



Snohomish County Council

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance 22-014, relating to Growth Management; amending development regulations in Chapters 30.22 and 30.31A SCC pertaining to residential development in the Business Park zone

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services

ORIGINATOR: Amber Piona, Senior Planner

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE - Ken Klein

PURPOSE: Adopt code amendments amending the development regulations related to residential uses within the Business Park (BP) zone to promote flexibility of uses within the BP zone, reinstate residential uses as an allowed use within the BP zone under limited circumstances, and promote the development of a diversity of housing types to provide missing middle housing.

BACKGROUND: The intent and function of the BP zone is to provide for business and industrial uses which are capable of being constructed, maintained, and operated in a manner uniquely designed to be compatible with adjoining residential and retail commercial. The BP zone may also, under limited circumstances, provide for residential development where sites are large and where compatibility can be assured for on-site mixed uses. However, existing regulations do not allow for residential uses within the BP zone. Snohomish County is facing an affordable housing crisis and housing stock shortage. The proposed amendments are intended to provide flexibility for increasing residential development within urban areas. Snohomish County is directed by the CPPs to preserve industrial and commercial land and prevent incompatible development. The proposed amendments are limited in scope to existing parcels zoned BP which are 25 acres or greater. Limiting the proposed amendments to only include existing large parcels preserves the majority of BP parcels for industrial land uses. The Planning Commission held a hearing on this proposal on January 25, 2022, and voted to recommend to approve the proposed amendments, with a planning commission recommendation letter dated February 2, 2022.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL			

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CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT
AMENDMENT	CONTRACT#	AMOUNT

Contract Period

ORIGINAL	START	END
AMENDMENT	START	END

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW/COMMENTS: Approved as to form by DPA Matt Otten 3/14/22.
Reviewed and approved by Finance.