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***HEARING EXAMINER AGENDA***  
***Hybrid – In-person and Zoom Webinar***  
**6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

The City of Bellingham Hearing Examiner will hold an in-person and virtual Zoom public hearing to take testimony on the following proposals:

- VAR2024-0008 / CAP2024-0024: Request for a variance to the Bellingham Municipal Code (BMC) 16.55 Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) to allow for the reduction of the stream buffer for Fever Creek to facilitate development of an undeveloped parcel. Fever Creek flows southward near the eastern and southern property boundaries and requires a 75-foot buffer per BMC 16.55.500. Direct application of the code would deprive the property owners of a reasonable use of the subject parcel. The new buffer would be 25 to 55 feet. A housing analysis was conducted for structures within 300 feet of the parcel to determine average building footprint. The development purposes a footprint of 1,416 square feet which is the average size in the neighborhood. Front and side yard setbacks will be retained to allow safe access and egress from Alabama Street. The 15-foot critical area setback is proposed to be reduced to five feet.**  
The proposal is located at 2302 Alabama Street, and legally described as West Eureka Add to New Whatcom Lots 18-19 Blk 8. Residential Multi zoning, Transition, medium density. Edwin and Clover Goodsir, Goodsir Properties LLC, owners/applicants. Roosevelt Neighborhood, Area 9.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

In writing:

All interested persons are invited to comment on the above applications. Written comments by mail and email are accepted and strongly encouraged. Send written to the Planning & Community Development, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 or email, [planning@cob.org](mailto:planning@cob.org). Written comments received prior to 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 2, 2024, will be included in the online published packet. Comments received after that will be distributed to the Hearing Examiner for consideration but may not be included in the online published packet. All written comments should be submitted before the close of the comment period but will be accepted if received by 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date. You may also request a copy of the Hearing Examiner's decision and your appeal rights.

Attend in-person at 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, Washington.

At the live webinar by computer:

**Anyone wishing to testify live during the public hearing can do so by registering at the following link: <https://www.cob.org/he121124>**

This link can be used before the meeting to pre-register or during the meeting to register and immediately join the meeting. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Once you are registered, you will receive an email with a link to the meeting.

At the live webinar by phone (audio only):

Those who would like to participate by phone can do so using any of the following phone numbers:

- (253) 215-8782
- (346) 248-7799
- (669) 900-6833
- (301) 715-8592
- (312) 626-6799
- (929) 205-6099

Meeting ID: 876-8606-2316

Password: 9

The record will be held open for two business days to accept post-hearing written public comment from anyone who had technology issues that prevented them from testifying at the hearing.

The application materials and staff reports will be available on-line at [cob.org/hematerials](http://cob.org/hematerials) approximately one week before the virtual public hearing.

A Citizen's Guide to Remote Hearing's is available on-line at: [www.cob.org/zoomguide](http://www.cob.org/zoomguide)

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***Note: This hearing will be video and audio recorded.***