


WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

2013-303A

NO. _____

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Matt Aamot	M.A.	8/27/2013	<p>RECEIVED</p> <p>SEP 03 2013</p> <p>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	9/10/2013	P&D Committee Council
Division Head: Mark Personius	MP	8-27-13			
Dept. Head: Sam Ryan	SR	8-27-13			
Prosecutor: Royce Buckingham					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive: Jack Louws		09.03.13			

TITLE OF DOCUMENT:

Resolution relating to a schedule for joint County and city review of urban growth areas.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Staff Memo
2. Draft Resolution

SEPA review required? () Yes (X) NO
 SEPA review completed? () Yes (X) NO

Should Clerk schedule a hearing? () Yes (X) NO
 Requested Date

SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE: (If this item is an ordinance or requires a public hearing, you must provide the language for use in the required public notice. Be specific and cite RCW or WCC as appropriate. Be clear in explaining the intent of the action.)

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires the County, in conjunction with the cities, to complete the urban growth area (UGA) review by June 2016. The GMA, County-wide Planning Policies and inter-local agreements indicate that the UGA review process should be coordinated between the County and cities. Therefore, a resolution relating to a schedule for joint County and city review of UGAs has been developed to facilitate coordinated review.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

9/10/2013: Forwarded to Council for approval

COUNCIL ACTION:

9/10/2013: Council Approved 7-0
 Res. 2013-028

Related County Contract #:

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number:

Res. 2013-028

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Sponsored by: Consent
Proposed by: PDS
Introduction date: 9/10/2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-028

RELATING TO A SCHEDULE FOR
JOINT COUNTY AND CITY REVIEW OF UGAs

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires county and city comprehensive plans to be coordinated and consistent (RCW 36.70A.100); and

WHEREAS, the GMA requires Whatcom County and cities located in the County to review and, if needed, update their respective comprehensive plans by June 30, 2016 (RCW 36.70A.130); and

WHEREAS, the GMA, county-wide planning policies and inter-local agreements indicate that review of urban growth areas (UGAs) should be coordinated between the County and the cities; and

WHEREAS, the GMA states that UGAs must be revised to accommodate the urban growth projected to occur in the succeeding 20-year planning period by June 30, 2016 (RCW 36.70A.130); and

WHEREAS, County/city coordination of time-frames and process is needed in the review of UGAs.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council hereby agrees that the County and cities should utilize the attached UGA Review Schedule (Exhibit A) to guide coordinated planning efforts for the UGA review. The schedule is general in nature, and failure to strictly adhere to the schedule shall not be deemed to be a failure to comply with the GMA.

APPROVED this 10th day of September 2013.

ATTEST.

 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Kathy Kershner, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Civil Deputy Prosecutor

EXHIBIT A

Year	Primary Activities
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of City & County elected officials. • Planning Commission briefings and opportunity for public comment. • Initial review and preliminary Planning Commission recommendations for population and employment projections and allocations to urban growth areas (UGAs). • Land capacity analysis methodology review.
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of City & County elected officials. • Planning Commission briefings and opportunity for public comment. • Non-binding multi-jurisdictional resolution regarding allocation of population and employment growth to UGAs. • Land capacity analysis results. • Population and employment allocations to transportation analysis zones and special purpose districts. • Transportation model results. • Develop draft capital facility plans. • Commence SEPA review (likely including development of a draft environmental impact statement).
2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of City & County elected officials. • City proposals regarding UGA growth allocations and UGA boundaries. • Land capacity analysis results. • Complete SEPA review (likely including development of a final environmental impact statement). • Planning Commission public hearings and recommendations.
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of City & County elected officials. • Land capacity analysis results. • City council and County Council public hearings, review and adoption of respective comprehensive plan and capital facility plans.