



2021 Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendments

Public Participation Plan

January 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Growth Management Act requires local governments to establish a public participation program for the evaluation and update of its comprehensive plan and development regulations. Poulsbo Municipal Code (PMC) [19.40.050\(D\)](#) further develops the requirements of the public participation program in the City of Poulsbo. This public and agency participation plan describes the steps that the City of Poulsbo will take to involve the community. The purpose of the public and agency participation plan is to inform the public, agencies with jurisdiction, and other interested parties about 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA).

This document is a working document and will be adjusted if needed to provide for the greatest and broadest public participation.

PUBLIC AND AGENCY GOALS

- To provide the public with timely information, an understanding of the process, and opportunities to review and comment on the critical areas ordinance amendments, and to have these comments forwarded to the City's decision makers.
- Ensure that information about the process is provided to the public early in the process and at regular intervals thereafter, to maximize public awareness and participation in the process.
- Actively solicit information from citizens, property owners and stakeholders about their concerns, questions and priorities for the amendment process and the future of Poulsbo land uses and the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- Encourage the public to informally review and comment on the update throughout the process.
- Incorporate public comment into the local government's review process prior to significant milestones or decision making.
- Provide forums for formal public input at milestones prior to decision making by local officials.
- Consult and consider recommendations from neighboring jurisdictions, federal and state agencies, and Native American tribes.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City is committed to providing multiple opportunities for the public to engage throughout the process. The City will take advantage of various modes of communication to inform the public and encourage participation.

- **Website:** The City's Planning and Economic Development (PED) Department webpage will house the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments where interested citizens and community members may visit for status updates, draft documents, official notices, and project information. This webpage will be the primary repository of all information related to the process:
<https://cityofpoulsbo.com/planning-economic-comprehensive-plan-amendments/>
- **E-Notice Mailing List:** An e-notice mailing list of interested persons and organizations has been established. Those on the e-notice list will receive periodic notices regarding the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Individuals interested in being on the mailing list should contact the PED Department at (360) 394-9748 or at plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com and request being placed on the Comprehensive Plan Updates e-notice mailing list.

- **Comment:** Interested citizens are encouraged to provide comments to the City by letter, email, or fax. All comments will be forwarded to the Poulsbo Planning Commission and City Council. Written comments can be submitted by the following methods:

City of Poulsbo Planning and Economic Development Department
 200 NE Moe Street
 Poulsbo, WA 98370
 Fax (360)697-8269
plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com

- **Attend:** Interested citizens are encouraged to attend and provide verbal comments to the City at the Planning Commission and/or City Council public hearings. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, public hearings must be held virtually. A link to attend virtually will be provided.

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendments are available for public review. The primary repository of all information related to the update is the City’s CPA website – <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/planning-economic-comprehensive-plan-amendments/> – at the Planning and Economic Development main page – where draft documents, meeting dates, updates on process, and official notices (notice of application, environmental review, public hearing notices, etc.), will be posted. An e-mail link for questions or comments will also be provided at the website. Official notices will be published in the Seattle Times and posted in the Poulsbo Post Office, Poulsbo Library (if open), and Poulsbo City Hall (if open) notice boards. Copies of documents are also available for a reasonable cost.

PUBLIC AND AGENCY REVIEW TIMELINE

A Public Participation Plan is required by the Growth Management Act to describe how the City will encourage early and continuous public participation throughout the process of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment cycle.

September 2020

Public notice identifying that the City is accepting Comprehensive Plan Amendments for the 2021 Amendment cycle is posted on the City’s website, e-mailed to the Comprehensive Plan e-mail list and published in the Seattle Times.

November 16, 2020

Deadline for submitting Comprehensive Plan amendments for the 2021 amendment cycle.

January 13, 2021

Set 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket at City Council Meeting

January 14, 2021*

Notify Washington State Department of Commerce to begin their 60-day review process.

January 26, 2021*

Notice of Application with Optional DNS published in Seattle Times; distributed to resource agencies, Tribe, other interested parties.

February 9, 2021

NOA/ODNS comment period over

February 8, 2021*

Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing published in Seattle Times; distributed to resource agencies, Tribe, other interested parties.

February 23, 2021*

Planning Commission Public Hearing 7 p.m. | Virtual

March 2, 2021*

Notice of City Council Public Hearing published in Seattle Times; distributed to resource agencies, Tribe, other interested parties.

March 17, 2021*

City Council Public Hearing - 7 p.m. | Virtual

* Dates are subject to change.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Commission and City Council will conduct at least one public hearing each to gather and consider public testimony on the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. The hearing(s) are anticipated for **February 23, 2021 (PC) and March 17, 2021 (CC)**. Public notice of hearings will state explicitly the date/time and review body of the public hearing. The public notices will be published in the Seattle Times, posted at the City's public notice locations, sent to the E-notice mailing list and others who request such notice. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, public hearings must be held virtually. A call-in number will be provided for attendance with the public hearing notices. Citizen comments will be accommodated during the virtual meeting.

RECORDING OF MEETINGS

All public meetings and hearings will be audio recorded. Minutes and/or meeting summary for all public meetings will be prepared, and hard copies made available upon request.