

**CHAPTER XX.90**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

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**xx.90.010 Purpose.** The purpose of this Chapter is to provide the procedural steps needed to govern any amendments to the Comprehensive Plan text and/or maps.

**xx.90.020 Initiation of Text and Map Amendments.**

- A. Proposed amendments or revisions to the Comprehensive Plan shall be docketed and considered by the County no more frequently than once every year except that amendments may be considered more frequently under the following circumstances:
1. The initial adoption of a sub-area plan; and
  2. The adoption or amendment of a shoreline master program under the procedures set forth in RCW Chapter 90.58.
  3. The amendment of the capital facilities element of a comprehensive plan that occurs concurrently with the adoption or amendment of a County budget.
- B. All amendment proposals shall be considered by the County concurrently so the cumulative effect of the various proposals can be ascertained. However, the County may adopt amendments or revisions to its Comprehensive Plan that conform with RCW Chapter 36.70A whenever an emergency exists or to resolve an appeal of a Comprehensive Plan filed with the Growth Management Hearings Board or with a court.

~~C. The County shall revise its projected population figures a minimum of every 10 years to accommodate the growth projected to occur in the County for the succeeding 20 year period.~~  
The County shall revise its projected population figures in accordance with the schedule established in RCW 36.70A.130 to accommodate the growth projected to occur in the County for the succeeding 20 year period.

**xx.90.030 Criteria for Amendment Procedure.** The criteria staff uses to make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on whether or not to consider an amendment to the comprehensive plan include the following:

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- A. Conditions in the vicinity of the proposal have markedly changed since the subject property was designated, and under those changed conditions, a plan amendment is within the public interest.
- B. The proposal is limited in scope and can fit within the Planning Department's work program for the current year.
- C. The proposal is correcting an inconsistency within the Plan or is a clarification of the Plan.
- D. The public interest is served by dealing with the proposal at the present time rather than later.
- E. The proposal bears a substantial relation to the promotion and preservation of public health, safety and welfare.
- F. The proposal will result in long-term benefits to the community as a whole and is in the best interest of the community.
- G. Whether the proposal complies with the applicable goals and requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act.

**xx.90.040 State Review of Text and Map Amendments.** In proposing any changes to its Comprehensive Plan, the County shall notify the appropriate state agencies of its intent to adopt such amendments at least 60 days prior to final adoption. The County shall transmit a complete and accurate copy of its Comprehensive Plan to state agencies in accordance with State law.