


MEMORANDUM

CITY/BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801

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TO: Planning Commission

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FILE NO.: AME2012 0006

PROPOSAL: A Text Amendment to update the Comprehensive Plan.

The City and Borough of Juneau Code states in CBJ §49.10.170(d) that the Commission shall make recommendations to the Assembly on all proposed amendments to this title, zonings and re-zonings, indicating compliance with the provisions of this title and the Comprehensive Plan.

BACKGROUND

The 2012 Update to the Comprehensive Plan of the City and Borough of Juneau has been considered by the Planning Commission during two meetings in 2012: a March 13 regular meeting and a March 20 Committee of the Whole meeting. Chapters 1 through 4 were reviewed during the March 13 and 20 meetings; although chapters 5, 9, and 12 through 18 were presented to the Planning Commission for review at the March 20 meeting, no discussion of those chapters has taken place to date.

The Land Use Categories in Chapter 10 were discussed by the Planning Commission in relation to AME2012 0002 on February 14, as well as during the March 13 and 20 meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission review chapters 5, 9, and 12 through 18 in sequential order. Once preliminary review of these chapters has been completed, Commissioners will be presented with proposed revisions to other chapters to review. After all chapters have been reviewed on a preliminary basis, a Draft Comprehensive Plan will be published for review, after which the Planning Commission will begin a second round of review of the entire document.

If the 2008 Update process is any indication, the review of the Comprehensive Plan Update will be a time-consuming process requiring many Planning Commission meetings. Staff recommends that at least one Committee of the Whole meeting is held each month to work on Comprehensive Plan review, until the Planning Commission's review is complete.

