

## **D# 16 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TITLE IV AMENDMENT REQUESTS**

### **General Description**

This revision rewrites the codes that establish the procedures for processing Comprehensive Plan amendments and Title IV development regulations revisions. In the case of Comprehensive Plan amendments, changes are needed to RMC 4-9-020 to simplify and clarify the procedures that staff use to process amendments. Such clarifications include adding sections on public notice and comment period, adding review criteria, and amending the process to eliminate a duplicative public hearing. Since Comprehensive Plan amendments also involve rezones, necessary changes have been proposed to RMC 4-9-180 to ensure consistency with the proposed changes to RMC 4-9-020. Changes to the docketing process in RMC 4-9-025 include major revisions intended to reflect the actual procedure used to process revisions to Title IV. Review criteria and public notice provisions are also included in this process. A section is also added to provide guidance on Title IV code interpretations.

### **Impact Analysis**

#### Effect on rate of growth, development, and conversion of land as envisioned in the Plan

Not applicable. There are no anticipated effects on the rate of growth, development, and the conversion of land created by the proposed changes.

#### Effect on the City's capacity to provide adequate public facilities

Not applicable. There are no anticipated effects on the City's capacity to provide adequate public facilities created by the proposed changes.

#### Effect on the rate of population and employment growth

Not applicable. There are no anticipated effects on the rate of population and employment growth created by the proposed changes.

#### Whether Plan objectives are being met as specified or remain valid and desirable

Not applicable. The proposed changes do not have direct bearing on Comprehensive Plan objectives.

#### Effect on general land values or housing costs

Not applicable. There are no anticipated effects on general land values or housing costs created by the proposed changes.

#### Whether capital improvements or expenditures are being made or completed as expected

Not applicable. The proposed changes do not affect capital improvements or expenditures.

#### Consistency with GMA, the Plan, and Countywide Planning Policies

Not applicable. The proposed changes have no bearing on growth management, the Comprehensive Plan, or the Countywide Planning Policies.

#### Effect on critical areas and natural resource lands

Not applicable. There are no anticipated effects on critical areas and natural resource lands.

#### Effect on other considerations

Implementation of this amendment clarifies the procedures for submitting and processing amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Title IV docket. This will make it easier for staff to process such requests, will clarify the process for applicants, and allow for a clearer understanding of the public participation process. The addition of guidance on the issuance of code interpretations also brings clarity to a process that has never been defined.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Adopt revisions to the procedures for processing Comprehensive Plan and Title IV code amendments and interpretations. This will make the procedures clearer for applicants, the public, and staff.

### **Implementation Requirements**

Amend the following sections of Title IV, as shown in the attached document:

- 4-8-080 G and H- Land Use Permits and Procedures
- 4-9-020 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process
- 4-9-025 Title IV Development Regulation Revision Process
- 4-9-180 Rezone Process