

City of Seattle
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Use this application to propose a change in the policies, future land use map, appendices, or other components of the adopted City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan. Applications are due to the Seattle City Council no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 15th** for consideration in the next annual review cycle. Any proposals received after May 15th will be considered in the review process for the following year.

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Date: May 14, 2014

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Name of general area, location, or site that would be affected by this proposed change in text (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Text in the Urban Village Element, so the affected area would be citywide

If the application is approved for further consideration by the City Council, the applicant may be required to submit a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist.

Acceptance of this application does not guarantee final approval.

Applicant Signature: *Cindi Barker*
Date: 5/14/2014

REQUIRED QUESTIONNAIRE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Application

Please answer the following questions in text and attach them to the application. Supporting maps or graphics may be included. Please answer all questions separately and reference the question number in your answer. The Council will consider an application incomplete unless all the questions are answered. When proposing an amendment, you must show that a change to the Comprehensive Plan is required.

1. Provide a detailed description of the proposed amendment and a clear statement of what the proposed amendment is intended to accomplish. Include the name(s) of the Comprehensive Plan Element(s) (Land Use, Transportation, etc) you propose to amend.

First Amendment proposal

I propose that the language in UV44 be amended to add a requirement for briefing of the City Council for purposes of budget consideration, and that the results of review already dictated by UV44 be provide to Neighborhood Plan Stewards for their consideration and action. I also suggest that language be added to improve working relationship with the community to develop appropriate response to growth patterns.

Proposed changes to UV44

UV44 In order to monitor the effects of the urban village strategy: collect data, review, and report on growth and change in urban centers, urban villages, and manufacturing/ industrial centers at least every 3 years. Include in these reports factors such as: progress on implementing neighborhood plan approval and adoption matrices; changes in the numbers of jobs and housing units; housing costs, including net loss or gain of low-income and very low-income housing units; housing types; crime rates; transportation systems and their use; business types; public facilities; services; and open space, to the extent information is practically available. Collect and report on similar data for typical areas outside villages for comparison. Broadly communicate the results of monitoring efforts. Provide a Briefing to City Council by July of the year following the review in order to be used for consideration in the annual Budget cycle. Provide the results directly to the Neighborhood Plan Stewards on record with the Department of Neighborhoods.

Work with community members to identify appropriate responses to significant growth, lack of growth or changes, including: community-led activities; additional planning for, or re-prioritization of, City Programs or infrastructure improvements; partially or entirely updating a neighborhood plan; or working with other public agencies to address community goals.

Second Amendment proposal

I propose to add a second condition in UV45 which triggers evaluation.

Proposed changes to UV45

UV45 Review situations where the rate of growth is significantly faster or slower than anticipated in the growth targets contained in Appendix UV-A or where other measures indicate significant changes in the center or village over an extended period of time. Evaluate the significance of the changes or the significance of lack

Attachment A

of change with center or village residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders in light of the expectations underlying the neighborhood plan for the area, the actual level of growth, progress toward neighborhood plan implementation, and the relative maturity (level of mixed-use development, the pedestrian environment, infrastructure, and public facilities) of the area as an urban center or village

Third Amendment proposal

I propose a new amendment to provide specific direction about compliance with UV 44 and UV 45, either as I have proposed amending, or in their original state; there is currently a lack of direction that ensures review.

Proposed new amendment

UVXX To ensure compliance with UV44 and UV45, the Council shall receive and consider a report, compiled by DPD and DON, that documents the impacts of growth in each Urban Village when approving capital and operating budget for all departments. These growth impact reports shall be available for public review prior to the start of the annual Council budget cycle.

Fourth Amendment proposal

I propose a new amendment which would direct specific action when housing or job growth exceeds 100% of targets.

Proposed new amendment

UVXX When housing or job growth exceeds 100% of targets in any urban village or center, the city shall make all affirmative efforts to re-direct job and housing growth to designated growth areas that have not yet reached their targets.

2. Describe how the issue is currently addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. If the issue is not adequately addressed, describe the need for it.

All the above proposed amendments are intended to strengthen the intent of implementing and tracking progress towards the Comp Plan itself. Currently there is a lack of analysis and data provided to assist in the monitoring required by UV44 and UV45.

3. Describe why the proposed change meets the criteria adopted in Resolution 31402 for considering an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. The criteria are listed at the end of this application form. Is a Comprehensive Plan amendment the best means for meeting the identified public need? What other options are there for meeting the identified public need?

All four of my proposed amendments are in keeping with the intent of Resolution 31402. Two are clarifications of existing Comp Plan items, and the other two are clarifications that belong in the Comp Plan as firm statement of intent. The Fourth proposed item, a new amendment, would in particular support the city's goal for shared prosperity for all neighborhoods.

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4. What do you anticipate will be the impacts caused by the change in text, including the geographic area affected and the issues presented? Why will the proposed change result in a net benefit to the community?

All four of my proposed amendments will benefit the community as well as the city. They will provide clarity on budget direction for Council and they will provide clarity of requirement for the Dept of Planning and Development. They will benefit the community in that monitoring information will be provided on a timely basis and using reasonable triggers to promote discussion and evaluation of problems and solutions in support of the Comp Plan goals. That evaluation and discussion is currently lacking.

5. How would the proposed change comply with the community vision statements, goals, objectives, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan? Please include any data, research, or reasoning that supports the proposed amendments.

All four of my proposed Comp Plan amendments will totally support the community vision statements, goals, objectives and policies of the Comp Plan. Citizens are supposed to be involved and invested in the ownership of the Comp Plan, and many participated in the original creation and updating of the Neighborhood Plans. While the progress to the growth targets is published for public reference, the clear policies stated in the existing UV44 and UV45 are not being carried out. My amendments will help bolster the intent and execution of those policies.

6. Is there public support for this proposed text amendments (i.e. have you conducted community meetings, etc.)? Note: The City will provide a public participation process, public notice, and environmental review for all applications.

I believe there is public support for all of my proposed amendments, as evidenced by the concern of citizens expressed over growth that has gone over 300% in some neighborhoods, but they feel left out of the discussion about what to do about it. If specific evidence is required, I can submit a list of media coverage at a later date.