

Comprehensive Plan & Code Revisions

Annual Newsletter

July 2014

How does the amendment process work?

Suggested changes are submitted by June 30th of each year.

Docket is created and available for public review of all suggested amendments.

Written comments accepted up to the closing of the Board of Commissioners' public hearing.

Public notice provided for any study sessions and hearings regarding amendments.

A newsletter shall be distributed and copies of proposed amendments made available.

The Planning Commission and County Commissioners review testimony and decide by December 31st of each year.

Notice of Decision is to be published.

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2014 Annual Amendments

Suggested amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations (Kittitas County Code—KCC) are docketed with Community Development Services each year for consideration by the Kittitas County Planning Commission and the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners (KCC 15B.03.030). The 2014 docket is as follows:

1. KCC New Chapter 3.46 Current Use Open Space Land Program
2. KCC New Title 11 Clearing & Grading
3. KCC Chapter 13.35 Adequate Water Supply
4. KCC Chapter 14.04 Dry Cabins
5. KCC Chapter 14.08 Flood Damage Prevention
6. KCC Title 15:04 State Environmental Policy Act
7. KCC Title 15A Project Permit Application Process
8. KCC Title 16 Subdivisions: Various Sections for Clarity and Consistency
9. KCC Title 16 Subdivisions: Conservation Agriculture Plating
10. KCC Chapters 17.12 Zoning Map; 17.13 Transfer of Development Rights; Allowed Uses, Definitions & Matrices; Uses for Resource & Recreation Tourism; Section 17.15.050 to .080 Revised uses re: Marijuana; 17.72 Signs
11. Anderson Hay and Grain Rezone
12. City of Roslyn UGA Expansion



County Moves Closer to GMA Compliant Comprehensive Plan

On July 7, 2014, the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board heard arguments regarding the County's most recent Comprehensive Plan amendments and how they meet the requirements of the Growth

Management Act. Most of the discussion presented by the plaintiffs related to the County's effectiveness in meeting water usage throughout the County under the law. Past objectors, the Department of Ecology, and

Futurewise praised the County's actions, and indicated that the County met the requirements of the Act. The Hearing Board decision is expected to be made by next month.

Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Status Update

The end of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) update process is near! SMPs have been updated to address comments received during the 60-day comment period (January – March 2014) and will now be evaluated by each participating jurisdiction's Planning

Commission. Once the Planning Commission has made a recommendation on the local SMP, it will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners (or City/Town Council) for review and adoption. The public will have the opportunity to comment on the

Final SMPs at the public hearings associated with review and adoption of the Final SMPs. See schedule on next page for County public hearing schedules. Once adopted locally, each SMP must be sent to the Department of Ecology for final approval.



Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Status Update

The Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) update process began in 2012. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed Best Available Science, resulting in the Best Available Science Report released in June 2014. The Citizen

Advisory Committee (CAC) began meeting in June and will continue to meet monthly through October of 2014 to make recommendations on draft policies and regulations. The CAC's monthly meetings are open

to the public and public comments are welcome at the beginning of each meeting. Written comments are also welcome. Kittitas County hopes to complete the Critical Areas Ordinance update process by May of 2015.

Road Standards

Kittitas County Public Works is still in the process of updating the Road Standards. The update was put on hold in early 2012 in order to allow the GMA compliance process to be completed. Public Works plans to restart the update process this fall and hopes

to hold public hearings in 2015. The process will begin with a review of the proposed Road Standards to ensure they support the revisions to the Development Code and Comprehensive Plan required by the GMA compliance process. The draft Road

Standards and information on the update process is on the County website at <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/public-works/development/road-standards.aspx>.

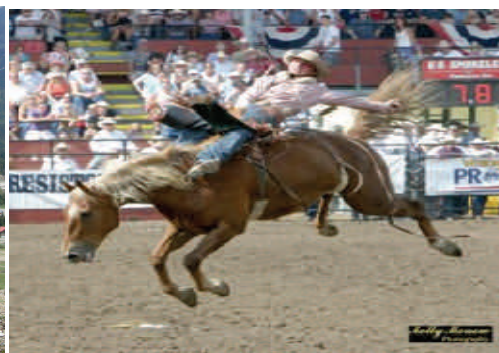
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Upcoming Public Meetings

See below for **TENTATIVE** meeting dates locations:

2014 DOCKET

August 27, 2014

Annual Comp. Plan Amendment Open House
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
TBD

September 23, 2014

Planning Commission Public Hearing
Annual Comp Plan Amendment
6:00 p.m. Commissioners' Auditorium
205 W. 5th Street, Ellensburg

November 4, 2014

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing
Annual Comp. Plan Amendment
6:00 p.m. Commissioners' Auditorium
205 W. 5th Street, Ellensburg

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

August 12, 2014

Planning Commission Public Hearing
Shoreline Master Program
6:30 p.m. Commissioner's Auditorium
205 W. 5th Street, Ellensburg

September 16, 2014

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing
Shoreline Master Program
6:00 p.m. Commissioners' Auditorium
205 W. 5th Street, Ellensburg

CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE UPDATE

Monthly Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting—3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

