

BELLINGHAM PLANNING ACADEMY  
for  
NEIGHBORHOODS  
7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 10, 2006  
Encore Room, Mt. Baker Theatre

**HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT: How to Prepare and Propose Effective Amendments**  
Session 4

The purpose of this homework assignment is for you to develop an effective amendment to resolve a hypothetical issue or problem in your neighborhood. Use your imagination to craft answers to questions #3A-E below. This assignment will be sent to you electronically so that you can answer the questions on the computer. Resources you may want to use to develop your amendment include:

- *Bellingham Comprehensive Plan*
- *Applicable Neighborhood Plan*
- *City Development Code*
- *The Director's "Criteria" that must be met for the Director to initiate your amendment. (Attached Criteria)*

**Using this format:**

1. Identify one hypothetical issue that could be related to a neighborhood plan, a regulation or the comprehensive plan.
2. Draft a proposed amendment that would address a solution to this issue.
3. Explain how it meets the Director's criteria for initiation of the amendment by answering the following questions:

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- A. What Comprehensive Plan goals and policies support the proposed amendment?
  - B. Would the proposed amendment reduce the number of housing units that could be accommodated?  
  
If so, what other amendments do you propose that would compensate for this reduction by providing an opportunity for an equivalent increase in housing units?
  - C. What methods have you used (or would you use) to determine whether those affected by the amendment would support it?
  - D. Who is in favor of the proposal?
  - E. Who is opposed to the proposal, and what are their issues?