



## **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~~.
  - 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.
  - c. If the amendment is to the Future Land Use Map, please provide a map that clearly outlines the area proposed to be changed.
2. Describe how the issue is currently addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. If the issue is not adequately addressed, describe the need for it.
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?
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?
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.

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.

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](mailto: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.

### **Criteria for Comprehensive Plan Amendment Selection (from Resolution 30662)**

The following criteria will be used in determining which proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will be given further consideration:

- A. The amendment or policy is appropriate for the Comprehensive Plan because:
  - The amendment is not appropriate as a regulatory measure, and warrants a Comprehensive Plan amendment;
  - The amendment is not better addressed as a budgetary or programmatic decision;
  - The amendment is not better addressed through another planning process, such as neighborhood planning; or
  - The Growth Management Act (GMA) mandates the amendment as part of the 10-year update.
  
- B. The amendment is legal - the amendment meets existing state and local laws.
  
- C. It is practical to consider the amendment because:
  - The timing of the amendment is appropriate and Council will have sufficient information necessary to make an informed decision;
  - City staff will be able to conduct sufficient analysis and to develop policy and any related development regulations within the available time frame;
  - The proposed amendment is consistent with the overall vision of the Comprehensive Plan and well-established Comprehensive Plan policy, or the Mayor or Council is interested in significantly changing existing policy;
  - The amendment has not been recently rejected; and
  - If the proposed change is to neighborhood plan policies, there has been a neighborhood review process to develop the proposal, or a neighborhood review process can be conducted prior to final Council consideration of the amendment.

Amendments to Existing language (shown with proposed new wording underlined and deletions ~~crossed out~~):

**Section C—Location-Specific Land Use Policies**

Discussion

The basic zoning categories described in Section B, are augmented here by policies that respond to specific characteristics of an area. For example, historic districts are governed by a basic zoning category as well as regulations that respond to the unique historic characteristics of an area. This section provides the policy foundation to guide how the City adjusts its regulations to respond to unique environments, particularly those created by: major institutions, historic districts and landmarks, arts and cultural districts, environmentally critical areas and shorelines.

Goal

**LUG31:** Provide flexibility in, or supplement, standard zone provisions to achieve special public purposes where circumstances warrant. Such areas include shoreline areas, airport height districts, historic landmark and special review districts, major institutions, arts and cultural districts, subarea plan districts, areas around high capacity transit stations, and other appropriate locations.

Proposed New Section C-5

C-5 Cultural Overlay Districts

Policies

**LUXXX** Encourage the creation of cultural districts to support arts and cultural uses and the economic benefits they provide. Use the creation of cultural districts as a tool to carry out neighborhood plan recommendations and other city plans that promote arts and cultural uses.

**LUXXX** Allow regulations and incentives to be adopted specifically for designated cultural districts. Allow adopted guidelines or regulations to modify, exempt, or supersede the standards of the underlying zone to encourage arts and cultural uses. For elements not included in the district guidelines, the standards of the existing zone designation shall continue to apply.