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Request for Director Interpretation of Development Codes

The Planning and Development Services Director is authorized to administer and interpret certain Whatcom County codes, including:

- (a) WCC Title [16](#), Environment;
- (b) WCC Title [20](#), Zoning;
- (c) WCC Title [21](#), Land Division Regulations;
- (d) WCC Title [22](#), Land Use and Development Procedures; and
- (e) WCC Title [23](#), Shoreline Management Program.

22.20.020 Request for interpretation prior to project permit application.

A person may request an interpretation of the code prior to submission of a project permit. The person shall submit a written request specifying each provision of the code for which an interpretation is requested, why an interpretation of each provision is necessary, and any reasons or material in support of a proposed interpretation. Interpretations of a pending project permit shall be made through the applicable permitting process as established in Chapter 22.05 WCC. (Ord. 2018-032 § 1 (Exh. A)).

22.20.040 Factors for consideration.

In making an interpretation of the provisions of the code, the director shall consider the following:

- (1) The applicable provisions of the code including their purpose and context;
- (2) The impact of the interpretation on other provisions of the code;
- (3) The implications of the interpretation for development within the county as a whole;
and
- (4) The applicable provisions of the comprehensive plan and other relevant codes and policies. (Ord. 2018-032 § 1 (Exh. A)).

Application Requirements:

- A completed Land Use Application form
- All of the materials and information required by this form
- Application fee payment

Requester

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

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Description of interpretation request including applicable code sections:

List materials submitted to illustrate or describe the request:

NOTE: Fees will be assessed in accordance with the Whatcom County Unified Fee Schedule (UFS) in effect at the time of application submittal. Please contact Planning and Development Services to determine project specific fees. Click [here](#) to see the 2019/2020 UFS.

Per UFS 2843 all permits and applications are subject to a Technology fee. The fee is calculated on the permit/application fees due.

Printed Name

Date

Signature