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Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

Spokane County Planning Commission

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Commissioner's Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building

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Agenda

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Minutes of March 14, 2024 – DRAFT (Will Be Available March 25, 2024)

Spokane County Comprehensive Plan 2026 Periodic Update – Public Participation Program

ZTA-01-2023: Draft & Summary

ZTA-01-2024: Draft

ZTA-02-2024: Draft & BoCC Letter of Initiation

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AGENDA

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Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner’s Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building

Chair Stephen Pohl, Vice Chair Pete Rayner, Clyde Haase, Wayne Brokaw,
Melissa Wittstruck, Logan Camporeale, Lonnie Edwards

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Call to Order	9:00 AM
Open Forum	<i>Public comment on any item not on the current agenda</i>
Public Hearing	Spokane County Comprehensive Plan 2026 Periodic Update - Public Participation Program
Workshop	ZTA-01-2023: A proposed zoning-text amendment to better define the nature and use of gun and archery ranges by modifying SCC 14.300 and amending the Conditional Use criteria found in SCC 14.618.240 (10) and 14.416.240 (8). ZTA-01-2024: A board-initiated zoning-text amendment related to allowing small-scale slaughterhouses in rural areas of Spokane County, with conditions. ZTA-02-2024: A board-initiated zoning-text amendment to SCC 14.506.200 to allow annual time extensions for temporary residential uses when the landowner provides demonstrated need. The proposed amendment is in response to the Oregon Road and Gray Fires.
Minutes	March 14, 2024
Next Meeting	April 11, 2024 & April 25, 2024

Spokane County Department of Building & Planning

SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Spokane County Planning Commission pursuant to Chapter 36.70 and 36.70A RCW, that a public hearing with a virtual participation option will be held in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, Lower Level, Public Works Building, located at 1026 W. Broadway, Spokane, WA on Thursday, March 28th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will also be available via Zoom:

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SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, March 28th, 2024 -- 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

PUBLIC HEARING: Spokane County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to take public testimony, deliberate, and discuss the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan 2026 Periodic Update Public Participation Program. The Planning Commission may recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the document.

Public Participation Program: The Spokane County Comprehensive Plan 2026 Periodic Update Public Participation Program would be intended to be the guiding document for public participation for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. The goal of this document would be to ensure that the public has opportunities for early and continuous public participation throughout this process and to provide the public with information on how they can participate in this process. The Plan will also set forward the minimum public participation procedures for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and set forth the procedures for public forums.

WORKSHOP:

ZTA-0001-2024: A workshop on this board-initiated zone text amendment related to small-scale slaughterhouses will occur. The initiative proposes changes allowing small-scale custom slaughtering operations on certain rural lands with a conditional use permit.

ZTA-0001-2023: This is a proposed amendment to gun and archery ranges. It suggests changes to the Gun and archery range definition in section 14.300 of SCC and changes to the Conditional Use Permit criteria found in sections 14.618.240 (10) and 14.416.240 (8) of SCC.

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SPOKANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND PLANNING



Spokane County

Comprehensive Plan 2026 Periodic Update

Public Participation Program

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Overview of the Public Participation Program

Spokane County is required to update its Comprehensive Plan to meet recent requirements of the Growth Management Act, including local and regional requirements, by July of 2026.

To ensure the public and community members are represented in the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, Spokane County will seek input, engagement, and recommendations from the public. The Spokane County Planning Department will use the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program as the guiding document to describe how it will ensure public representation and meet specific state and local requirements for public participation.

The Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program will also define opportunities to ensure that all segments of the population that may have been underrepresented in previous Comprehensive Plans can be involved in the planning process. During the periodic update process, Spokane County is making a concentrated effort to include these populations that have been historically underrepresented in the planning process. These efforts include specific outreach strategies and stakeholder involvement found in this document. During the 2026 periodic update, Spokane County will also ensure tribal participation to provide consistent planning efforts and representation of the Colville, Kalispel, and Spokane Tribes.

Overall, Spokane County's main objective is to ensure that all community members and stakeholders have adequate opportunities to be included and participate in the comprehensive planning process.

Growth Management Act Requirements for Public Participation

The 2026 Spokane County Public Participation Program will meet the requirements of RCW 36.70A.140 and WAC 365-196-600. Spokane County has created the minimum public participation procedures that Spokane County will follow during the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, as well as the Procedures for Public Forums. These sections can be found in Appendix A of the Public Participation Program. The Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program will outline specific goals, objectives, and strategies on how Spokane County intends to meet and exceed these requirements during the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

The 2026 Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program is for the exclusive use only of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

For the most up-to-date status on the efforts to implement the Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program, please visit the county's 2026 Comprehensive Plan webpage.

Early and Continuous Public Participation

The 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update will follow requirements listed under the Growth Management Act public participation guidelines for early and continuous public involvement.

Spokane County will provide information for opportunities for the public to be involved throughout all stages of the 2026 periodic update while ensuring the inclusion of all population segments. Throughout the comprehensive planning process, Spokane County will create a calendar of relevant events, meetings, and public forums for the public to attend. Participation opportunities will be updated frequently and noticed to ensure early and continuous public participation.

Public Participation Program Objective

The Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program will serve as a tool kit for how Spokane County intends to interact with the public during the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and meet the statutory requirements outlined in the table above.

Throughout this process, Spokane County hopes to hear various voices, opinions, and ideas and implement the public's ideas in the 2026 comprehensive plan periodic update. Spokane County wants to ensure that no voice goes unheard by providing a safe and equal opportunity for every citizen to be involved in the planning process that will shape our County for the next 20 years.

Spokane County will strive for equitable opportunities for different segments of the population to become involved in this process and has created this Public Participation Program to meet and exceed this objective.

Public Participation Program Goals

The Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program includes goals planning staff hopes to achieve in its' efforts of implementing public participation. These goals have been developed to help ensure that Spokane County will reach broad cross sections of the county, that early and continuous public participation is achieved throughout the comprehensive planning process, and that the public is appropriately informed and educated on GMA Comprehensive Planning topics. Below are the following goals of the Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program.

Public Participation Program Goals

- Create opportunities for vulnerable and underserved community groups in the planning process.
 - Increase accessibility of planning topics to the public.
 - Create opportunities for public comment throughout the public participation process.
 - Create an innovative branding initiative to encourage public involvement.
 - Create innovative communication strategies for public engagement.
 - Create innovative communication strategies to ensure the broad dissemination of information.
 - Utilization of Spokane County Building and Plannings website to increase public participation.
 - Create, utilize, and update the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update stakeholder list to ensure optimal public involvement.
 - Educate the public about the 2026 comprehensive plan periodic update.
 - Communicate with stakeholders and the public throughout the process.
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Creating a Vision

For the 2026 Comprehensive Plan periodic update, Spokane County will create a visioning program that represents a 20- to 50-year vision of the County. The visioning process is essential for citizens to consider how their community might change and how they want it to change in the next 20 years. The vision entails gaining public input on the desired features for Spokane County. Spokane County will employ innovative techniques to help ensure that relevant stakeholders, community members, and typically underserved communities are involved in the visioning process for the comprehensive plan. Some of these techniques include creating a public vision workshop, which will entail visioning surveys for participants and opportunities for the public to comment and participate in choosing and creating different visions for the county.

- Spokane County will create vision workshops for the public, which will entail active interaction and participation. The County will also offer digital opportunities for community members to comment on its vision for the 2026 periodic update.

Visioning Timeline

- Spokane County will provide relevant information on timeframes for the visioning process as they arise throughout the comprehensive planning process. Information and a schedule of activities will be provided on the county website for opportunities for the public to be involved in the visioning process.

Planning Topics

Spokane County Building and Planning Staff have identified issues that will likely be prominent during the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and concerns that the public has historically had for comprehensive planning. Topics, issues, and concerns planning staff has identified include—and are not limited to—the following:

- Sprawl
- Housing Affordability
- Population Growth
- NIMBYism
- Economic Growth
- Gentrification of neighborhoods
- Urban Growth Areas
- Traffic Congestion
- Open Space
- Homelessness
- Climate Change
- Lack of communication

Throughout 2024 and 2025, Spokane County will contact the public and stakeholders to discuss their topics of concern for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan.

For the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, Spokane County will incorporate the public's voice into the comprehensive plan through an extensive public participation strategy to integrate the public's concerns and ideas to establish relevant goals and policies.

Public Participation Integration Steps



Public Participation Program Team

Spokane County staff will reach out to the public for participation and innovative strategies and techniques to include broad cross sections of the community, including vulnerable and underserved community members, throughout the comprehensive planning process.

County Planning Staff

For the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update, public participation will be primarily organized and directed by Spokane County planning staff.

Public Relations Coordinator

To help assist the long-range planning staff with planning staff with branding, social media, public service announcements, and scheduling of public participation, Spokane County is hiring a public relations specialist to ensure that this is completed in a timely and efficient manner.

County Partners

Spokane County Building and Planning Department will coordinate specific comprehensive planning elements with relevant county department staff. For example, Public Works Transportation staff will participate in the Transportation Element while the Parks Department will participate in the Parks Element for the Comprehensive Plan. Multiple departments will participate in the Capital Facilities Element.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is the hub of public comment through workshops and public hearings throughout the periodic update calendar. The Planning Commission will follow the guidelines, implement specific public participation activities based on these guidelines, and employ any other methods that actively involve the public in the local GMA planning process.

At the end of the planning process, the Planning Commission will hold public hearings as they deliberate and recommend the Comprehensive Plan to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration and adoption.

Board of County Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners is responsible for adopting the 2026 Comprehensive Plan after receiving a recommendation from the planning commission. As part of the Comprehensive Plan, the PPP for the 2026 update will be reviewed and adopted similarly to the Comprehensive Plan. County Commissioners may also be present at comprehensive planning workshops.

Stakeholder & Community Coordination

Spokane County will ensure communication and participation of relevant tribes, communities, and jurisdictions in creating the 2026 Comprehensive Plan by adding these groups to the 2026 Stakeholder list to offer early and continuously throughout the planning process.

The following parties and stakeholders may be interested in the periodic update process and should be included in the PPP. This list comprises relevant local, regional, and stakeholders. This will be the primary audience of the 2026 comprehensive plan periodic update. This list demonstrates some critical stakeholders for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. During the periodic update, Spokane County will contact different tribal governments, communities, and other jurisdictions to ensure coordination between these specific stakeholders during the planning process. Spokane County will also emphasize reaching out to vulnerable populations and overburdened communities within Spokane County. This will help ensure that groups typically disassociated from the planning process will have the opportunity to participate in the 2026 periodic update.

This preliminary list is subject to change throughout the process as more information is provided to county staff and additional agencies and groups become involved in the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

List of Primary Stakeholders

Spokane County Residents:

All residents of Spokane County are primary stakeholders for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

Spokane County and Local Governments:

All county municipalities are included as stakeholders and primary audience members.

Underserved Communities:

As previously noted, Spokane County will reach out to underserved community groups. This includes vulnerable population groups, and those typically disassociated from the planning process.

Fairchild Air Force Base

Spokane County will closely coordinate public participation with Fairchild Air Force Base.

State Agencies:

Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Ecology, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Conservation Commission, Washington State Farm Bureau,

Washington State Parks, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, WSDOT, WSDOT Aviation

Regional Transportation and Transit Agencies:

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Tribes:

Spokane County will contact and coordinate with local Tribes, including the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, and the Spokane Tribe of Indians.

Environmental Advocacy Groups:

350 Spokane, Spokane Climate Project, Spokane Riverkeeper, Citizens' Climate Lobby of Spokane, Futurewise -

Faith-Based Communities:

Spokane County will reach out to faith-based communities within the county.

Economic Organizations:

Spokane County will reach out to relevant economic groups throughout this process.

Civic and Community Groups:

Spokane County has compiled a list of civic and community groups that will be included in the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

School Districts:

Central Valley School District #356, Cheney School District, Deer Park School District 414, Education Service District No. 101, Freeman School District 358, Great Northern School District 312, Liberty School District 362, Mead School District 354, Medical Lake School District, Newport School District No. 56-415, Nine Mile School District No. 325, Orchard Prairie School District No. 123, Reardan-Edwall School District No. 9, Riverside School District No. 416, Rosalia School District, Spokane District #81, Spokane Public Schools, St. George's School, East Valley School District 361, Upper Columbia Academy, West Valley School District 363,-

Veterans Groups:

Veterans have typically been underserved to be underserved community members. Spokane County should reach out to relevant veterans' organizations and VFW programs. Spokane Vet Center, Blinded Veterans Associated (Spokane Inland Empire Regional Group), Spokane County

Resources for Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, reaching out to relevant veteran groups and veteran advocacy groups.

Federal Organizations:

Spokane County will contact relevant federal organizations.

Youth:

Spokane County will reach out to relevant youth organizations.

Elderly:

Spokane County will reach out to relevant elderly organizations and senior organizations.

Individuals facing homelessness:

Spokane County will contact different organizations and advocacy groups relating to homelessness.

Water Districts:

Spokane County will reach out to water districts throughout the county.

Fire Districts:

Spokane County will reach out to fire districts throughout the county.

Neighborhood Associations and Groups-

Spokane County has compiled a list of Neighborhood Associations and Groups that will be included as stakeholders.

Libraries:

Airway Heights, Argonne, Cheney, Deer Park, Fairfield, Linc (Mobile Services), Medical Lake Moran Prairie, North Spokane, Otis Orchards, Spokane County Library District, Spokane Public Library, Spokane Valley. - Spokane County Library District, Spokane Public Library, Liberty Lake Municipal Library, Otis Orchards Library, Kalama Library, Spokane Valley Library, Cheney Library, Airway Heights Library, Deer Park Library, Kelso Public Library, Argonne Library, Camas Public Library, North Spokane Library, Castle Rock Public Library.

Advocacy Groups:

Spokane County will contact relevant advocacy groups for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

Prioritizing Inclusivity

Spokane County intends to reach out to all community segments to help ensure we include diverse voices. Spokane County is committed to including underrepresented, vulnerable populations, overburdened communities, and historically underserved community groups in the planning process, such as different socio-economic classes, people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and people who have language barriers.

Spokane County will use innovative techniques and specific communication engagement programs to help ensure that all population segments are included in the planning process for the 2026 periodic update.

To help better implement prioritizing inclusivity within the 2026 comprehensive plan periodic update, Spokane County has created an equitable engagement program to ensure that all community segments are included in public participation and that vulnerable and underserved community groups are represented in the planning process.

Creating Equitable Engagement

Spokane County strives to reach out and listen to diverse community voices, many of whom have been typically underserved, underrepresented, or systemically disassociated from the planning process. This includes, but is not limited to, BIPOC communities, economically underserved communities, individuals with disabilities, immigrants, refugee communities, individuals with language barriers, unhoused community members, and veterans groups.

Spokane understands that racism, prejudice, and inequality may have prevented community members from having the opportunity to participate in the planning process. Spokane County will make additional efforts to reach out to underserved community members and work towards better inclusion of these members of the community. Spokane County will create a combination of in-person and digital public participation programs to ensure that underserved communities have meaningful access to participate in the planning process.

Decreasing Language Barriers

Spokane County may contact and coordinate with different advocacy groups that serve communities of people with language barriers.

Including Underserved Community Members

Spokane County will contact relevant civic and advocacy groups to help serve all community segments and compile diverse voices throughout the County.

Coordination with community leaders and advocacy groups

Spokane County recognizes that local community members have a better understanding of the issues facing their communities. Spokane County may consider coordinating with community leaders and advocacy groups throughout the comprehensive planning process to understand

how we can include members from their communities. Spokane County may want to specifically reach out to community groups representing vulnerable populations and overburdened community members. The following is a list of programs Spokane County may implement to increase equitable engagement within these communities.

Equitable Engagement Programs	
Programs to help with equitable engagement	Program Descriptions
<p>Programs to assist community members for whom English is not their first language or who have language barriers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with advocacy and language groups 	<p>Spokane County may contact and coordinate with different advocacy groups that serve communities of people with language barriers.</p>
<p>Programs for unhoused organizations.</p>	<p>Spokane County will contact homelessness organizations and advocacy groups to ensure they are notified of public participation programs.</p>
<p>Promoting Accessibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible Meeting Places • Electronic Accessibility • Accessibility Statements 	<p>Public meetings and public forums for the periodic update should be accessible to the community. Meetings and public forums should be held in areas with accessible infrastructure and include a remote access option to video conferencing resources to help increase accessibility.</p> <p>All posted public participation meetings and public forums should include an accessibility statement for people needing accommodation for the meeting.</p>
<p>Reaching out to people where they are.</p>	<p>Spokane County intends to meet community members where they are in their communities to help ensure that diverse segments of the population are included in the planning process.</p> <p>This program entails communicating with, interviewing, and surveying people at</p>

	<p>community events. Meeting people where they are will help create more opportunities and provide more information for community members with limited access to events to participate in the planning process.</p>
<p>Use of social media for equitable engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Instagram • Threads • X (formerly known as Twitter) 	<p>To help improve accessibility for underserved community groups, Spokane County may consider live-streaming public participation meetings and public forums when practical. This may help reach more significant segments of the community.</p>

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Communication Engagement Programs & Strategies

The County will use communication engagement strategies to help increase public participation and engagement for Spokane County's 2026 Periodic Update. Spokane County will utilize communication engagement strategies to fulfill public participation requirements found in RCW 36.70A.140 and WAC 365-196-600 and fulfill broad dissemination requirements. These programs and strategies will demonstrate how the established public participation requirements of the PPP will be met to inform and engage the public better.

Utilization of County Webpage

For the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, Spokane County will utilize Spokane County Building and Planning to increase public awareness for the comprehensive plan and increase public involvement for the 2026 comprehensive plan. The Spokane County Building and Planning Website will be the central hub for information for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. This will be the best place for the public to find the most up-to-date comprehensive planning drafts, along with information about the comprehensive planning process and different ways the community can become involved in the comprehensive planning process. The following is a list of ways Spokane County will utilize the building and planning website.

Fact Sheets

The comprehensive plan fact sheet is a primary communication and educational tool, which will be available for public viewing on the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan webpage. The project fact sheet will provide a broad overview of the 2026 periodic update, the project timeline, and the importance of comprehensive planning to the community. The fact sheet will also explain the role of the public in the 2026 periodic update and how to be involved in the public participation program. Spokane County will create an individual comprehensive plan fact sheet for each element of the comprehensive plan. These fact sheets will create a broad overview of the content required for each element and explain the element's importance to the public and stakeholders, providing the public with the knowledge to respond accordingly.

Draft Plans

Spokane County will utilize the county website to post drafts of planning documents. These drafts will be available before the Planning Commission's recommendation and the Board of County Commissioners' adoption. Stakeholders and the public can post comments for drafts in multiple formats.

Surveys

Spokane County will use county websites to post surveys to engage the public. The information provided by the public will inform county staff's decision-making process while implementing goals and policies for each element of the comprehensive plan.

GIS Story Maps

For the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update, Spokane County will create a culmination of GIS Story Maps. The story maps will demonstrate important information about the comprehensive planning process to the public while providing an engaging educational opportunity.

Workshops/Public Forums

Throughout the 2026 comprehensive plan update, Spokane County Long-Range planning staff will direct workshops for the public to attend. These workshops and public forums will include participation from the public, stakeholders, the Planning Commission, and the Board of County Commissioners. Information on public workshops and opportunities to attend will be posted on the Spokane County Building and Plannings Website. All workshops and public forums will have an in-person, hybrid, and virtual option.

Community Consultations

Throughout the 2026 comprehensive plan update, Spokane County Long-Range planning staff will be available for community consultations. Community members/groups can schedule a meeting with long-range planners to discuss the comprehensive plan update.

Public Comments

Throughout the 2026 comprehensive plan update, the public can submit comments and feedback through the web and other methods to Planning staff for review and consideration.

Additional Engagement Programs & Strategies

Communication Engagement Programs	Description of Project
<p>Social Media Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook • Threads • Instagram • X (Twitter) 	<p>Spokane County will use social media to educate and inform the public on the plan's status/progress and direct them to further information on the county website.</p> <p>Spokane County will create a comprehensive plan for Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), and Instagram pages that will poll the public on topics related to the 2026 periodic update.</p>
<p>Community Consultations</p>	<p>Communities and stakeholders will be able to request to schedule an in-person or online consultation for details related to the Comprehensive Plan. This will help ensure that different community segments have equitable access to information.</p>
<p>Media Outlets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio • Television 	<p>Local Radio Announcements- Spokane County may notify local radio channels about the comprehensive plan update.</p> <p>Local Television Engagements- Spokane County may notify local television outlets about the comprehensive plan.</p>
<p>Direct Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from Staff • Podcasts • Informative Videos 	<p>Spokane County may create a video demonstrating the importance of public participation for the 2026 periodic update.</p> <p>Planning staff may post scheduled videos explaining details about the 2026 periodic update process. The videos will explain upcoming opportunities for public participation.</p> <p>These videos may be posted on the county's relevant social media accounts.</p>
<p>In-Person Workshops</p>	<p>The county will establish workshops to involve the public in the planning process and provide opportunities for public input.</p>
<p>Electronic Mailing List</p>	<p>The county will create an electronic mailing list for interested parties and citizens for the 2026 comprehensive plan, periodically updating news and relevant information.</p> <p>The county may also send updates for the comprehensive planning process to interested parties.</p>

<p>Virtual Meetings/Forums</p>	<p>Spokane County will have Zoom alternatives for the public participation plan.</p> <p>Spokane County may create a virtual alternative to in-person meetings and public forums for all announced meetings.</p>
<p>News</p>	<p>Spokane County may create and post news, relevant information, and articles regarding Spokane County Growth Management, local planning issues, and meeting, public forums, or hearing notices on its website.</p>
<p>Design, display, and distribution of material</p>	<p>For the 2026 periodic update, Spokane County may design, display, and distribute printed and digital/electronic material to inform the public about the local planning process and engage them in relevant discussions.</p>
<p>Press Releases, Public Service Announcements, Media Packets</p>	<p>For the 2026 periodic update, these mediums will inform the public on GMA Issues, the 2026 comprehensive plan update, document availability, opportunities to participate virtually, and meetings, public forums, and hearing dates.</p>

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Meeting People Where They Are

Historically, it has not been easy to fully involve citizens in public participation. Various barriers have kept underserved communities and jurisdictions from actively participating in community planning. For the 2026 periodic update, Spokane County wants to ensure that individuals from all county segments are aware, engaged, and heard in all phases of the update.

A way in which Spokane County can create interest in the planning process and increase public participation is to meet people where they are in their communities rather than only holding public events in areas where only the most vocal individuals participate. This program will help ensure a diverse cross-section of community members, and stakeholders are included in the participation process. Staff members and informed volunteers will go to local community events and public spaces to conduct interviews, surveys, questionnaires, and table events with the public.

Spokane County will begin this program in the summer of 2024 to solicit the public's thoughts on the upcoming comprehensive planning process.

Strategies To Meeting People Where They Are	
Farmers Markets	Spokane County may operate a table, distribute surveys, and create opportunities for public comment at local farmers' markets.
Universities	Spokane County may operate a table at Eastern Washington University to provide students with more information on the comprehensive plan update.
Fairs	Spokane County staff and volunteers should create opportunities for public comment at local fairs to ensure diverse voices are heard.
Community Parades	Spokane County may distribute surveys and create opportunities for public comment at local parades within the county.
Cultural events for historically underrepresented communities.	Spokane County may reach out to the public at different cultural events throughout the community.

Broad Dissemination

The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires fully planning counties and communities to comply with broad dissemination (RCW 36.70A.130(2)). In the context of the GMA, “broad dissemination” means that a county or city has made the documents widely available and provided information on how to access them and provide comments. Spokane County may use many innovative and traditional methods to ensure the county can make documents accessible to the public. This includes making all relevant documents for the comprehensive plan available for the public on the Spokane County Building and Planning website and at the planning department office.

Broad Dissemination Programs & Techniques

Broad Dissemination Strategy	Specific techniques to fulfill these programs
Online presence	Spokane County will digitally post and distribute documents related to the 2026 periodic update to be readily available to all who want to review them.
Physical Presence	Physical copies of documents related to the 2026 periodic update will be available at Spokane County’s planning office.
Social Media Platforms	<p>Spokane County will use social media platforms to notify the public of where documents are posted and when they will be made available.</p> <p>Social Media Programs may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook, Threads, Instagram • X (Formerly known as Twitter)
Physical Addresses	Spokane County may distribute information regarding how to access documents at local libraries throughout the county and other relevant areas.
Media Outlets	<p>Spokane County may also create information programs in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press releases • Public service announcements

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media packets
Email Contact List	Spokane County may also create an email contact list where community members interested in the comprehensive planning update process can be sent periodic information on the comprehensive planning process and other relevant topics.
News Updates	Spokane County may post relevant information and articles regarding Spokane County Growth Management, local planning issues, and meeting, public forum, or hearing notices.

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Public Participation Program Timeline

Spokane County will involve the public and inform them of all opportunities to participate in meetings and public forums during the comprehensive planning process. The following table demonstrates opportunities for the public to participate in each stage of the planning process.

Preliminary Project Timeline For 2026 Update	
Comprehensive Plan Steps	Method of Public Outreach
2024	
Data Gathering for population projections/Plan Crafting.	Public Meetings and Public Forums
Initial Urban Growth Areas projections and study areas. Initial crafting of chapters.	Workshops/Visioning
2025	
Detailed analysis of GMA elements	Public Meetings and Public Forums
Crafting Chapters into Plan	Studio workshops
2026	
Refining the chapters	Coordination with partners and stakeholders
Final draft Plan	Public Meetings and studio workshops, Public Forums
Refining the Plan	Public Meetings, Public Forums, and Hearings
Plan Adoption	

Specific dates, schedules, and public participation events are subject to change throughout the periodic update process. Adequate information and notice will be given for opportunities to participate in public participation.

Preliminary Public Participation Timeline For 2026 Update

2024

<p>Quarter 1</p>	<p>Public Participation Project Launch. Launch of County Website and Public Service Announcements to provide the public with accurate information for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update.</p> <p>Initial outreach on the planning website to obtain public input on relevant, comprehensive planning topics.</p>
<p>Quarter 2</p>	<p>Initial Visioning Session with the public to create an overarching vision statement for the comprehensive plan.</p> <p>Public Forums to receive initial input from the public for comprehensive plan elements to help begin crafting goals and policies.</p> <p>Meet stakeholders to receive initial input from the public for comprehensive plan elements to help review initially drafted goals and policies for the comprehensive plan.</p> <p>Attend and have a table at public events to inform the public about the periodic update and reach out to individuals who have typically not been involved.</p>
<p>Quarter 3</p>	<p>Workshops/meetings with stakeholders to provide the public with information on staff progress for individual elements</p> <p>Public Participation Summary to provide the public with a summary of the county's public participation</p>

Quarter 4	Workshops/meetings with stakeholders to provide the public with information on staff progress for individual elements
2025	
Quarter 1	Public Studio Workshops/ Public Forums to receive additional input from the public while refining comprehensive plan documents. Stakeholder Meetings to receive further input from stakeholders for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan while refining comprehensive plan chapters
Quarter 2	Tabling to provide the public with information on the current stage of the planning process. Public Forums to receive input from the public while refining comprehensive plan documents. Stakeholder Meetings to receive further input from stakeholders for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan while refining comprehensive plan chapters
Quarter 3	Public Forums
Quarter 4	Public Forums and Stakeholder Meetings
2026	
Quarter 1	Public Forums to share the draft plan update with the public
Quarter 2	Planning Commission public hearings
Plan Adoption – June 2026	

Public Outreach Performance Measures

For the 2026 Comprehensive Periodic Update, Spokane County wants to ensure we accurately track our performance measures for public participation. Spokane County Planning staff will create a semi-annual report highlighting and tracking our public outreach efforts during the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update. This report will include public participation events that staff held and participated in, summarization of feedback from the public, and the number of responses from the public. This will help ensure that the public is informed about the engagement process.

During this process, Spokane County may follow specific metrics to report back to the public. This includes but is not limited to:

- Number of members of the public who viewed the comprehensive plan website.
- Number of public meetings that Spokane County has held.
- Number of stakeholder groups that Spokane County has reached out to.
- Number of public members who have shown up to public meetings.
- Number of comments that Spokane County has received from the public.
- A summary of comments/concerns Spokane County received during public participation.
- Number of public forums held, location held, and number of participants.
- Locations where public meetings are being held.
- Locations of where participants are visiting from. This will help Spokane County understand which geographical locations of the county are involved with public participation. (This will help Spokane County focus on reaching out to geographical locations that have not been involved in the public participation program.
- A brief summarization of media exposures of Spokane County's comprehensive plan. This includes (Public Service Announcements, Print Media, and Digital Media)
- Summarization of Social Media Metrics (Number of posts on social media platforms and comments from the public).

Reaching out for more information

Spokane County urges all community members to participate actively in the periodic update. This plan should constitute the public's vision for what they want their community to look like for the next twenty years. This is an exciting opportunity for Spokane County residents to be involved in shaping their community's future, and all are welcome and encouraged to participate.

If any Spokane County residents have any questions, feedback, or ideas on how they can be involved in the public participation process for the 2026 periodic update, please get in touch with the Spokane County Building and Planning Department at 2026CompPlan@spokanecounty.org or call the department at 509-477-1500. Additional information on public participation can be found at Spokane County Building and Planning's public participation page on the department's website, www.spokanecounty.org/BP.

Compliance with State Regional and Local Requirements

The Spokane County Public Participation Program for the 2026 Periodic Update was coordinated with the relevant requirements in the RCW and WACs for the Washington State Growth Management Act.

Compliance Disclaimer

Exact guidelines, schedules, dates, and programs are subject to change throughout the planning process. Adequate notice (as established by statute such as, publishing in the news paper, online, and on social media no less than 15 days prior to a hearing) will be given to ensure that the public has given accurate information on how to participate in the planning process.

Errors in exact compliance with the established program and procedures shall not render the comprehensive land use plan or development regulations invalid if the spirit of the program and procedures is observed (RCW 36.70A.140).

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Appendix A

Minimum Public Participation Procedures for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

This section provides the minimum procedural requirements that will apply to the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. This list of procedures is for the exclusive use of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update only. The following list of procedures supersedes all other county codes related to comprehensive plan or development regulation amendments for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan update.

General Procedures for approval of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

Prior to adoption, all proposed amendments will go through the following procedure at a minimum:

- 1) Building and Planning Public Involvement
 - a) Spokane County Building and Planning Staff shall hold at least one public forum or open house on any proposed amendments.
 - b) Spokane County Building and Planning Staff shall meet with stakeholders at least twice prior to any Planning Commission public hearing on proposed amendments.
- 2) Planning Commission Review and Recommendation
 - a) The Planning Commission may hold one or more workshops prior to its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.
 - b) The Planning Commission shall hold at least one public hearing prior to making a recommendation on any proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan or development regulations.
 - c) After the hearing and deliberations, the Planning Commission shall recommend any proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan and/or development regulations and forward the same to the Board of County Commissioners.
- 3) Board of County Commissioners Review and Decisions
 - a) Upon receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Board shall, at its next available regular meeting, set a date for a public meeting to consider the Commission's recommendation on any amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and/or development regulations.
 - b) At the established meeting, the Board may do one of the following:
 - i) Adopt, make minor modifications, or deny the proposed recommendation(s).
 - ii) Written findings of fact shall accompany the Board's decision.
 - iii) Should the Board change a recommendation from the Commission, the Board shall hold a public hearing on the change.
 - c) Written findings of fact shall accompany the Board's decision.
 - d) At least 60 days prior to any final action by the BOCC, the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce for comment.
 - e) A notice of adoption and the time frame for appeal shall be published by the Board after the decision, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.290. The decision shall be forwarded to the Washington State Department of Commerce, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106.

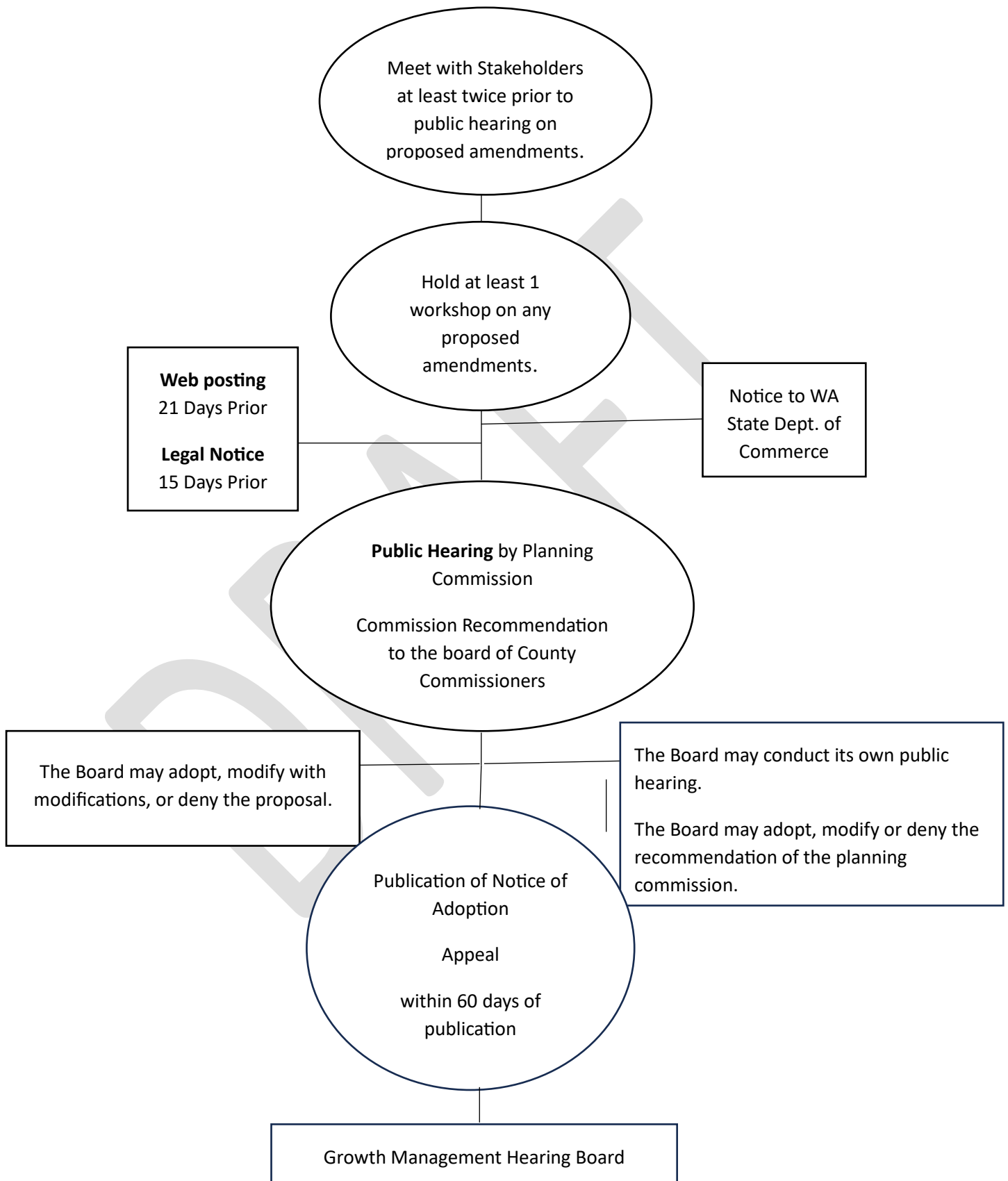
4) Public Notice

Notice of the date, time, place, and purpose of public hearings for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update shall be at a minimum given by the following:

- a) One publication in Spokane County's official newspaper at least 15 days prior to the hearing.
- b) Posting on the County website at least 15 days prior to the hearing.
- c) Emailed notice to agency mailing lists.
- d) Notifying public or private groups that have signed up for electronic notice of the 2026 comprehensive plan update.
- e) Documents and presentations related to the public hearing should be made available for the public at least 21 days prior to the public hearing.

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Flow Chart for 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update



Procedures for Public Forums

This section provides general procedures for public forums for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. Spokane County will strive to meet these procedures during the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

For the Context of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, Public Forums shall include and are defined but not limited to as activities such as, open houses, charrettes, and visioning sessions or design studios. These are opportunities for open discussion between the public, staff, and decision-makers on particular topics and ideas related to the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

The following public notice will be provided before public forums pertaining to the 2026 Spokane County Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

- Public Forum notices shall be advertised via the Spokesman-Review and Spokane County Comprehensive Plan web page no fewer than seven (7) days before the date of the forum.
- Notices shall include the following
 - The scheduled date and time of the forum.
 - The address of the forum and the virtual link to attend the forum.
 - The Agenda of the forum
- Forums shall have a virtual option made available.
- Digital and hard copies of documents related to the comprehensive plan update shall be made available for in-office review at the Building & Planning office, and, as appropriate, through other divisions or agencies.
- For the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, documents and exhibits presented at public forums shall be made available thereafter on the county website no fewer than seven days after the public forum.
- Sign-in sheets shall be offered at each public forum and may be used to create a specific mailing list for persons or parties interested in receiving updates on the 2026 Comprehensive Plan.
- Special arrangements for forums shall be made under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with advance notice to the public forum facilitator.
- For public forums, Spokane County will at minimum, provide notice of forums on the county web page, but may also provide additional notice via the following methods:
 - Spokane County may notify the public on relevant social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, X “formerly Twitter” before workshops, public meetings, public hearings.
- Web presentations, when applicable may be posted before public forums(s) to involve and educate the public and solicit their opinions, reactions, or suggestions. Web presentations,

documents, and agency comments may be available for viewing and public comment 24- hours a day.

Spokane County will ensure that all public forums shall allow for an open discussion of the relevant issues at hand. An agenda shall clearly define the purpose of the forum, the items to be considered, and actions will not be taken at these events. The agenda should provide a brief overview of any documents or proposals to be presented. The agenda should be included or summarized in the notices.

- The scheduled date, time, and place—virtual and physical location—should be convenient so as to encourage the greatest number of people to participate.
- A designated facilitator will conduct the forum in an orderly fashion to ensure that all attendees have an opportunity to discuss issues and offer comments.
- The facilitator should provide introductory remarks outlining the purpose of the public forum and describing how the attendees can best participate and how their input may be used.

For the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, Spokane County strongly encourages submission of written comments or written testimony throughout the planning process. Throughout the comprehensive planning process, Spokane County may provide a wide array of opportunities to comment.

- Web-based opportunities for comment will be made available throughout the planning process. Comments may be submitted via the county webpage or in writing and submitted to the planning department.
- Persons speaking, testifying, or electronically submitting comments will be expected to concisely express their comments verbally and provide specific details in written format.
- Spokane County shall consider all relevant public comments and public testimony in the decision-making process.

Substantive comments pertaining to studies, analyses, or reports, along with necessary responses, will be included or linked to the subject planning document.

The record, including recordings, written and web-based comments or testimony, documents, summaries, etc., will be compiled and maintained by Spokane County Building & Planning Department. That record will be made available to the decision-makers for their consideration and review prior to a decision.

Relevant comments or testimony shall be addressed through the findings-of-fact portion of the decision-makers' written decision or recommendation.

Errors in exact compliance with the established program and procedures shall not render the comprehensive land use plan or development regulations invalid if the spirit of the program and procedures is observed.

Proposed Text Amendment (Revised)

3-20-24

Purpose

- 1) Expand the definition of “Gun and Archery Range” in Chapter 14.300 Spokane County Zone Code to be inclusive of the accessory uses associated with a viable gun and archery ranges.

Gun and Archery Range: A facility or area used for archery and/or the discharging of firearms, including rifles, pistols, or shotguns, for the purpose of target practice, firearm safety training, and skills competitions. It is customary for gun and archery ranges to hold multi-day target shooting skills competitions. To facilitate these cultural activities, accessory uses on sites may include limited recreational facilities, support services, limited, small-scale retail and food services, and overnight camping limited to, and associated with, scheduled target shooting events.

Purpose

- 2) Revise the criteria for a Conditional Use Permit to be inclusive of the above definition.

14.618.240 (10) and 14.616.240 (8) Gun and archery ranges in RT, LTA, STA, and Forest zones:

Business Uses	Rural Traditional	Rural Activity Center	Small Tract Agricultural	Large Tract Agricultural	Forest
Gun and archery range	CU	N	CU	CU	CU

- a. The minimum lot area is 10 acres for an archery range and 20 acres for a gun range. 40 acres.
- b. Entrances and exits to and from the site shall be designed for safe movement of traffic onto and off of, the County roadway.
- c. Internal circulation roadways shall be private, all-weather surfaced, and meet County standards for emergency services.
- d. Accessory uses may include range safety and operations headquarters, maintenance facilities, limited associated recreation facilities, restrooms, limited food service, limited retail sales, and other uses and structures customarily incidental to a gun and archery range operation. Food service shall be limited to range participants and may include food trucks. Retail sales, including sports equipment and supplies, guns, ammunition, bows, arrows, and other associated supplies, are permitted during the range use and only for registered range participants. Food and merchandise sales to the general public are not allowed.

- e. Target shooting event participants may stay overnight with RV's, tent trailers, or tents as participants or organizers in scheduled multi-day events.
- f. All proposed facilities shall be in compliance with applicable health district regulations.
- g. The use shall be subject to restrictions and conditions, as may be imposed by the Hearings Examiner under chapter 14.404 to ensure safety and noise impact mitigation, including hours of firearm discharge, and general quiet hours.

End of Amendment

Proposed Code Amendment ZTA-01-23

Spokane County Code Sections 14.330, 14.616.40 and 14.618.240

This citizen-initiated amendment proposes to change to the Conditional Use Permit criteria for Gun and Archery Ranges currently permitted in the Rural Traditional, Small Tract Agricultural, Large Tract Agricultural, and Forest Zones.

This amendment proposes:

- To modify the definition of gun and archery ranges found in 14.330 by refining it to incorporate skills competitions, accessory uses, limited overnighting associated with target shooting events, limited food sales, and limited retail sales.
- Adding additional criteria to the Conditional Use Permit sections found in 14.616.240 and 14.618.240:
 - Changing the minimum lot area from 40 acres to 10 acres for archery ranges and 20 acres for gun ranges
 - Adding that entrances and exits must be designed for safe movement.
 - Adding that Internal circulation roadways shall be private, all-weather surfaced, and meet County standards for emergency services.
 - Adding that internal auto travel ways shall be paved.
 - Adding provisions for accessory uses such as management headquarters, recreation facilities, restrooms, limited food service, and limited retail sales including sports equipment, supplies, guns, ammo, bows, arrows, and associated supplies but not intended for the general public.
 - Adding a provision that target shooting event participants may overnight in RVs, tents, and camp trailers.
 - Adding a provision that the sale of food or merchandise shall not be intended for the general public.
 - Adding that all facilities shall be in compliance with health district regulations.
 - Stating that the use would be subject to Hearing Examiner restrictions and conditions as allowed by 14.404 to ensure safety and noise mitigation, including hours of firearm discharge and general quiet hours.

New Term: “Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouse”

New Definition: A Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouse is a slaughterhouse that is subject to USDA oversight through an appointed inspector and USDA inspection and sanitation criteria (found in 9 CFR, Chapter III, Subchapter 16, Part 416.2), which can slaughter animals for the sale of their meat across state lines but is only allowed to handle (insert information about square footage or number of head here).

Staff Comment:

This new term and definition are meant to account for both desire of constituents to have another USDA-inspected slaughtering operation, while mitigating any potential future efforts to establish massive slaughterhouses that will be a detriment to the surrounding rural environment and character. The limitations on (square footage or number of head) were determined based on information from USDA compliance inspectors. One recommendation that could work, based on their information, would be to limit the number of head slaughtered per day to 15. This definition should be differentiated somehow from regular “slaughterhouses” which are classified as high impact uses in the SCC and only allowed in heavy industrial areas.

Additions to the Rural and Resource Lands tables:

Resource Lands, Table 616-1			
Agricultural Uses	Large Tract Agricultural	Small Tract Agricultural	Forest Lands
Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouse	CU	CU	N

Rural Lands, Table 618-1					
Agricultural Uses	Rural-5	Rural Traditional	Rural Activity Center	Urban Reserve	Rural Conservation
Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouse	N	CU	CU	N	N

Staff Comment:

In the resource land zones, both large and small tract agriculture land could support uses that would make having small-scale slaughtering or butchering operations nearby convenient. However, there is no need for slaughtering operations in forest lands. In rural land zones, rural traditional and rural activity centers could all support small-scale slaughtering without negatively impacting other land uses. However, urban reserve land is meant to be reserved for increased densities, and small-scale slaughtering operations allowed in these areas may prevent greater densities from developing there, going against

the zone's intended purpose. Similarly, rural conservation land would also most likely not be suitable for small-scale slaughtering operations because of the risk a slaughtering operation, regardless of size, might have on the critical areas within this zone. Finally, while there could be areas suitable for this type of development in rural-5 zones, it could also prevent clustering of homes in some cases and is therefore not permitted there.

Conditional Uses (Resource Lands): Standards and Criteria

- Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouses in STA and LTA land shall be located, designed, and operated to not interfere with and to support the continuation of the overall agricultural use of the property and the neighboring properties (taken from SCC 14.616.230[2][a]).
- The parcel shall be no closer than 1/2 mile from any incorporated city or urban growth area boundary (taken from SCC 14.616.240[7]).
- The parcel shall be no closer than 1,000 feet from an existing residence (taken from SCC 14.616.240[7]).
- The parcel shall be located landward of the 100-year flood plain or, in the event such cannot be determined, 300 feet landward of the ordinary high-water mark of all irrigation canals, intermittent streams, lakes, and waterways (taken from SCC 14.616.240[7]).
- The parcel shall be subject to conditions resulting from a recommendation of the USDA NRSC and/or any agency charged with health, air, and water quality protection (taken from SCC 14.616.240[7]).
- (Insert square footage or head of cattle limitations here)
- Wells used must be a part of a public water system.
- The use shall be subject to restrictions and conditions, as may be imposed by the Hearing Examiner under chapter 14.404 (taken from SCC 14.616.240[7]).
- If the proposed site for a Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouse is within a water district, the code of that water district must be consulted to see whether this type of development is allowed before approval.

Conditional Uses (Rural Lands): Standards and Criteria

- Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouses shall not be allowed on parcels less than 5 acres.
- The parcel shall be located landward of the 100-year flood plain or, in the event such cannot be determined, 300 feet landward of the ordinary high-water mark of all irrigation canals, intermittent streams, lakes, and waterways (taken from SCC 14.616.240[7]).
- The parcel shall be no closer than 1/2 mile from any incorporated city or urban growth area boundary (taken from SCC 14.616.240[7]).
- The parcel shall be subject to conditions resulting from a recommendation of the USDA NRSC and/or any agency charged with health, air, and water quality protection (taken from SCC 14.616.240[7]).
- Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouses cannot be located within 250 feet of a naturally occurring body of water or a well used for domestic or municipal purposes.

- Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouses must be designed to prevent the infiltration of animal byproducts and waste into the groundwater or directly into surface waters.
- Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouses must be at least 1,000 feet away from any residential uses.
- (Insert square footage or head of cattle limitations here)
- Wells used must be a part of a public water system.
- The use shall be subject to restrictions and conditions, as may be imposed by the Hearing Examiner under chapter 14.404.
- If the proposed site for a Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouse is within a water district, the code of that water district must be consulted to see whether this type of development is allowed before approval.

Staff Comment:

The above standards and criteria for Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouses Small-scale USDA Slaughterhouse were derived from conditional use standards for Benton County and Adams County slaughterhouses, as well as similar CUP conditions for similar land uses that exist in the SCC (feed Lots, etc.). Additional limitations were dictated based on operation information from a USDA Compliance Investigator. Slaughterhouse operations of any size should not be in floodways, floodplains, or anywhere near important groundwater or surface water sources. Because small-scale slaughtering operations may produce odors and fumes, locating them at least 1,000 feet from any residential uses is also prudent.

Chapter 14.506 Administrative Permits

14.506.100 Applicability

Administrative permits are required for certain uses allowed within this Code. Administrative permits shall be processed consistent with the application procedures of chapter 14.502, Administrative Procedures. Administrative permits include permits for temporary uses and/or other actions as may be specified within the Zoning Code.

14.506.200 Temporary Uses

1. Any owner of any property may submit an application for the temporary use of a structure or premises for a purpose or use that does not conform to the regulations prescribed elsewhere in this Code for the zone classification in which it is located, provided that such use is of a temporary nature and does not involve the erection of a substantial structure. A nonrenewable zoning certificate for such use may be granted by the Division in the form of a temporary and revocable permit, for not more than a 6-month period, subject to such conditions as will safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare. ~~Said permit may be extended one additional period of no longer than 6 months upon written request and demonstration to the Division that said extension is still necessary.~~ The planning director shall be authorized to grant annual time-extensions for demonstrated cause upon written request. A temporary use may also require issuance of a building permit.

2. Dependent Relative Manufactured Home - Temporary Use
Any owner of any property may submit an application for the temporary use of a manufactured home for the purpose of accommodating a dependent relative, provided that such structure is of a temporary nature and the applicant meets the specific criteria for said use in the underlying zone classification. A renewable zoning certification for such use may be granted by the Division in the form of a temporary and revocable permit, for not more than a 12 month period, subject to such conditions as will safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare. Said permit may be renewable for periods of up to 12 months upon demonstration to the Division that said permit is still necessary and that the property remains in compliance with the conditions of approval.

3. Small Tract Agricultural Wedding/Social Events - Temporary Use
Any owner of any property located in the Small Tract Agricultural zone may submit an application for a temporary use provided that such use is of a temporary nature and that the specific criteria for said use in the underlying zone classification are met. A renewable zoning certificate for such use may be granted by the Division in the form of a temporary and revocable permit for not more than a 6-month period in any given year and may be renewed on an annual bases subject to such conditions as will safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare. The temporary use permit may be revoked for failure to meet any condition of the temporary permit approval. The following performance standards shall be met:
 - a. The property shall retain its agricultural identity and its capacity as agricultural land.
 - b. The temporary use shall meet the definition of Small Tract Agricultural Weddings/Social Events in the Spokane County Zoning Code, Section 14.300 as follows:
 "Those uses, other than the primary residence on actively farmed property, that are accessory to the sale of agricultural products produced on the premises, including but not limited to, weddings, receptions, graduations, corporate gatherings and private personal celebrations. These accessory event activities/uses typically include music, event catering, off-street parking and appropriate ingress/egress. This definition does not include retail sales, concerts and amphitheaters, rodeos, circuses or other similar public events".
 - c. The temporary use must be an accessory use to the parcel or lot and cannot be the primary use on the parcel or lot.
 - d. The temporary use may only be located in the Small Tract Agricultural zone.

- e. The temporary use shall support, promote, or sustain agricultural operations and production as provided in RCW 36.70A.177(3).
- f. The temporary use shall be located, designed and operated so as to not interfere with, and to support the continuation of, the overall agricultural use of the property and neighboring properties.
- g. Any enclosed structure on the property being utilized for the temporary use shall meet the requirements for fire, life and safety as outlined in the International Building and Fire Codes as adopted by Spokane County and Spokane County Code.
- h. All requirements established for the proposed temporary use by the Fire District and/or Fire Code Official, in addition to the International Fire Code, as addressed in "g" above, shall be met by the temporary use facilities. Temporary Use Permit facilities, include but are not limited to, all structures and facilities on the property used for or part of the temporary use.
- i. All required parking shall be provided on the property for which the temporary use permit is issued.
- j. Adequate ingress and egress shall be provided to the site from a public right-of-way in accordance with Spokane County Code.
- k. Hours of operation shall occur between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Weddings and/or events shall be limited to Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 1st weekend of May to the last weekend of October.
- l. The temporary use shall be consistent with the size, scale and intensity of the existing agricultural use of the property and existing buildings on the site. The area devoted to the temporary use shall not be located outside the general area already developed for buildings and residential uses, and shall not otherwise convert more than one acre of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.
- m. The temporary use permit may grant up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) events per season. No more than a maximum of two-hundred (200) guests/invitees shall be allowed to attend any individual wedding/event allowed under the temporary use permit. A detailed list of all weddings/events scheduled for the season during which the temporary use permit shall be in effect shall be provided with and as part of the temporary use permit application.
- n. One permanent attached or detached sign identifying the temporary use facility shall be allowed on the property. The sign shall be unlighted and shall not exceed 16 square feet in size.
- o. Noise standards identified in WAC 173-60 and Spokane County Code, as now written or as may be amended from time to time, shall be met.
- p. All laws of the Washington State Liquor Control Board shall be complied with.
- q. All food service shall comply with catering and/or on-site food service regulations as required by the Spokane Regional Health District.
- r. All lighting shall be positioned and shielded so that the direction of the light is downward and within the property lines.
- s. The operator shall notify the appropriate Fire District at least seven (7) calendar days prior to holding any wedding/event under the Temporary Use Permit, and the operator shall comply with any additional conditions required by the Fire District in conjunction with the wedding/event.



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March 12, 2024

Spokane Region Long Term Recovery Group (SRLTRG)
1921 First Street #114
Cheney, WA 99004

RE: Amending the Spokane County Zoning Code Related to Temporary Structures.

Dear SRLTRG:

This letter evidences the Board's intent to initiate a text amendment to the Spokane County Zoning Code (SCZC) pursuant to SCZC 14.402.080 to amend SCZC 14.506.200 in the following manner:

14.506.200 Temporary Uses

1. Any owner of any property may submit an application for the temporary use of a structure or premises for a purpose or use that does not conform to the regulations prescribed elsewhere in this Code for the zone classification in which it is located, provided that such use is of a temporary nature and does not involve the erection of a substantial structure. A nonrenewable zoning certificate for such use may be granted by the Division in the form of a temporary and revocable permit, for not more than a 6-month period, subject to such conditions as will safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare. ~~Said permit may be extended one additional period of no longer than 6 months upon written request and demonstration to the Division that said extension is still necessary. The~~ planning director is authorized to grant extensions for demonstrated cause. A temporary use may also require issuance of a building permit.

The intent of this proposed change is to allow discretion, where necessary, for temporary structures to remain beyond the current maximum allowed period of one year for emergency shelter purposes—such as shelter or housing needed in response to a natural disaster while permanent housing is pursued. This language change is also consistent with Section 108.1 of the 2018 and 2021 International Building Codes as adopted and modified by the Washington State Building Code Council which provides in pertinent part:

108.1 General

The building official is authorized to issue a permit for temporary structures and temporary uses. Such permits shall be limited as to time of service, but shall not be permitted for more

than 180 days. The building official is authorized to grant extensions for demonstrated cause.

Thank you for your efforts related to the recovery of the Gray and Oregon Road fires.

Sincerely,

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