

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Whatcom County Council and Whatcom County Planning Commission will have a public hearing on the following on September 17, 2009 at 6:00 P.M:

WHATCOM COUNTY URBAN GROWTH AREA REVIEW (AB2009-052D): On September 17, 2009, the Whatcom County Council and Whatcom County Planning Commission will hold a joint public hearing to receive public and agency input on Urban Growth Area (UGA) proposals, including revised UGA boundaries, population and employment growth projections and allocations, comprehensive plan amendments, and zoning amendments including rezoning property. Specifically, the following sections of the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan would be amended: Chapter One (Introduction), Chapter Two (Land Use), Chapter Three (Housing), Chapter Four (Capital Facilities), Chapter Five (Utilities), Chapter Six (Transportation), Chapter Eight (Resource Lands), Appendix A (Glossary), and Appendix G (Transportation Impact Fee – Background Information). Comprehensive Plan Appendix E (Short Term Planning Area Maps) would be repealed. A 20-Year Capital Facilities Plan would be adopted as the new Appendix E in the Comprehensive Plan. Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan maps including UGA, rural, resource land, open space corridor and transportation maps would be amended. Official Whatcom County Zoning Ordinance text and map amendments include:

- \* Amending the Urban Residential District, Urban Residential Medium Density District, and Urban Residential Mixed District to require a one dwelling/ten acre maximum gross density instead of a one dwelling/five acre maximum gross density when public water and sewer are not available or when outside of a short term planning area.
  - \* Adding Traffic Demand Management provisions to the Cherry Point Industrial District.
  - \* Repealing Section 2 of Ordinance 2004-049 relating to Birch Bay provisional zoning.
  - \* Amending the zoning maps to adopt urban zoning districts within urban growth areas and rural or other non-urban zoning districts in areas removed from urban growth areas.
- The Urban Growth Area review is being completed pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(3) and includes the Urban Growth Areas for all cities within Whatcom County, as well as the unincorporated Urban Growth Areas for Birch Bay, Columbia Valley, and Cherry Point. Proposals can be obtained at Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Department, or on the web site at [www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/2031](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/2031)

Please note: The September 17 Council/Planning Commission meeting will begin at 6:00 P.M. Public documents are available for review in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham. Meetings are in the Council Chambers, same address. People with special needs or disabilities who will be attending this meeting are asked to please contact our office (676-6690, 384-6637, 800-676-6757 or TDD 738-4555) at least 96 hours in advance, so that we may make any needed accommodations. If interpretive services or transportation is needed, please call more than two days ahead of time.

Dated August 28

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dana Brown-Davis  
Clerk of the Council

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Seth Fleetwood  
Council Chair

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