

City of Bellingham Municipal Code

Title 20 LAND USE DEVELOPMENT

Chapter 20 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENTS

20.20.040 - DECISION CRITERIA

A. Petitioners requesting amendments to the comprehensive plan and/or a neighborhood plan shall be prepared to offer justification for the request using the following criteria. These criteria will be used by the Planning Commission and City Council to evaluate amendment requests:

- 1.** There exists an error, omission or inconsistency in the pertinent comprehensive plan or neighborhood plan provision; OR
- 2.** All of the following criteria have been met:
 - a.** The proposed amendment is consistent with the Growth Management Act and other applicable laws;
 - b.** The proposed amendment addresses changing circumstances, changing community values, and is consistent with and will help achieve the comprehensive plan goals and policies;
 - c.** The proposed amendment will result in long term benefit to the community and is in the community's overall best interests;
 - d.** The amendment will not adversely affect the public health, safety or general welfare; and
 - e.** If a concurrent rezone is requested, the proposal must also meet the criteria for rezones in [BMC 20.19.030](#).