



City Council

Consideration of 2014 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket - Do Not Accept Privately Initiated Amendments

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to not accept privately initiated proposals for a 2014 comprehensive plan amendment docket.

Report

Issue:

The City Council has set the schedule for adopting the Olympia Comprehensive Plan update for June 2014 (or earlier in 2014). State law and city code prevent considering amendments to the comprehensive plan more than once per calendar year.

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Background and Analysis:

The City Council has set the schedule for adopting the Olympia Comprehensive Plan Update for June 2014 (or earlier in 2014). RCW 36.70A.130 and OMC 18.59.070 prohibit the city from considering amendments to the comprehensive plan more than once per calendar year, with a few specific exceptions. Therefore, any privately initiated proposals for comprehensive plan amendments in 2014 must be brought forward to the City Council as part of the scheduled Comprehensive Plan Update public process. To date, CPD staff received one inquiry about a possible comprehensive plan amendment in 2014. The interested party indicated willingness to bring this minor proposal forward for consideration as part of the Comprehensive Plan update process.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

There has been a high level of public interest throughout the comprehensive plan update process.

Options:

1. Move to accept no privately initiated proposals for a 2014 comprehensive plan amendment docket.
2. Move to further delay the current Comprehensive Plan Update until December 2014 and set a deadline for accepting privately initiated comprehensive plan amendments by March 31, 2014, so they can be considered together with the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Financial Impact:

None for the City Manager recommendation.

Option 2 would require additional staff resources to set the docket of privately initiated proposals, review and analyze the proposals, and present the docket to the planning commission and city council. This process would require an estimated .5 FTE in place of other CPD work program items. The financial impact would be approximately \$50,000 of estimated staff time.