

WSR 21-09-065
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
ENVIRONMENTAL AND
LAND USE HEARINGS OFFICE

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Changes chapter 242-03 WAC, the procedural rules for the growth management hearings board (GMHB).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 36.70A.270.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: GMHB proposes changes to chapter 242-03 WAC to align with 2019 legislative changes to chapter 36.70A RCW. The changes include reducing the number of board members from seven to five; changing the title of the board's administrative officer to chair and clarifying the chair's duties; adding statutory references to environmental and land use hearings office and correct email and contact information; deletes outdated or inaccurate references; adds remote site meetings to telephonic meetings; clarifies procedural requirements when practicing before the GMHB; compliance with 2021 legislative action on court of appeals procedures.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of commerce is a key stakeholder and will be consulted during the review process. Other stakeholders to be contacted: Counties, cities, non-profit organizations, attorneys. They are parties before the GMHB.

Process for Developing New Rule: Technical clean up and reconciliation with new laws.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Nancy Coverdell, 1111 Israel Road S.W., Tumwater, WA 98501, phone 360-664-9171, fax 360-586-2253, email Nancy.Coverdell@eluhwa.gov, website <https://www.eluhwa.gov/>; or Nina Carter, 1111 Israel Road S.W., Tumwater, WA 98501, phone 360-664-9173, fax 360-586-2253, email Nina.Carter@eluhwa.gov, website <https://www.eluhwa.gov/>.

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