

**City of Seattle**  
**2017 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION**

Use this application to propose an amendment to the goals, 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 (sent electronically to: [compplan@seattle.gov](mailto:compplan@seattle.gov)) no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th for consideration in the next annual review cycle.** Any proposals received after May 15th will be considered in the review process for the following year. *(Please Print or Type)*

Applicant:

Date:

Email:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Contact person (if not the applicant):

Email:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

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

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application**

Please answer the following questions and. If appropriate, attach any additional sheets, supporting maps or graphics. If you use separate sheets to provide your answers, then answer each question 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.), maps, goals and/or policies you propose to amend.

a. If the amendment is to an existing Comprehensive Plan goal or policy, and you have specific language you would like to be considered, please show proposed amendments in "line in/line out" format with text to be added indicated by underlining, and text to be deleted indicated with ~~strikeouts~~.

b. If you anticipate that the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment would also require a change to the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), please indicate the SMC section(s) that would need to be changed. If you have specific language you would like to be considered, please show proposed edits to the SMC in "line in/line out" format as described above.

c. If the amendment is to the Future Land Use Map, please provide a map that clearly outlines the area(s) proposed to be changed. List the address(es) for each property, the current land use category as shown on the Future Land Use Map and the proposed new land use category for each property in the area to be changed. Identify your relationship to the owner(s) of the property. Describe how the change is consistent with Policy LU1.5, which states "Require Future Land Use Map amendments only when needed to achieve a significant change to the intended function of a large area."

2. For amendments to goals and policies only: Describe how the issue is currently addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Why is a change needed?

3. Describe why the proposed change meets each of the criteria established in Resolution 31402 which sets criteria for Council to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. (The criteria are listed at the end of this application form.)

4. What other options are there for meeting the goal or objectives of the amendment? Why is a Comprehensive Plan amendment needed to meet the goals or objectives?

5. What do you anticipate will be the impacts of the proposed amendment, including impacts to the geographic area affected? Why will the proposed amendment result in a net benefit to the community? Please include any data, research, or analysis that supports the proposed amendments.

6. How does the proposed amendment support the existing goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan? If the proposal would change existing goals and policies or add new goals and policies to the Comprehensive Plan, describe how the proposed amendment is consistent with the Washington State Growth Management Act (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=36.70A>), the Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2040 (<http://www.psrc.org/growth/vision2040/>), and the King County Countywide Planning Policies (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/executive/performance-strategy-budget/regional-planning/CPPs.aspx>).

7. Is there public support for this proposed amendment? If the amendment would change the Future Land Use Map or a Neighborhood Plan, please list any meetings that you have held with the community about the amendment. If the amendment would have a citywide impact, please list any organizations that you have discussed the amendment with. *Notes: You may attach letters of support for the amendment. The City will provide public notice and opportunity for public comment, and environmental review for all applications.*

8. Has the proposed amendment been considered before by the Council? If so, when was it considered and what was the outcome? If the amendment has been previously rejected, please explain either:

- How the proposal has changed since it was last rejected, or
- Changed circumstances since the proposal was last considered that support reconsideration of the proposal.

Submit the application electronically via email at [compplan@seattle.gov](mailto:compplan@seattle.gov)

**Questions?**

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## **Criteria for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Selection (from Resolution 31402)**

The following criteria will be used in determining which proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will be given further consideration:

- A. The amendment is appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan because:
- It is consistent with the role of the Comprehensive Plan under the State Growth Management Act;
  - It is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies and the multi-county policies contained in the Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2040 strategy;
  - Its intent cannot be accomplished by a change in regulations alone;
  - It is not better addressed as a budgetary or programmatic decision; and
  - It is not better addressed through another process, such as neighborhood planning.
- B. The amendment is legal under state and local law.
- C. It is practical to consider the amendment because:
- The timing of the amendment is appropriate and Council will have sufficient information to make an informed decision;
  - City staff will be able to develop within the time available the text for the Comprehensive Plan and, if necessary, amendments to the Municipal Code, and to conduct sufficient analysis and public review;
  - The amendment is consistent with the overall vision of the Comprehensive Plan and well-established Comprehensive Plan policy, or the Mayor or Council wishes to consider changing the vision or established policy; and
  - The amendment has not been recently rejected by the City Council.
- D. If the amendment would change a neighborhood plan, it either is the result of a neighborhood review process or can be reviewed by such a process prior to final Council consideration of the amendment.
- E. The amendment is likely to make a material difference in a future City regulatory or funding decision.