

Amendment 1 to Comprehensive Plan Threshold Resolution 31146
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Add a Future Land Use Map Amendment addressing industrial land in the Ballard Hub Urban Village to the Comprehensive Plan Policy Docket

Resolution 31146 identifies the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to be considered for possible adoption in 2010. This list is called the “policy docket”. The Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee (PLUNC) voted on July 22, 2009 to place 15 amendments on the policy docket for further consideration.

One of the amendments that PLUNC decided not to place on the policy docket was a proposal to amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to change a one block area from the Industrial to Commercial/Mixed Use category. The Committee rejected this proposal because Comprehensive Plan Land Use Policy 2 states that a FLUM amendment is only required “when significant changes to the intended function of a large area are proposed”. The Committee did not think a map amendment was necessary because of the small size of the proposed change.

However, the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) staff person at the PLUNC meeting told Committee members that as part of carrying out the Industrial Jobs Initiative, DPD has been analyzing all the industrial land located within the Ballard Hub Urban Village. The Council directed DPD to undertake the Industrial Jobs Initiative in Resolution 31026, which was adopted in November, 2007. DPD’s recommendation for Ballard, which includes the block originally proposed for a FLUM amendment, will be ready this fall. The Committee then directed staff to prepare an additional amendment for the policy docket that addresses all of the industrial land within the Ballard Hub Urban Village.

The Comprehensive Plan amendment proposed by Councilmembers Clark and Burgess would read as follows:

P. Consider FLUM amendments related to industrial land in the Ballard Hub Urban Village, in anticipation of the findings of the Department of Planning and Development’s Industrial Jobs Initiative, as called for in Resolution 31026.

If Council votes to add this amendment to the list, the remaining amendments listed in Resolution 31146 will need to be renumbered.