

## **Existing Approval Criteria, MLMC Chapter 17.56 – Amendments**

1. The amendment is necessary to resolve inconsistencies between the comprehensive plan and implementing ordinances, or inconsistencies between the plan or ordinances and local, state or federal mandates.
2. The amendment of the plan and/or the development regulations will further the implementation of the comprehensive plan and resolve inconsistency between the two in a manner that will not adversely impact the general public health, safety, and/or welfare.
3. Conditions have changed so much since the adoption of the comprehensive plan on factors such as, but not limited to population, employment, housing, transportation, capital facilities, or economic conditions that the existing goals, policies, objectives and/or map classifications of the comprehensive plan or development regulations are inappropriate.
4. Substantial conditions exist where the available supply of forecasted lands for residential, commercial, industrial, recreation or agriculture have been absorbed and there is insufficient land available for a twenty-year supply.
5. If the comprehensive plan amendment proposal involves extension of water and/or sewer services outside of the urban growth boundary, the following additional criteria must be met:
  - A. The proposal must be in response to an immediate threat to public health or safety;
  - B. The proposal is necessary for the protection of the aquifer(s) designated pursuant to RCW 36.70A.170;
  - C. The proposal is necessary to maintain existing levels of service in existing urban or suburban developments.
6. The proposed amendment is consistent with the overall intent of the goals of the comprehensive plan.
7. The proposed amendment is consistent with RCW 36.70A, the Growth Management Act, the county-wide planning policies and applicable multicounty planning policies.
8. Where an amendment to the comprehensive plan map is proposed, the proposed designation is adjacent to property having a similar and compatible designation.
9. Public facilities, infrastructure and transportation systems are present to serve the intended amendment or provisions have been made in accordance with the comprehensive plan to provide the necessary facilities.
10. The proposed amendment is complimentary and compatible with adjacent land uses and the surrounding environment.
11. The proposed amendment does not adversely affect lands designated as agricultural and/or resource lands of long term commercial significance or critical areas.

## **Proposed amendment criteria:**

### Comprehensive Plan:

- A. The proposed amendment shall be consistent with the provisions of the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, or any amendment thereto.
- B. The proposed amendment shall be consistent with the provisions of the Spokane Countywide Planning Policies.
- C. The proposed amendment shall be consistent with other sections of the Comprehensive Plan, the Strategic Plan and the Capital Facility Plan.

### Zoning Map:

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

### Development Regulations:

- A. The proposed amendment(s) implements the goals, objectives, and policies of the Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan.
- B. The proposed amendment(s) complies with all requirements of the state's Growth Management Act, including growth boundaries, critical areas, and future housing needs.
- C. The proposed amendment(s) does not conflict with the Shoreline Master Program.
- D. The proposed amendment(s) is consistent with other adopted City plans, including, but not limited to, the Strategic Plan, Capital Facilities Plan, Parks Master Plan, Water Plan, Sewer Plan, and Transportation Plan.
- E. The proposed amendment(s) will not adversely affect the ability to provide city services in a cost-effective manner.
- F. The proposed amendment(s) will result in long-term benefits to the community as a whole and is in the public interest.
- G. The proposed amendment(s) will not result in adverse impacts to public infrastructure, wetlands, lakes, businesses, or residents.