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TO: Adjacent Jurisdictions and Other Interested Agencies

FROM: Kevin Freibott, Planner II

DATE: September 14, 2020

RE: Application Period Open for 2020-2021 Proposed Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The City of Spokane will be accepting applications to amend the text or maps in the Comprehensive Plan until **October 30, 2020** per [SMC 17G.020](#). All complete applications received will be reviewed by a City Council subcommittee and those placed on the Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program for the City of Spokane will begin full review in early 2021. Anyone may make a proposal to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The [City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan](#) addresses many facets of city life, including land use, transportation, capital facilities, housing, economic development, natural environment and parks, neighborhoods, social health, urban design, historic preservation, and leadership. The City of Spokane is committed to conducting an annual process to consider amendments to the comprehensive plan. The Growth Management Act specifies that amendments to a comprehensive plan cannot be made more frequently than once per year. The purpose for this is two-fold: it gives the plan stability over time, avoiding spontaneous changes in response to development pressures, and it groups all proposed amendments in a common process for consideration, providing the opportunity to examine their collective effects on the plan.

For those applications selected by the City Council subcommittee to be placed on the annual work program, Plan Commission consideration of each amendment proposal on the Work Program will be conducted at public workshops held during the public comment period, typically in the summer. Applicants will be afforded the opportunity to address the Plan Commission during the workshop regarding their application. The City Council considers the amendment proposals, staff report, and Plan Commission's amendment recommendations within the context of its budget discussions, and acts on the amendment proposals prior to or at the same time as it adopts the City budget, usually late fall.

If you have any questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process or would like to schedule a pre-application meeting, please contact me at (509) 625-6184 or [kfreibott@spokanecity.org](mailto:kfreibott@spokanecity.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Freibott".

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