



Community Development

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Planning Commission Training

Lewis County Planning Commission

March 12, 2024



What is “public interest”?



March 12, 2024

Lewis County Planning Commission - Workshop

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Comp Plan amendments must meet:

1. Conforms to Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies
2. There is a demonstrated need for the amendment
3. **Public interest** will be served by the amendment
 - Anticipated effect on schools, fire districts, etc.
 - Anticipated effect on ag, forest or mineral resource lands
 - Anticipated effect on population, employment distribution
4. Isn't spot zoning



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1. GMA and Countywide Planning Policies

- Revised Code of Washington (RCW)
- Washington Administrative Code (WAC)
- Countywide Planning Policies (CWPP)



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2. Demonstrated Need

- State mandated
- UGA amendments – population, housing or jobs
- Other – site characteristics



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4. Not Spot Zoning

- No islands of zoning that are inconsistent with the surrounding area
- Except when explicitly allowed by state law – mining, master planned resort



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3. Public Interest

- Anticipated effect on schools, fire districts, etc.
- Anticipated effect on ag, forest or mineral resource lands
- Anticipated effect on population, employment distribution

Land Use based!



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3. Public Interest

- Who is the public?
 - Adjacent property owners
 - Neighborhood
 - Lewis County
 - Washington State



Public Interest – Portland Example



Existing View of Mt Hood from viewpoint SW17

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- What is the public interest?
- What is a benefit to the public?
- What is a burden to the public?



Salmon Spring Viewpoint (SW17)



Public Interest – Portland Example



Figure 9: View of Mt Hood from SW46 – Existing Bonus Heights



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September 14, 2021

Lewis County Planning Commission - Public Hearing



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