



AMENDMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CRITERIA

Planning & Community Development

1. **Purpose:** A Comprehensive Plan amendment or review is a mechanism by which the City may modify the text or map of the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Growth Management Act, in order to respond to changing circumstances or needs of the City, and to review the Comprehensive Plan on a regular basis.
2. **Decision Criteria:** The Planning Commission may recommend and the City Council may approve, or approve with modifications an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan if:
 - a. The amendment is consistent with the Growth Management Act and not inconsistent with the Countywide Planning Policies, and the other provisions of the Comprehensive Plan and City policies; or

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment is consistent with the Countywide and City policies since it is a small shift in the boundary of the Mixed Use 2 designation. The specific City goals and policies include the following:

Goal LU I: *Encourage development that creates a variety of housing, shopping, entertainment, recreation, gathering spaces, employment, and services that are accessible to neighborhoods.*

LU7: *Promote small-scale commercial activity areas within neighborhoods that encourage walkability, and provide opportunities for employment and “third places”.*

LU10: *The Mixed-Use 2 (MU2) designation is similar to the MU1 designation, except it is not intended to allow more intense uses, such as manufacturing and other uses that generate light, glare, noise, or odor that may be incompatible with existing and proposed land uses. The Mixed-Use 2 (MU2) designation applies to commercial areas not on the Aurora Avenue or Ballinger Way corridors, such as Ridgecrest, Briarcrest, Richmond Beach, and North City. This designation may provide retail, office, and service uses, and greater residential densities than are allowed in low-density residential designations, and promotes pedestrian connections, transit, and amenities.*

- b. The amendment addresses changing circumstances, changing community values, incorporates a sub area plan consistent with the Comprehensive Plan vision or corrects information contained in the Comprehensive Plan; or

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- c. The amendment will benefit the community as a whole, will not adversely affect community facilities, the public health, safety or general welfare.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment will benefit the community as a whole since it will slightly expand the CB-Community Business area which will allow commercial/office uses to provide services, goods, and jobs to be accessible to the residents of the City.

Since purchasing the property, we have only improved our properties to make our City and our neighborhood a more desirable place to call home. The current use of the site at 1510 NE 170th St. will continue as a mixed-use four-plex, with a business on the main floor and two residential apartment units above.

Over the last decade and prior to our purchase of the property in 2018, the site at 1517 NE 170th Street included a mix of uses including a dance studio, an auto mechanic, and rental units. It is currently being used as a garage with an ADU-Accessory Dwelling Unit and studio above the garage, along with a single-family residence which we currently have under construction and plan to use as a garage, storage building, and rental units.

The proposal will not affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties, nor do we have any intention of further development at the sites after the parcel is rezoned to CB-Community Business.