



Community Development

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The Lewis County Code proposed amendments are presented with development regulations on the odd pages, edits shown in underline for text to be added and ~~strike through~~ for text to be removed, and commentary on even pages. Complete new chapters are not underlined for ease of reading. Commentary is an explanation of the code amendments and serves as legislative intent. Commentary is not required for every proposed code amendment.

Public comments may be provided on both the development regulations and the commentary; however, the development regulations are what will be adopted and will apply to new development in Lewis County.

Public comments may be provided when the record is open. The record is open when a public hearing on the development regulations are noticed in the newspaper. To receive the notices directly, please subscribe to the [Lewis County Planning Announcements](#).

Question should be directed to Mindy Brooks at mindy.brooks@lewiscountywa.gov or 360-740-2610.

Project webpage: lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/comprehensive-plan-and-development-regulation-amendments/comprehensive-plan-periodic-update/

Commentary

LEWIS COUNTY CODE 17.12.110 AMENDMENTS

WAC 365-196-310 *Urban Growth Areas*, (4)(c)(vi) was updated during Rule Making 2023 and the LCC should be updated to be consistent.

Chapter 17.12
AMENDMENTS TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

17.12.110 Approval criteria.

- (1) To approve a comprehensive plan amendment, the commission and the board shall find that all of the following are met:
 - (a) The amendment conforms to the requirements of the Growth Management Act, is consistent with the countywide planning policies and the comprehensive plan, including any interlocal planning agreements, if applicable.
 - (b) The application and any studies submitted to the department, the commission, and the board demonstrates a need for the amendment.
 - (c) The public interest will be served by approving the amendment. In determining whether the public interest will be served, factors including but not limited to the following shall be considered:
 - (i) The anticipated effect upon the rate or distribution of population growth, employment growth, development, and conversion of land as envisioned in the comprehensive plan.
 - (ii) The anticipated effect on the ability of the county and/or other service providers, such as cities, schools, water purveyors, fire districts, and others as applicable, to provide adequate services and public facilities including transportation facilities.
 - (iii) The anticipated impact upon designated agricultural, forest and mineral resource lands.
 - (iv) The anticipated impact on designated critical areas and wildfire risk.
 - (d) The amendment does not include or facilitate spot zoning.
- (2) To approve an amendment to the development regulations, the commission and board shall find that the amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan and in the public interest.

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