



PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
for the Bellingham Planning Commission

Date: December 18, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: City Council Chambers, 210 Lottie Street

Materials: Available in the Planning and Community Development Department and at <http://www.cob.org/meetings> at least one week prior to the meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING:

- Introduction of the proposed update to the Subdivision Ordinance, Title 18 of the Bellingham Municipal Code (BMC). The Subdivision Ordinance regulates the land division in the City of Bellingham.

The proposed scope of the update includes key objectives to providing subdivision regulations that promote the Comprehensive Plan, are compliant with state law and offer flexibility to address the challenging characteristic of the City's remaining vacant land. Amendments to other code sections of the BMC are also anticipated with this process.

At this kick-off meeting, staff will provide an informational overview of the:

- History of subdivisions.
- City's existing subdivision regulations.
- Challenges and issues associated with the interface of the existing regulations and the market demand for different housing choices.
- The next steps of the update process.

Due to the complexity of this update process, staff will be requesting direction from the Planning Commission to work with a subcommittee to fully analyze those key objectives above before seeking a recommendation on this matter in the first quarter of 2015.

There will be an opportunity for public testimony at the hearing, and although the written comment period will remain open, all written comments submitted prior to **December 16, 2014** will be considered at the meeting. All comments submitted prior to, at or after the hearing will become part of the written record.

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