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Cortney Ng <cortney.leigh92@gmail.com> Thu, Aug 20, 2026 at 12:50 PM
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Cortney Ng

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From: David Ng <davidng.vfg@gmail.com>
Date: August 19, 2026 at 8:53:48 PM PDT
To: Cortney Andersen <cortney.leigh92@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: CODE2024-0018 P48233

If you can dream it, you can achieve it!

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From: **Alan Jongsma** <alanjongsma6@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Aug 19, 2026 at 8:15 PM
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From: **Thomas Wenzl** <twenzl@skagitcountywa.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 12, 2026 at 2:15 PM
Subject: RE: CODE2024-0018 P48233
To: Alan Jongsma <alanjongsma6@gmail.com>

Except for the industrial, non-ag use. That kind of kills all Ag-Land. You could apply for the Admin SUP, and fight it out there in front of the HE

Tom Wenzl

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From: Alan Jongsma <alanjongsma6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 1:43 PM
To: Thomas Wenzl <twenzl@skagitcountywa.gov>
Subject: Re: CODE2024-0018 P48233

Tom,

I really appreciate you taking the time to walk me through this!

I read the code exactly as you laid it out. You can install a new grow operation in the ag zone provided it's within an existing building.

I even contacted a local organic farmer friend of mine to see if he wanted to rent an existing farm building for a new majuana grow operation.

I have worked in Planning Departments for 30 plus years and I never liked land use and never will!

It's so arbitrary!!!

If you have to write an explanation for what the code says/means the initial code itself isn't written clearly enough.

Thanks again,

ALJ

Alan Jongsma - Permit Connections

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On Wed, Aug 12, 2026 at 8:14 AM Thomas Wenzl <twenzl@skagitcountywa.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon Alan. Extension granted! My records show we were to start 8/7. I've been out of the office since last Wednesday. I'll move it to 9/7/26.
>
> The language in the MJ code is not written well. There was a verbiage change in our last re-write.
>
> **SCC 14.28.262(4)(a)** The use may only be allowed in a structure existing as of January 1, 2014. Many read that to say that as long as the building is pre-2014 you can do it. What is actually means to say is the 'use may only be allowed in a structure', existing of Jan 1, 2014. In other words, the use had to exist, and it had to be in a structure, and it had to be before 1/1/14. The language really needs to be cleaned up.
>
> There was a lot of argument back in 2014-2015 about greenhouses, membrane structures etc. The Commissioners were trying to plug the dam of new I-502 businesses in Ag and put a moratorium on PDS issuing any Admin SUP permits. The argument was that MJ is Ag production.

Skagit argued it wasn't and even says in our code 14.28.262(3) Marijuana production and processing is an *industrial use*, not an agricultural use.

So, even if you could get a rezone, the use is still not allowed. Speaking of rezone, according to our staff, that would be a spot rezone, and because there is no Ag anywhere near it, it wouldn't be allowed. Plus it doesn't meet minimum requirements for Ag. And, it would not be until the 2027 docket, and not reviewed for approval until 2028.

The old MJ language for Ag-NRL states (formerly 14.16.400(3)) Marijuana production/processing facility in a structure existing as of Jan 1,2014. Still cloudy, but addresses the use in a structure, before 1/1/2014.

Table 14.13.020-1 for NRL properties still shows MJ in Ag is an AD permit. My understanding of that, is that because there are of couple dozen producers still out there, operating under 2014 Admin SUP, that it stays to show that the use is allowed. It would sure clear it up if there was a footnote to explain it only applies to uses approved pre 2015.

I'm going to meet with our Long Range Planning Manager Robby Eckroth to have a conversation about this. The language needs to be cleaned up.

Edit: I started writing this on 8/11/26. I met with Robby this morning. He is confirming all the information above. He also agrees the language needs to be cleaned up for clarity. Note made to do that at the next Code Updates.

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From: Alan Jongsma <alanjongsma6@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2026 12:05 PM
To: Thomas Wenzl <twenzl@skagitcountywa.gov>
Subject: CODE2024-0018 P48233

Tom,

Alan Jongsma reaching out to you.

I have been hired by Chris and Heidi Anderson to see what options are available for them to work towards resolving the grow operation violation.

First off I would like to request a couple of weeks' reprieve.

Personally my sister has been hospitalized with a couple of strokes and she is a mentally disabled sibling with an at home autistic son.

She probably will not be able to return home and I am navigating what's next for her and h re son etc etc etc.

One thought for the ANderson property (without putting a lot of time into their situation) is to look into a comp plan amendment for the property from rural reserve to agriculture zoning.

The property was a dairy farm at one time.

Always appreciate your help and assistance.

Take care,

ALJ

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