policy statement in the Urban Village Element

Actively engage citizen-based neighborhood plan committees to review all changes in residential and job growth targets prior to the City Council accepting by resolution or ordinance growth targets developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council and or King County.

2. Describe how the issue is currently addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. If the issue is not adequately addressed, describe the need for it.

The issue is not addressed clearly in the Comprehensive Plan and the City Council COBE has recognized that the process of developing and accepting growth targets remains opaque and convoluted.

“... From: Clark, Sally [mailto:Sally.Clark@seattle.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2010 10:53 AM

The conversation for how the growth targets adopted in Resolution 31211 will be applied throughout the city is one that will occur in the years ahead. The City will go through a major update of our Comprehensive Plan in 2011-2012, as we do every 7 years. Through that discussion we'll have the conversation about how many new homes and jobs urban centers, urban villages and other parts of the city will likely welcome in the decades ahead.

There are great debates about whether Seattle will or should see the kind of growth the state's models predict. **What's not debatable is that the region's multi-year, multi-government approach to planning for growth is difficult to track for regular people. We should do better.**” Emphasis added

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Since these targets are fundamental to all downstream policies, and regulatory actions, more effort is needed to gain citizen awareness and approval of these growth targets if citizen involvement in planning is to be meaningful.

Having a Comprehensive Plan policy in place will necessarily focus attention on developing the promised mechanisms for citizen involvement in a way that is consistent with and honors the urban village strategy and associated neighborhood planning goals and policies.

Including:

UVG11 Collaborate with the community in planning for the future.

N9 Encourage collaborative neighborhood planning that involves simultaneous consideration of City and neighborhood goals and strategies, and includes representatives for both the City and neighborhoods working together.

3. Describe why the proposed change meets the criteria adopted in Resolution 30662 for considering an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The criteria are listed at the end of this application form. Is a Comprehensive Plan amendment the best means for meeting the identified public need? What other options are there for meeting the identified public need?

This policy is needed now to lay the groundwork for the major Comprehensive Plan update in 2011. This amendment is not a regulatory measure, but is a policy statement that acknowledges the need for broad consultation across the city on the subject of near and long term growth targets and the consequences of those targets. The policy should lead to programmatic responses but the policy must be in place to direct those responses

4. What do you anticipate will be the impacts caused by the change in text, including the geographic area affected and the issues presented? Why will the proposed change result in a net benefit to the community?

The net benefit will be to greatly increase the involvement of citizens citywide in the fundamentals of implementing the Comprehensive Plan.

5. How would the proposed change comply with the community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan? Please include any data, research, or reasoning that supports the proposed amendments.

In 2008-2009, the City Council by Ordinance 122799, created the Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee. The final report of that committee included this recommendation:

The driver of neighborhood (subarea) plans under GMA is growth projections. During the initial round of neighborhood planning, assigned "targets" were not evaluated by

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planning committees. NPAC is recommending that for future neighborhood plans, this be changed and informed stakeholders have a say in the targets. Doing so will shed light on the mechanics of the forecast methods and allow stakeholders to make adjustments based on the adequacy of physical and social infrastructure to meet targets and their knowledge of property ownership and development trends.

The proposed new CP policy will acknowledge this recommendation from a diverse body of citizens representing each of the 13 District Councils and with participation by others appointed by the Council and Mayor to reflect non-urban village areas and “under-represented” constituencies citywide.

The recommended citizen engagement should begin early and well before the mechanical process of “distributing” targets across subareas. Securing awareness and agreement with citywide targets will legitimize the planning process at the subarea level.

6. Is there public support for this proposed text amendments (i.e. have you conducted community meetings, etc.)? Note: The City will provide a public participation process, public notice, and environmental review for all applications.

See answer to Q5 above.

Your comprehensive Plan Amendment Application must be received by the City Council no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th to be considered in the next year’s annual review process. You can send your application via e-mail (the preferred method) to compplan@seattle.gov, or via regular mail to: Office of the City Clerk, 600 Fourth Avenue, Floor 3, PO Box 34025, Seattle, Washington 98124-4025.