



AMENDMENT CRITERIA

Current Code: Chapter 17.56 - Amendments

1. Major update in 1999 for Growth Management Act
2. One set of criteria for all amendment types
3. Type IV Process (Legislative)

What are other cities doing?

Mandated by the GMA, varying level of details

Best Practices?

1. Adhere to the Growth Management Act
2. Provide clarity, predictability, transparency, and consistency

Amendment Types

1. Comprehensive Plan
2. Development Regulations
3. Zoning Map

Comprehensive Plan Amendments

1. Periodic Update (every 10 years)
2. Annual Amendments
3. Exempt Amendments

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Criteria

1. The proposed amendment shall be consistent with the provisions of the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW.
2. The proposed amendment shall be consistent with the provisions of the Spokane Countywide Planning Policies.
3. The proposed amendment shall be consistent with other sections of the Comprehensive Plan, the Strategic Plan and the Capital Facility Plan.

Development Regulation Amendments

1. Carry out the Comprehensive Plan
2. Respond to legislative changes
3. Improve the usability of the Municipal Code

Development Regulation Amendment Criteria

1. The proposed amendment(s) implements the goals, objectives, and policies of the Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan.
2. The proposed amendment(s) complies with all requirements of the state's Growth Management Act, including growth boundaries, critical areas, and future housing needs.
3. The proposed amendment(s) does not conflict with the Shoreline Master Program.

Development Regulation Amendment Criteria, continued

4. The proposed amendment(s) is consistent with other adopted City plans, including, but not limited to, the Strategic Plan, Capital Facilities Plan, Water Plan, Sewer Plan, and Transportation Plan.
5. The proposed amendment(s) will not adversely affect the ability to provide city services in a cost-effective manner.
6. The proposed amendment(s) will result in long-term benefits to the community as a whole and is in the public interest.
7. The proposed amendment(s) will not result in adverse impacts to public infrastructure, wetlands, lakes, businesses, or residents.

Zoning Map Amendment Criteria

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan goals, policies and objectives.
2. The proposed amendment does not reduce the housing capacity or income stratification needs for the City.
3. The proposed amendment(s) will not adversely affect the ability to provide city services in a cost-effective manner.
4. The proposed amendment will result in long-term benefits to the community as a whole and is in the public interest.