

KCCP Docket Item Request

Requesting Organization: The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC)

Introduction: The current Docket Process allows an applicant to submit a singular request for a site specific land use amendment and zone reclassification. Current practice regarding such a coupled request is to bifurcate it with the King County Council legislatively addressing the land use amendment while the Hearing Examiner conducts a public hearing in a quasi-judicial review of the zone reclassification, making recommendations back to the Council. This bifurcated process has the appearance of unfairness and probable bias, as the premature legislative consideration of a land use amendment could unfairly influence and be outcome determinative of the zone reclassification resulting in a dramatic change in land use and zoning of a specific site contrary to the public interest and the goals and objectives of the Growth Management Act. Such requests should neither be bifurcated nor be subject to the Docket Process; site-specific requests for both a land use amendment and zone reclassification must go through the *Type 4 permit review process* before the Hearing Examiner—to include a Public Hearing—for a recommendation to the King County (KC) Council regarding any changes to the KCCP and zoning.

Request: The KC Code should be amended so that any “*site-specific land use amendment coupled with zone reclassification*” cannot be reviewed and considered as part of the annual KCCP Docket Item process (or, for that matter, any other KCCP update process). Such site specific applications must go through the Type 4 permit review process before the Hearing Examiner. Moreover, the Code amendment must expressly provide that such site specific proposals cannot be added as a last minute amendment made by the King County Council during its consideration of a KCCP Update.

Background

KC Comprehensive Plan (2018 Updated Version)

The Docket Process is discussed and defined in the following sections of the current adopted KC Comprehensive Plan (updated through 2018):

- Chapter 1, Part II, Section H (at p. 1-11)
- Chapter 12, Part II (at pp. 12-4 – 12-5) / Policy I-205
- Glossary (at p. G-7)

Site-specific *Land Use Amendment* and *Zone Reclassification* are discussed in the following sections of the current adopted KC Comprehensive Plan (updated through 2018):

- Chapter 1, Part II, Section F (at p. 1-9) / Policy RP-116
- Chapter 3, Part III, Section B (at p. 3-17) / Policy R-304
- Chapter 11, Part B (at p. 11-5)

KC Code

The following sections of the King County Code should be appropriately amended to incorporate the provisions of this Docket Request:

- KC Code 20.08.160 (zone reclassification)
- KC Code 20.08.170 (land use amendment)
- KC Code 20.18.130 (Council amendment)
- KC Code 20.18.140 (docket request process)
- KC Code 20.20.020(E) (land use decision types)