

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Comprehensive Plan Docket Amendments

City Council
August 11, 2020



PURPOSE

Review Planning Commission's recommendation to amend Comprehensive Plan docketing process – RZC 21.76.070.J

Questions to consider:

- Specific questions about the recommendation for staff to address for during Staff Report?
- Would the Committee desire a study session?

BENEFITS

- Community – predictability, transparency
- Operational – efficiency
- Legislative Intent – GMA compliant

APPROACH

- Review current process
- Identify issues & address concerns
 - Planning Commissioners
 - Council members
 - Applicants and staff
- Conduct research
- Review drafts
- Seek community input
- Present Planning Commission Recommendation

POTENTIAL PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

- Predictable application period/schedule
- Defines roles: Council & Planning Commission
 - Initiating proposals
 - Decision-making process
- Cumulative review of docketed proposals

OVERALL SCHEDULE

DATE	PROCESS
By March 15	Required pre-proposal meeting with Planning staff.
Jan – April 1	Application acceptance period.
April 1	Application deadline.
By July 1	Planning Commission reviews proposed amendments, holds public hearing(s), and makes recommendation to Council.
By August 31	Council determines proposed amendment outcomes (include, exclude, or defer) and approves the Annual Review Docket.
No later than August 31 of the following year	Council evaluates and takes final action on each docketed item.

RECOMMENDATION

- Members of the Public
 - Two year limitation
- Planning Commission
 - Affirmative vote of majority
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- City Council
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 - No limitation
- Staff

**Proposed
Change:
Who May
Apply**

RECOMMENDATION

- New & revised threshold criteria – more clear
 - Address changing needs of the City?
 - Address City priorities, capacity/resources?
 - Is public interest best served now or defer to later...neighborhood plans, periodic update?
- New decision structure
 - Include
 - Exclude
 - Defer

**Proposed
Change:
Threshold
Criteria and
Decision**

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**Proposed
Change:
Decision Criteria
for Final Action**

FEES

- Currently, no application fees
- Considering 3 types of fees:
 - Comprehensive Plan policy amendment
 - w/zoning map
 - w/zoning text
- May amend RZC 21.76.030.E
- Separate action; Council Resolution

SCHEDULE



Planning Commission
June - July
Study Sessions
&
Public Hearing



*Planning, Parks
and Public Works*
Aug. 3



*Council
Review*
Sept. 1 & 22



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We Are Here
Aug. 11



Council Action
Oct. 20

Questions/Discussion

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