33.850 Statewide Planning Goal Exceptions

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33.850.010 Purpose
The Statewide Planning Goal exception process provides an opportunity for developments or actions which would otherwise not be allowed due to the application of a specific Statewide Planning Goal. This exception provides for the rare occurrence where the public interest will be better served by granting an exception to a Statewide Planning Goal than in applying the Goal. Statewide Planning Goal exceptions are allowed only for items listed in the Statewide Planning Goals.

33.850.020 Initiating a Statewide Planning Goal Exception
Legislative Statewide Planning Goal exceptions may be initiated by the Director of BDS, the Planning and Sustainability Commission, or by City Council. Requests for a quasi-judicial Statewide Planning Goal exception may be initiated by an applicant, the Director of BDS, the Planning and Sustainability Commission, or by City Council. Others may petition to the Planning and Sustainability Commission to consider a specific legislative Statewide Planning Goal exception. Initiations by a review body are made without prejudice towards the outcome. A discussion of quasi-judicial and legislative can be found in 33.700.070.

33.850.030 Procedure
A. Quasi-judicial Statewide Planning Goal exceptions are reviewed through a Type III procedure, and must be approved by City Council. A Statewide Planning Goal exception requires an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

B. Legislative Statewide Planning Goal exceptions are processed through a legislative procedure. A Statewide Planning Goal exception requires an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

33.850.040 Approval Criteria
A Statewide Planning Goal exception will be approved if it is found that the proposal meets State and any additional City approval criteria for the specific goal exception. The approval criteria are included in the appropriate chapters containing regulations which can be modified through a Statewide Planning Goal exception.

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