

RESOLUTION NO. 23-009

A RESOLUTION suspending the acceptance of annual site-specific applications for amendments to the Comprehensive Plan until completion of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW Chapter 36.70A (“Growth Management Act”), the City’s Comprehensive Plan and development regulations are subject to continuing review and evaluation by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act requires the City to periodically review and, if needed, revise its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations to ensure that they comply with the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, CMC Chapter 18.51 provides procedures and a schedule whereby applicants may request individual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan as part of an annual review cycle; and

WHEREAS, the annual review cycle allows the City to amend its comprehensive plan between the periodic reviews required by the Growth Management Act to be responsive to property owner desires, respond to changes in circumstances, and stay relevant to local needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camas is undertaking a periodic review and update of its Comprehensive Plan to be completed by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan update will reflect a 20-year vision for the City through 2045 and will be required to accommodate the future population, employment, and infrastructure needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City is devoting significant resources to the work plan associated with the

Comprehensive Plan update, the downtown subarea plan, and climate planning, including a significant commitment of staff time and substantial public engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Comprehensive Plan periodic update is to look comprehensively at the City's land use policies and maps; and

WHEREAS, property owners interested in amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are encouraged to participate in the periodic update public process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council discussed suspending the acceptance and processing of annual site-specific Comprehensive Plan amendment applications during a workshop on October 16, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this Resolution at a public hearing on November 6, 2023, and received public testimony from interested parties, and considered all oral arguments and testimony; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that suspending the acceptance and processing of annual Comprehensive Plan amendment requests until the completion of the City's Comprehensive Plan periodic update by June 30, 2025, will further the public health, safety and welfare and is necessary for the support of the Comprehensive Plan periodic update.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

The above recitals are hereby adopted as findings in support of this Resolution.

Section II

The schedule set forth in the Camas Municipal Code for consideration and approval of annual Comprehensive Plan amendments and accompanying rezone requests is hereby suspended through June 30, 2025 or upon the earlier completion of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update; provided, however, that the Community Development Department shall accept and process any annual review requests in 2024 for which pre-applications are filed prior to the date of this Resolution.

ADOPTED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2023.

SIGNED: _____
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

City Attorney