

City of Seattle
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 p.m. on May 15 for consideration in the next annual review cycle. If May 15 falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday closest to that date. Any proposals received after May 15 will be considered in the review process for the following year.

(Please Print or Type)

Date: May 13, 2009

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Name of general area, location, or site that would be affected by this proposed change in text (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Seattle's shoreline areas.

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. Supporting maps or graphics may be included. 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.

The city is in the process of updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The State has established a December 2010 deadline for Seattle to adopt the updated SMP. The update process and policy outcomes must comply with new guidance established by the Washington Department of Ecology under the Shoreline Management Act (SMA).

Proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments would be primarily in the Land Use Element . Proposed amendments to shoreline goals and policies will have the following purposes:

- **Increase emphasis on ecological protection and restoration, including the requirement to meet “No Net Loss of Ecological” function in compliance with the current Shoreline Master Program guidelines.**
- **Address the Washington Administrative Code requirement to complete a shoreline restoration plan.**
- **Prohibit new overwater structures that are not water dependent.**
- **Reorganize the goals and policies: a) Replace the area goals and policies with goals and policies for each shoreline environment, b) Include goals and policies for shorelines of statewide significance in a separate section.**
- **Include more details on when non-water-oriented uses would be allowed on waterfront lots.**

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.

These proposed amendments are part of an effort to update the City’s Shoreline Management Program, which includes not only the goals and policies in the Comp Plan but also the detailed regulations found in the Shorelines section of the Land

Use Code. DPD will be recommending amendments to the Land Use Code that implement the revised policies.

c. If the amendment is to the Future Land Use Map, please provide a map that clearly outlines the area proposed to be changed.

No changes to the Future Land Use Map are proposed.

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

Reports on the existing policy basis of the Seattle Shoreline Master Program are available online at

www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/ShorelineMasterProgramUpdate/Overview/

3. Describe why the proposed change meets the criteria adopted in Resolution 30662 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?

The proposed changes meet the Resolution 30662 criteria, because the Growth Management Act requires that the City's policies for the shoreline master program are considered an element of the Comprehensive Plan.

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

The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) constitutes the policies and regulations governing development and uses on and adjacent to marine and freshwater shorelines. This includes the waters of Puget Sound, Lake Washington, Lake Union/ Ship Canal, Duwamish River, Green Lake, as well as associated wetlands and floodplains. These policies and regulations affect land uses, structure bulk and setbacks, public access requirements, bulkheads, docks, piers, and construction practices.

The goal of the update planning process is to make the SMP a more effective tool for defining and implementing Seattle's vision for the shoreline, particularly as it relates to protecting and restoring the habitat value of the shorelines. Analysis being prepared as part of the SMP update will provide more specific descriptions of the impacts these proposed amendments will have.

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.

The existing SMP is addressed in the Comp Plan. More information, including reports, meeting documents and a Draft Vision Report is available at www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/ShorelineMasterProgramUpdate/ReportsMaterials/

6. Is there public support for this proposed text amendments (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.

The SMP update planning process includes an extensive public involvement effort, including a Citizen Advisory Committee and numerous public meetings. More information on the project's public involvement process is available at

Your comprehensive Plan Amendment Application must be received by the City Council no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th to be considered in the next year's annual review process. You can send your application via e-mail (the preferred method) to compplan@seattle.gov, or via regular mail to: Office of the City Clerk, 600 Fourth Avenue, Floor 3, PO Box 34025, Seattle, Washington 98124-4025.