



AB5851:

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Code Amendment

April 20, 2021

Process

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Code Amendment Process



Overview

- Amendment proposed for docket last fall
- MICC 19.15.230(I) provides guidance on the implementation of Comprehensive Plan amendments
- Previously, GMHB found that adoption of current code provisions are legal, but *could* result in a GMA violation
- State statutes provide sufficient guidance and code can be repealed in light of the GMHB finding
- Ordinance No. 21C-05 repeals MICC 19.15.230(I)



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I. *Implementation of Comprehensive Plan Amendments.* It is the city's intent to comply with the Growth Management Act (Chapter 36.70A RCW) and the guidelines for implementation of comprehensive plan goals and policies contained in Chapter 365-196 WAC. It is also the city's intent to allow sufficient time for review of regulations or programs that are intended to implement new or significantly amended policy direction within the comprehensive plan.

1. Where amendments to existing comprehensive plan goals and policies represent an adjustment to an existing policy direction, the city should generally prepare, review, and adopt implementing development regulations or programs concurrently with the adoption of the amendments to the comprehensive plan.
2. Where amendments to existing comprehensive plan goals and policies represent a new policy direction, or a significant amendment to the current policy direction within the comprehensive plan, the city should prepare, review, and adopt implementing development regulations or programs as soon as reasonably practicable following the adoption of the amendments to the comprehensive plan.



Planning Commission Recommendation

- PC recommends approval of the code amendment as proposed



How will Comprehensive Plan amendments be implemented?

- Revert to previous process that was used by Mercer Island up until a few years ago
- Follow state statute → concurrent adoption of development regulations with Comprehensive Plan amendments



Next Steps

- Motion to schedule 2nd reading for May 4
- If approved May 4, the amendment will be effective 5 days after publication

