

City of Seattle
2016 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.** 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 change (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 in text and attach them to the application with supporting maps or graphics. 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.

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 the proposed amendment would also require a change to the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), please indicate the SMC section(s) needing amendment. 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 proposed to be changed.

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

3. Describe why the proposed change meets the criteria adopted in Resolution 31402 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?

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

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.

6. Is there public support for this proposed amendment(s) (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.*

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.

Questions?

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