



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development **Analyst:** Ryan Countryman

ECAF: 2022-0198

Proposal: Proposed Motion 22-092

Date: March 1, 2022

Consideration

Proposed Motion 22-092 refers a potential expansion of the Darrington Urban Growth Area (UGA) to Planning and Development Services (PDS) and the Snohomish County Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation as part of Alternative 3 of 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update.

Background and Analysis

As part of Docket XXI, the Town of Darrington requested to swap a reduction on the west part of its UGA for an expansion of the north. In its review of this docket proposal, PDS found that the swap did not meet all the applicable criteria for PDS to recommend approval of the DR1 docket proposal.

This motion would place part of the DR1 northward UGA expansion proposal in Alternative 3 for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Update process. The expansion proposed in this motion includes approximately 107 acres made up of two properties, Whitehorse Park (82 acres) and Hampton Mills (25 acres). The the Future Land Use Map for these sites in Alternative 3 would be Public/Institutional Use (P/IU) and Urban Industrial respectively. Zoning would be residential for the park and Heavy Industrial for Hampton Mills. The General Policy Plan (GPP) identifies three implementing zones for UGA expansions to include P/IU designated land: R-7,200, R-8,400, or R-9,600. Darrington had requested R-12,500 zoning at the park. The motion asks PDS to consider amending the GPP language to allow R-12,500 zoning for P/IU UGA expansions. If there is a reason not to amend the GPP language, then this motion would propose R-9,600 zoning for the park. The motion also notes that the current RI zoning in this area does not cover the full right-of-way for SR-530. Therefore, a UGA expansion that follows current zoning lines might not take in the entire right-of-way that would be expected to be annexed by Darrington. This motion request PDS to propose in Alternative 3 a boundary for the UGA and zoning in this area that includes appropriate consideration of rights-of-way and future annexation.

Current Proposal

Summary and Scope: Referral of proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Map, official Zoning map, and GPP related to the Darrington UGA to PDS and the Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Update process.

Deadline: None

Fiscal Implications: None

Request: Move to General Legislative Session for consideration