



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 17, 2011  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Eric Shields, Planning Director  
**SUBJECT:** Planning Work Program - Zoning Code Amendments

Each year the Planning Work Program typically includes one or more projects involving amendments to the Zoning Code. Attached is a master list of potential code amendments maintained by the Department of Planning and Community Development. The amendments on the list are divided into several groups based on the subject matter and proposed timing for review. Staff asks that the Planning Commission review the proposed approach to reviewing amendments and provide a recommendation to the City Council. The list and Planning Commission recommendation will be transmitted along with the proposed 2011 Planning Work Program for discussion at your meeting with the Council on March 15.

- A. Amendments that will be considered in the Green Code project this year.
- B. Miscellaneous amendments to be considered in 2011. This group has been divided into two sub-groups:
  1. Items in the B.1 sub-group involve minor corrections or clarifications having little or no policy implications. This sub-group would be processed using Process IVA, described in Chapter 161 of the Zoning Code, in which the public hearing is held by the Planning Director rather than the Planning Commission. Two issues in this group may be of interest to the Planning Commission:
    - Amendments to allow an electronic readerboard sign for displaying public service announcements at the North Kirkland Community Center (recent amendments allowed these signs at fire stations).
    - Amendments pertaining to the keeping of horses (primarily to clarify applicability of existing regulations to lots outside of the RS 35 and RSX 35 zones in Bridle Trails)
  2. Amendments in the B.2 sub-group would be reviewed by the Planning Commission. In order to preserve the Planning Commission's time for other projects, staff limited this sub-group to only one item – examining the regulations for ground floor uses in commercial zones outside of the Central Business District. We believe that current regulations are flawed and deserve examination. One option for addressing this issue is to start by including it in the review of the Totem Lake regulations, which is a separate work program item.

Other amendments could be added to the B.2 group if the Planning Commission and City Council desire. For example, a letter was recently submitted to the City requesting that the Zoning Code be amended to allow chickens on small lots in residential zones (see attachment). Currently, the Zoning Code restricts chickens to lots greater than 35,000 sq.

ft. However, regulations for the annexation area will allow chickens on small lots consistent with existing County regulations. The Planning Commission may wish to recommend to the Council whether this request should be considered this year, deferred to a future year or not given further consideration.

- C. Miscellaneous amendments to be considered in 2012 or later. The Planning Commission may wish to review this group to see if any of the items are of interest to be reviewed this year.
- D. Amendments to critical areas regulations to be considered in 2013 - 2014.
- E. Potential sign code amendments. A subset of this group (E.1) involves codifying sign code interpretations, most of which have been in place for many years. Some or all of the E.1 items may be able to be incorporated into the process IVA group to be processed this year. Other sign code amendments will need to be considered in 2012 or later.
- F. Potential amendments to nonconformance regulations to be considered in 2012 or later.
- G. Potential amendments to be reviewed as part of future neighborhood plans.

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SECTION NUMBER	PLANNER	DATE ADDED	PRIORITY	STATUS	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT	POLICY IMPLICATION
			<b>A</b>			<b>GREEN CODES</b>	
KZC 105....		06/30/10	A	Review 2011	Chapter 105 – Parking Areas, Vehicle and Pedestrian Access, and Related Improvements	Standards for green parking lots - per Seattle?	2_Moderate
KZC 115....		06/30/10	A	Review 2011	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Add regulations for electronic vehicle infrastructure per new State law	1_Minor
KZC 105.18...		06/30/10	A	Review 2011	Chapter 105 – Parking Areas, Vehicle and Pedestrian Access, and Related Improvements	Exempt SF walkways from lot coverage requirements. Require pervious paving.	1_Minor
KZC 115....		06/30/10	A	Review 2011	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Potential code amendments for solar and green roofs (wind?)	3_Major
KZC 115.90...		06/30/10	A	Review 2011	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Clarify when to give lot coverage credit for semi-pervious materials. Also consider greater restrictions on use of brick pavers (8/2/06)	1_Minor
KZC 115.90.2..	TJS	06/30/10	A	Review 2011	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Should pools/pool covers be exempt from lot coverage calculations. Should pool covers be included in FAR?	2_Moderate
....			<b>B</b>			<b>MISCELLANEOUS 2011</b>	
KZC 50.35.70..	DRN	11/22/10	B.1	Review 2011	Chapter 50 – CBD-5	Correct the sign category for offices. Change from B to D.	0_None
KZC 115.7.4..	DMG	11/30/10	B.1	Review 2011	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Clarify that Detached ADUs are limited to lesser of 800 sq ft or 40% of combined primary & ADU sq. ft. Clarify that ADU floor area limit doesn't include garage.	0_None
KZC 142.40	ERS	01/20/11	B.1	Review 2011	Chapter 142 – Design Review	Clarify which sections of Chapter 142 and which sections of Chapter 145 apply.	0_None
KZC 40.10.100	ERS	01/20/11	B.1	Review 2011	Chapter 40 – Neighborhood Business (BN) Zones and	Delete special regulation 1 which prohibits residential use on the ground floor. This is superceded by general regulation 4 specifying 75% ground floor retail.	1_Minor
KZC 15.95.c..	ERS	01/11/11	B.1	Review 2011	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and	Delete subparagraph c regarding availability of noise regulations - unnecessary to have in code.	0_None
KZC 49.15.030	NCC	01/20/11	B.1	Review 2011	Chapter 49 – Park/Public Use (P) Zones	Expand government facilities (to include the N. Kirkland Community Center) allowed to have electronic readerboards for public service messages.	1_Minor
KZC 115.23.1	JSM	01/18/11	B.1	Review 2011	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Add RSA and PRA zones to those where common open space is required.	0_None
KZC 115.20...	TJS	06/30/10	B.1	Review 2011	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Clarifications and formatting to equestrian regulations.	1_Minor
KZC ....	ERS	10/25/10	B.1	Review 2011	Multiple Zones	Correct special regulations for mini- schools and mini-day care centers that reference out of date state statutes.	0_None
KZC ....		06/30/10	B.1	Review 2012	Multiple Zones	Use consistent terminology to regulate gas stations and auto repair	1_Minor
KZC 19.16.40..		06/30/10	B.1	Review 2012	Title 19 Streets and Sidewalks	Make street vacation application requirements consistent with Zoning Code requirements	1_Minor
KZC 5.940 +	TJS	02/25/11	B.1	Review 2012	Multiple Zones	Change references to Uniform Building Code to International Building Code (Chapters 5,100 & 115). Delete references to Uniform Sign Code (Chapters 5 & 100)	
KZC 115.23.1..	ERS	10/25/10	B.2	Review 2011	Multiple Zones	Review ground floor uses in commercial zones. Which zones should require retail on ground floor and how much? Are personal services, recreation, gov. facilities, utilities & schools OK? Are residential uses/ lobbies OK where retail uses aren't required?	3_Major

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			C			<b>MISCELLANEOUS - FUTURE YEARS</b>	
KZC 105.18.1.d.	ERS	06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 105 – Parking Areas, Vehicle and Pedestrian Access, and Related Improvements	Clarify or limit the requirement to provide pedestrian connections to all adjacent properties, or provide a modification option. ES comment: Would be nice to reorganize 105.18 and 105.19.	2_Moderate
KZC 115.3...	ERS	06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Allow more flexibility or modification option for horizontal façade general regulations in many zones.	2_Moderate
KZC 115....		06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and	Prohibit living in RVs	2_Moderate
....		11/04/10	C	Review 2012	Multiple Zones	Review decisions requiring Process IIA (or IIB?) and reduce process where appeal to City Council not necessary	2_Moderate
KZC 115.23...		06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Review common open space. Should it apply to detached & zero lot line attached units? Should there be maximum slope (see interpretation).	2_Moderate
KZC ....	ERS	10/25/10	C	Review 2012	Multiple Zones	Review use categories in commercial zones. Consider adding personal services use and removing from the retail category	2_Moderate
KZC ....		06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Multiple Zones	Review issues for detached units in the detached, attached & stacked listing: 1) standards for zero lot line; 2) need for common open space; 3) how to site common open space for zero lot line units; 4) allow ADUs for detached condo units.	2_Moderate
KZC 115.115.5.b.d	ERS	06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and	Parking in front yards is different for different uses. Why should office and MF be different in same zones? (ES email 08/02/06)	2_Moderate
KZC 115.85.2..		06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 115 – Miscellaneous Use Development and Performance Standards	Review/ revise Rose Hill Business District lighting standards and consider city-wide.	3_Major
KZC 135....	PDS	06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 135 – Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Code	Determine best approach for public to request changes to the KZC	2_Moderate
KZC 142.35.3.c.	JGR	07/21/10	C	Review 2012	Design Guidelines	Update design guidelines. May need new guidelines for residential, mixed-use, and/or retail development	2_Moderate
KMC 22.28.80.b.		06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Title 22 Subdivisions	Should lots be able to be subdivided if they access from an easement across another lot & therefore make the servient lot nonconforming because the easement area	2_Moderate
KZC 25.10.50.80.		06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 25 – PR and PRA Zones	Make side yards for all these nonresidential uses the same- 10'?	1_Minor
KZC ....	ERS	06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Multiple Zones	Why do we have different minimum lot sizes for different uses in some zones? Eg: in RM & PR retail requires 3600 sf, but office requires none; restaurant in WDI; office use in PLA 6B: service station in BC (ES e-mail 9/9/96 and AR).	2_Moderate
KZC 48.15.190..		06/30/10	C	Review 2012	Chapter 48 – Light Industrial Technology (LIT) Zones	Delete special regulation 1 which requires special buffering for outdoor auto repair. Change in other zones?	1_Minor

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			D			<b>CRITICAL AREAS UPDATE</b>	
	SMG	02/08/11	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Add definitions for "bulkhead" and "rock toe" in streams.	1_Minor
KZC 90....		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	If improved environment conditions are created that result in greater buffer requirements on neighboring properties, could those greater requirements be reduced?	3_Major
KZC 90....	DMG	06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Review and Reduce approval processes consistent with reasonable use level of decision	2_Moderate
KZC 90....		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Eliminate definitions that are common with definitions applicable throughout entire code	1_Minor
KZC 90....		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Allow reduced setbacks with minimal process where necessary to reduce wetland/stream impacts.	3_Major
KZC 90.140.5..		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Add criterion limiting disturbance of Type 1 wetlands (suggested by Council member)	3_Major
KZC 90.140.6..		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Allow modification of garage width standards with reasonable use permit.	2_Moderate
KZC 90.140.8..		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Eliminate or revise so that lapse of approval date is the same as required with underlying review process (Process I or IIA)	1_Minor
KZC 90.20.5..		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Clarify "normal or routine maintenance or repair." See e-mail from Desiree 12/10	2_Moderate
KZC 90.45.3..		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Allow stormwater outfalls to extend into wetlands	2_Moderate
KZC 90.55.4..		06/30/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Allow off-site mitigation in another drainage basin for essential public facilities	3_Major
KZC 90.20.4..		12/08/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Exempt electrical and other utility lines connecting existing lines in sensitive areas & buffers.	2_Moderate
KZC 90....		12/08/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Codify Int. 08-4	1_Minor
KZC 90.90.1..	WDB	07/01/10	D	Review 2013	Chapter 90 – Drainage Basins	Clarify where stream buffer is measured from (2.5 storm line?)	1_Minor

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....			E			<b>SIGN CODE</b>	
KZC 5.10.550..		06/30/10	E		Chapter 5 – Definitions	Clarify "multi-use complex" for consistency with 100.4.3.b. Delete requirement for exterior entrance.	1_Minor
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Interp 86-17-100 and 115- Temp. commercial signs when related to permitted temporary activities.	1_Minor
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Create criteria to allow for deviations from sign code to be reviewed at a planner level.	2_Moderate
KZC 100....	ERS	06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Real estate signs (on- and off-site). Review regulations to reduce number of signs	2_Moderate
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Eliminate different restrictions for real estate signs than for other commercial signs. Consider restricting location, number, hours.	2_Moderate
KZC 100....	DMG	06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Address political signs duration and size - review temp chart with Rod Kaseguma	2_Moderate
KZC 100....	AAR	06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Under marquee signs - allow to be larger?	2_Moderate
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Reduce height of monument signs. Liberalize dimensions for sign base.	2_Moderate
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Increase signage for larger sites?	2_Moderate
KZC 100....	CES	06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Temporary advertising signs for public events (CSalzman 12/16/04)	2_Moderate
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Allow reduced setback for ground mounted signs subject to criteria	2_Moderate
KZC 100.115...	ERS	06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Allow under marquee signs for sign category A (and probably B) (8/11/04 ES email)	2_Moderate
KZC 100.35.3.c.	JGR	06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Allow for two monument signs along streets with long frontage and more than one entrance	2_Moderate
KZC 100.50...		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Change 'NE 106th Street' to 'Forbes Creek Drive' (SUPdegrave 4/12/05)	0_None
KZC 100.52 ...		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Prohibit cabinet signs in other business districts (citizen suggestion). Also for consistency with design guidelines/regulations?	2_Moderate
KZC 100.85...		06/30/10	E		Chapter 100 – Signs	Delete Interp 94-1- Changing message center and similar signs. Allow electronic readerboards outright with standard regulations? Allow for a variety of uses?	3_Major
KZC 162.35.5..		06/30/10	E		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Major nonconforming signs & amortization (e.g. billboards). Need to address constitutional issues.	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.5.a.1		06/30/10	E		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Make cabinet signs in CBD and JBD major nonconforming	2_Moderate
	ERS	01/14/11	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Do not exempt public service government signs from all provisions of chapter100 - for example electronic readerboard signs.	1_Minor
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Int. 85-8, 5, & 100 Status of neon lighting and lighted awnings as signs. Add to definition	2_Moderate
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Int. 85-6(revised) - various updates to sign regs.	2_Moderate
KZC 100....		06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Interp 95-3R- Colors as signs, sign area- Add definition of sign area?	1_Minor
KZC 100.115...		06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Interp 95-4- Temporary commercial sign- Add to definition of temporary sign?	1_Minor
KZC 100.115...		06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Int. 88-19 Off-site RE signs. Rethink rules on temporary off-site signs. Private advertising signs - restrict size. Temporary commercial signs - limit 30 days plus size limitation. RE signs - redraft to allow (2) 32 sf advertisement signs and (1) 6 sf per lot (not now clear); and revise to conform with Supreme Court decision on Redmond signs.	2_Moderate
KZC 100.115...		06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Interp 92-4- Fuel price signs	1_Minor
KZC 100.65...		06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Interp 86-16- Signs above rooflines	1_Minor
KZC 100.85.2..		06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 100 – Signs	Int. 86-13 Sign regulations regarding holiday decorations	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.5.b.	DBC	06/30/10	E.1		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Minor nonconforming signs - Is a new sign a 'structural alteration'? Is a new, less nonconforming sign permitted? Delete 'minor' in first paragraph b.3. Incorporate Int. 90-3	2_Moderate

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			F			<b>NONCONFORMANCE REGULATIONS</b>	
KZC 5.10.570..	DMG	06/30/10	F		Chapter 5 – Definitions	City owned property should comply with the non-conformance provisions of the code and if we should amend the code to correct this issue?	2_Moderate
KZC 162....		06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Int. 83-11 (may also affect 115.80) - Nonconforming lots held in common ownership	2_Moderate
KZC 162.30...		06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Damaged improvements - What happens if damage exceeds 50%? Conflict with 162.35.7. Can damaged improvement be reconstructed under repair and maintenance clause?	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.2.a.	JSM	06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Look at definition of 'use' (e.g. office use)	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.2.b.1		06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Be less restrictive on structural alterations for nonconforming uses. See 'master list' for more info.	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.2.b.2		06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Clarify time to cease use. Provide reasonable time for owner to seek new tenant per case law. See Int. 85-4.	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.2.b.3	PDS	06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Develop criteria for allowing change of nonconforming use. Alternatively, consider not allowing change of nonconforming use. (8/10/04 PS email). Group with 162.9 and 10.	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.3..		06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Clarify criteria for structure expansion: measured by all structures on property per Int. 90-4	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.5.d.		06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Delete 10 years time period and replace with Director discretion with criteria	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.7..	AAR	06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Do not limit structural alterations as we do now. When can windows and doors be installed without a variance (see Angela's email) (maintenance and repair)	2_Moderate
KZC 162.35.8.a.		06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Clarify improvement that 50% replacement threshold applies: the improvement to which alteration is being done per Int. 85-4	2_Moderate
KMC 162.60...	DRN	06/30/10	F		Chapter 162 – Nonconformance	Clarify continued provisions...also 162.90 and 162.135 (per 9/20/05 email from Dawn)	2_Moderate

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			G			<b>NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ISSUES</b>	
KZC 45.5...		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 45 – BC, BC 1 and BC 2 Zones	Add a special regulation like special regulation 6 for detached, attached and stacked uses in the PR zone. Allows exception from 25' height limit.	1_Minor
KZC 25.10.20..	TJS	06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 25 – PR and PRA Zones	Eliminate special regulation 6 for detached, attached and stacked uses. It's not applicable anywhere. Could just keep it, it's not hurting anything.	1_Minor
KZC 48....		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 48 – Light Industrial Technology (LIT) Zones	Allow schools as a community facility. Codify Int 09-2	2_Moderate
KZC 48....		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 48 – Light Industrial Technology (LIT) Zones	Should dance & martial arts training be added as a permitted use?	2_Moderate
KZC 48....	PDS	06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 48 – Light Industrial Technology (LIT) Zones	Re-examine the requirement that uses be limited to 2 stories (8/20/04, email)	2_Moderate
KZC 48....		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 48 – Light Industrial Technology (LIT) Zones	Delete automobile sales use in Norkirk neighborhood- unless this also requires a Comprehensive Plan amendment	2_Moderate
KZC 48.5...		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 48 – Light Industrial Technology (LIT) Zones	Add a special regulation like special regulation 6 for detached, attached and stacked uses in the PR zone.	1_Minor
KZC 45....		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 45 – BC, BC 1 and BC 2 Zones	Rename BC zone to Houghton Business District Zone	0_None
KZC 45....		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 45 – BC, BC 1 and BC 2 Zones	Consider deleting storage services and auto sales from BC zone or require retail frontage?	2_Moderate
KZC 45.08		02/01/11	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 45 – BC, BC 1 and BC 2 Zones	Increase allowable height in BC 1 zone as per BC 2 zone.	
KZC 47....		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 47 – Community Business X (BCX) Zones	Consider deleting storage services from BCX zone or require retail frontage?	2_Moderate
47....		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 47 – Community Business X (BCX) Zones	Rename BCX zone to Bridle Trails Business District Zone	0_None
KZC 50.32...		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 50 – CBD-4	Change buffering (reduce) in consideration of reduced setback (see email from Lauri Anderson)	2_Moderate
KZC 50....		06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 50 – Central Business District (CBD) Zones	Consider remainder of 'parking lot' issues from City Council in early 2009	3_Major
KZC 60.180...	TJS	06/30/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Chapter 60 – PLA16	Eliminate general regulation 3 which requires installation of a trail since a trail already exists.	0_None
....	DRN	07/01/10	G	Review w/ Nbrhd Plan update	Multiple Zones	Remove General Regulation 2 requiring affordable housing in use zones that are only in Houghton jurisdiction (eg. PLA2, PLA3A, PLA3B, PLA15A, PLA15B, WDIII) since KZC 112.15.1 exempts Houghton.	0_None

December 20, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

As a homeowner in Kirkland, I was surprised to find that residents of the City are not permitted to raise chickens, no matter what the size of their lot. In addition, residents of our annexed area ARE permitted to raise backyard chickens.

In these challenging economic times, there has been a resurgence of backyard agriculture. We are growing more vegetables, for example, and wish to raise a few chickens for fresh eggs for our own use. We respectfully request that the City of Kirkland update the land use code re backyard animals, to include more ways that private residents can enjoy their private property.

I have scanned the rules and regulations in towns near us, and have several observations. In the City of Bellevue, anyone can raise up to six backyard chickens, no matter what their lot size. In the City of Bothell, up to 5 chickens. In the City of Kirkland, RSA up to 3 chickens. In the City of Kirkland proper, 0 chickens. I wonder how many years it's been since Kirkland has had this area of policy rules reconsidered.

In the City of Seattle, they have adopted a fully updated Municipal Code for Urban Farms and Community Gardens policy effective August 23, 2010. I think this is worth reviewing. I found a summary of the Animal Husbandry policies at the gardening organization's website for Seattle Tilth ([seattletilth.org](http://seattletilth.org)). Note: Anyone can have up to 8 chickens.

I realize that in these times, the City has had to lay off staff and re prioritize what it can consider spending time on. I think this is a worthwhile endeavor to review and update these policies at this time. If there is a way that we can be helpful to you in considering this request, we'd be happy to do so.