



# REZONE AND SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS

## WHAT IS A REZONE?

A rezone changes the zoning classification of a parcel but **does not** require an amendment to the Kitsap County Comprehensive Plan.

For example, a property with an *Urban Low Residential*, Comprehensive Plan designation, and zoning classification of *Urban Restricted* would like to change its zoning to *Urban Low Residential*. In this example, the *Urban Low Residential* and *Urban Restricted* zoning classifications share the same County Comprehensive Plan designation. Therefore, this proposal does not require a change to the Plan.

Rezone applications can be submitted anytime, and the review is guided by **Kitsap County Code Title 21, Chapter 21.04.230**.

## WHY REQUEST A REZONE?

Rezoning a parcel can also change the allowed uses for the property, the design requirements, and the intensity of development. More specifically, a rezone could change the following but is not limited to:

Allowed uses on a parcel (*e.g., single-family dwelling unit vs. a multiple-family dwelling unit*); increase or decrease density, dimension, and design standards.

## WHAT IS A SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENT?

Unlike a rezone request, a site-specific amendment **requires** a change to the Comprehensive Plan land use designation.

For example, a property has *Rural Residential* Comprehensive Plan designation and *Rural Residential* zoning but would like to consider *Urban* level development.

## WHY REQUEST A SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENT?

A site-specific amendment can change land uses allowed on a parcel (*e.g., residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and institutional*).

A site-specific amendment can also:

Change the allowed use on a parcel (*e.g., single-family dwelling unit vs. a multiple-family dwelling unit*); increase or decrease the setback requirements of where buildings can be placed on a parcel, height restrictions, and the number of dwelling units allowed per acre.

## UNSURE IF YOU NEED A REZONE OR SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENT?

If you are unsure, use [this form](#) to help you determine what type of application is needed.

## RESOURCES

[Site-Specific Amendment or Rezone Request?](#)

[Kitsap County Code](#)

[Title 17, Chapter 17.420: Density, Dimension, and Design](#)

[Title 17, Chapter 17.410: Allowed Uses](#)