

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-09-044

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE (BMC) CHAPTER 17.82 TO ADJUST THE BOUNDARIES OF TARGETED AREA 1 IN THE CITY CENTER.

WHEREAS, BMC Chapter 17.82, established criteria and procedures for *ad valorem* property tax exemptions for multi-unit housing located in designated target areas in urban centers pursuant to RCW Chapter 84.14;

WHEREAS, Targeted Area 1 in the City Center, also known as the "City Center Master Plan Area," was originally delineated and adopted under Ordinance No. 1999-09-054;

WHEREAS, the City Center Master Plan is being repealed in the course of adopting a new Downtown Bellingham Plan, necessitating a name change to the 'urban center' for which Targeted Area 1 is assigned;

WHEREAS, the boundaries of Targeted Area 1 are being adjusted to align with those in the Downtown District, Old Town District, and City Center Design Review District for consistency;

WHEREAS, the Old Town Subarea Plan and corresponding development regulations and design standards applicable to the Old Town District were reviewed and adopted by a legislative process in 2008;

WHEREAS, the Downtown Bellingham Plan and corresponding development regulations and design standards applicable to the Downtown District were reviewed and adopted by a legislative process in 2014;

WHEREAS, the development regulations and design standards applicable to the Old Town and Downtown Districts apply to land within Targeted Area 1;

WHEREAS, the Bellingham City Council held a public hearing on June 23, 2014, on the amendments, with appropriate public notice provided; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the amendments are appropriate and consistent with the State Growth Management Act, RCW Chapter 84.14, BMC Chapter 17.82, and the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Bellingham Municipal Code Subsection 17.82.020(C) is amended as follows:

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C. Designated Targeted Areas. The boundaries of the "targeted residential areas" are located within the urban centers listed below, and as indicated on the maps in this section as follows:


MAP EXHIBIT	TARGETED AREA URBAN CENTER	DESIGNATION
Exhibit A	City Center Master Plan Area	Area 1
Exhibit B	Samish Way Urban Village	Area 2
Exhibit C	Fountain District Urban Village	Area 3

Section 2. Bellingham Municipal Code Section 17.82.020 - **Exhibit A: Multi Family Tax Exemption Program Target Area, Residential Targeted Area 1**, is amended as shown on Exhibit A.

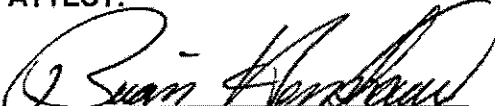
PASSED by the Council this 8th day of September, 2014


Council President *Pro Tem*

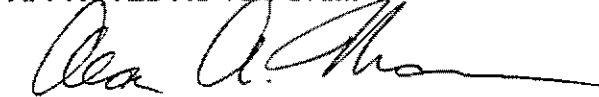
APPROVED by me this 18th day of September, 2014


Mayor

ATTEST:


Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Office of the City Attorney

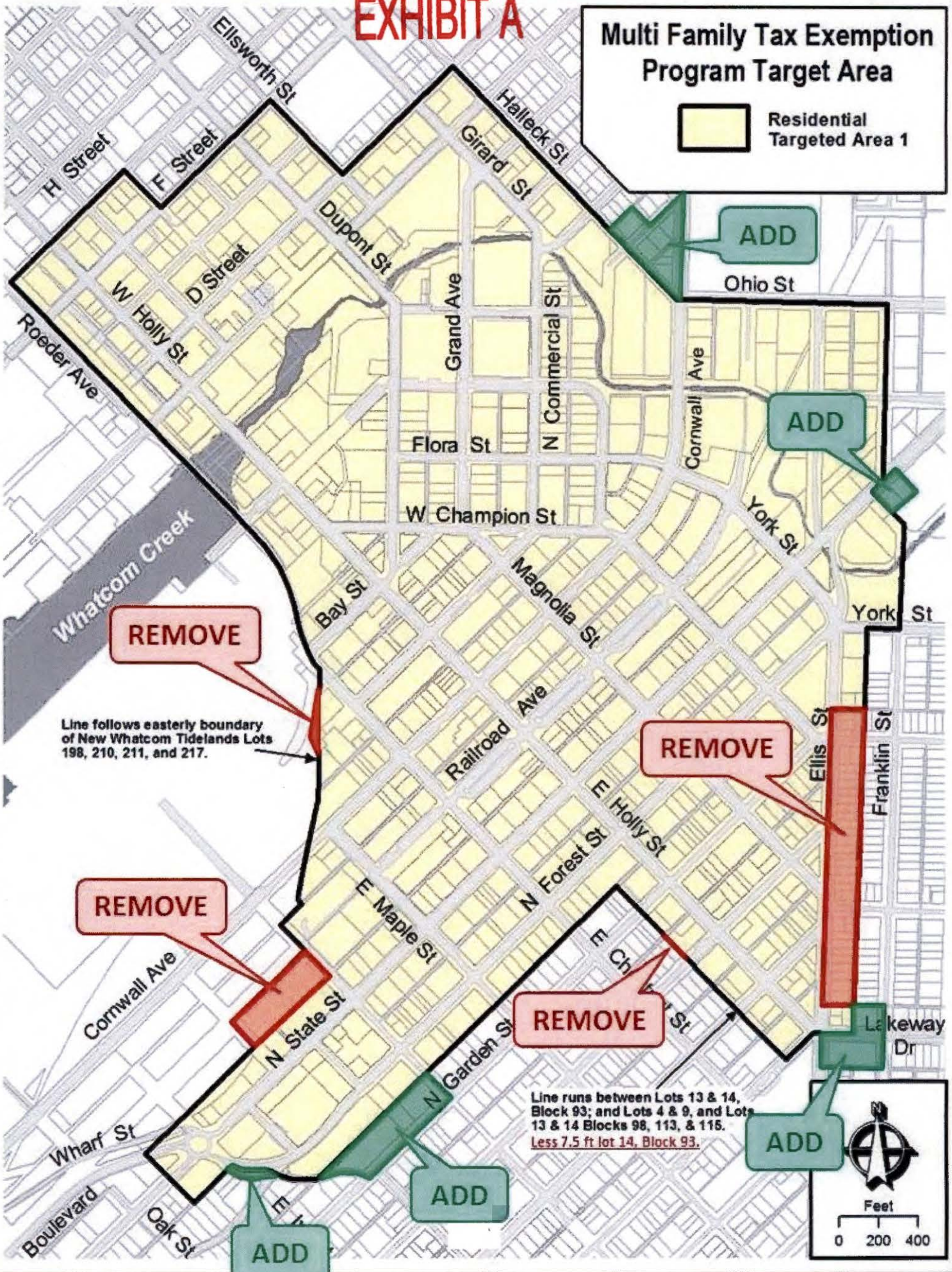
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EXHIBIT A

Multi Family Tax Exemption Program Target Area

 Residential Targeted Area 1



Line follows easterly boundary of New Whatcom Tidelands Lots 198, 210, 211, and 217.

Line runs between Lots 13 & 14, Block 93; and Lots 4 & 9, and Lots 13 & 14 Blocks 98, 113, & 115. Less 7.5 ft lot 14, Block 93.