

**CITY OF COSMOPOLIS
RESOLUTION 2023-05**

A RESOLUTION adopting 2023 amendments to the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) and forwarding the document to the Department of Ecology for state level review and approval:

WHEREAS, the City of Cosmopolis previously passed Resolution 2016-05 to adopt amendments to the city’s Shoreline Master Program, which was reviewed extensively in a Comprehensive update; and

WHEREAS, RCW 90.58.080(4) requires the City to periodically review and, if necessary, revise the master program; and

WHEREAS, the review process is intended to bring the SMP into compliance with requirements of the act or state rules that have been added or changed since the last SMP amendment, ensure the SMP remains consistent with amended comprehensive plans and regulations, and incorporate amendments deemed necessary to reflect changed circumstances, new information, or improved data; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed proposed amendments to the City of Cosmopolis Shoreline Master Program, updating the document to ensure conformity and compliance with the state Shoreline Management Act (SMA) and related SMP Guidelines (RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26, respectively); and

WHEREAS, the City of received notice from the Department of Commerce verifying receipt of the documents required pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106 on March 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist was prepared and the City of Cosmopolis SEPA responsible official issued and circulated a copy of the checklist and a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) on March 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted a formal public comment period in compliance with requirements of WAC 173-26-104; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City’s Public Participation Plan the city’s Planning Commission held a duly noticed Public Hearing on April 10, 2023 which was a “joint” hearing with Ecology, and heard testimony on the City of Cosmopolis Shoreline Master Program draft (draft copy - dated March 27, 2023); and

WHEREAS, following the conclusion of the comment period staff submitted materials seeking an “initial determination” from Ecology and on May 11, 2023 Ecology issued a written statement of initial concurrence with the documents submitted, with a list of identified issues (Recommended Changes and Required Changes) listed out for the City to address; and

WHEREAS, the City’s consultant prepared a final document on May 16, 2023 to incorporate recommended and required changes identified by Ecology; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the record finds the Revised Draft dated May 16, 2023 meets the requirements of the state Shoreline Management Act (SMA) and SMP Guidelines (RCW 90.58 and WAC 173-26, respectively).

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Cosmopolis, Washington does hereby resolve:

SECTION 1. Review and Evaluation. The Council hereby finds that the review and evaluation required by RCW 90.58.080(4) have occurred, as described in the recitals above.

SECTION 2. Local Adoption. The attached 2023 Shorelines Master Program amendment dated May 16, 2023 is hereby adopted.

SECTION 3. Transmittal to Ecology. Staff is directed to forward the attached draft of the Shoreline Master Program dated May 16, 2023 to the Washington State Department of Ecology for state level review and approval.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. The amendments to the SMP adopted through this ordinance shall be effective 14 days after Department of Ecology final action as provided by RCW 90.58.090(7).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE 2023.

Kyle Pauley, Mayor

Attest:

Julie Pope, Finance Director