

**RCW 36.70B.040 Determination of consistency.** (1) A proposed project's consistency with a local government's development regulations adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW, or, in the absence of applicable development regulations, the appropriate elements of the comprehensive plan adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW shall be decided by the local government during project review by consideration of:

- (a) The type of land use;
- (b) The level of development, such as units per acre or other measures of density;
- (c) Infrastructure, including public facilities and services needed to serve the development; and
- (d) The characteristics of the development, such as development standards.

(2) In deciding whether a project is consistent, the determinations made pursuant to RCW 36.70B.030(2) shall be controlling.

(3) For purposes of this section, the term "consistency" shall include all terms used in this chapter and chapter 36.70A RCW to refer to performance in accordance with this chapter and chapter 36.70A RCW, including but not limited to compliance, conformity, and consistency.

(4) Nothing in this section requires documentation, dictates an agency's procedures for considering consistency, or limits a city or county from asking more specific or related questions with respect to any of the four main categories listed in subsection (1)(a) through (d) of this section.

(5) The department of commerce is authorized to develop and adopt by rule criteria to assist local governments planning under RCW 36.70A.040 to analyze the consistency of project actions. These criteria shall be jointly developed with the department of ecology. [2023 c 470 § 2020; 1997 c 429 § 46; 1995 c 347 § 405.]

**Explanatory statement—2023 c 470:** See note following RCW 10.99.030.

**Severability—1997 c 429:** See note following RCW 36.70A.3201.

**Intent—Findings—1995 c 347 §§ 404 and 405:** See note following RCW 36.70B.030.