

## Other GMA jurisdictions preamble code text for amending a comprehensive plan

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Bellevue / 20.30I. Threshold Review Decision Criteria	The Planning Commission <b>may recommend inclusion</b> of a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan in the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program <b>if the following criteria have been met</b> (list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A through G linked together by “and” and H (the state law one) is set off by “or”</li> </ul>
Seattle / Not in code.	B. Two-step docketing process...includes two steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the first step, the Council applies the criteria in Section 7 of this resolution to screen all proposed amendments. This screening step...will result in the adoption of a resolution identifying proposed amendments that Council believes warrant further consideration for action in the following year...</li> </ol> Section 7. Criteria for selecting proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to be placed on the annual docket for analysis and possible adoption. The Council <b>considers a variety of criteria in determining whether a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment will be placed on the amendment docket</b> for a given year. Among those criteria are the following (list):
Jefferson County / Chapter 18.45 Unified Development Code	CPA and GMA Implementing Regulations Amendment Process  18.45.080 Final Docket (1) (b) Required Findings – Generally... (c) Additional Required Findings – Formal Site-Specific Amendments. In addition to the required findings set forth in subsection (1)(b) of this section, <b>in order to recommend approval</b> of a formal site-specific proposal to amend the Comprehensive Plan, the planning commission <b>must also make the following findings</b> (list):
Covington / 14.25.060 Selection and decision criteria.	Considering that the comprehensive plan was developed after significant study and public participation, the principles, goals, objectives, and policies contained therein shall be granted substantial weight when considering any proposed amendment. Therefore, the burden of proof for justifying a proposed amendment rests with the applicant. The City Council’s approval, modification, deferral, or denial of an amendment proposal shall be based on the following criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Proposed amendments that <b>meet one of the following criteria</b> may be included in the final docket: (list)</li> <li>(2) Proposed amendments that do not meet one of the criteria in subsection (1) of this section <b>shall meet all of the following criteria</b>: (list)</li> </ol>

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Redmond / 21.76.060 Process Steps and Decision Makers	<p>1. Recommendation. The Planning Commission may recommend that the City Council adopt, or adopt with modifications, a proposal if it <b>complies with the applicable decision criteria</b> in RZC 21.76.070, Land Use Actions and Decision Criteria. In all other cases, the Planning Commission shall recommend denial of the proposal. The Planning Commission’s recommendation shall be in writing and shall contain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The recommendation of the Planning Commission; and</li> <li>b. Any conditions included as part of the recommendation; and</li> <li>c. Findings of fact upon which the recommendation, including any conditions, was based and the conclusions derived from those facts.</li> </ul>
Kirkland / 140.25-30	<p>3. Criteria – The City shall use the following criteria in selecting proposals for further consideration. Proposals <b>must meet subsection</b> (3)(a) of this section, <b>and either subsection</b> (3)(b) or (3)(c) of this section:</p> <p>140.25 Factors to Consider in Approving an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. For both City and citizen-initiated amendments, the City shall take into consideration, but is not limited to, the following factors when considering approval of a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan:</p> <p>140.30 Criteria for Amending the Comprehensive Plan. The City may amend the Comprehensive Plan <b>only if it finds that</b> (list):</p>
Snohomish County / 30.74.030 Initial review and evaluation.	<p>(1) The department shall conduct an initial review and evaluation of proposed amendments and assess the extent of review that would be required under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA.) The initial review and evaluation shall include any review by other county departments deemed necessary by the department, and shall be made in writing. The department shall recommend to the county council that an amendment be further <b>processed only if all of the following criteria are met</b> (list) except as provided in SCC 30.74.040 (initial review of rezone requests):</p>