

ORDINANCE NO. 24-1306

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE “2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE” AS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park (“City”) enacted Ordinance No. 1114 adopting the City’s “2015 City of Lake Forest Park Comprehensive Plan;” and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130 of the Growth Management Act (“GMA”) requires continuing review and evaluation of comprehensive plans, and for cities in King County, requires review and adoption of revised comprehensive plans and development regulations compliant with the GMA by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City has established a process and criteria for making modifications to the City’s Comprehensive Plan in Chapter 18.01 of the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code, Comprehensive Plan and Amendments, including text and map amendments in accordance with the GMA; and

WHEREAS, community outreach for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update was done using multiple platforms including an interactive community survey in March and April 2024, asking participants about the community’s vision, housing, land use, transportation, capital facilities, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Planning Commission held regular, special, and open house public meetings regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update on January 9, 2024; February 6, 2024; February 13, 2024; March 4, 2024; March 12, 2024; April 4, 2024; April 9, 2024; May 8, 2024; May 14, 2024; June 6, 2024; June 11, 2024; July 9, 2024; July 16, 2024; August 13, 2024; and September 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on August 13, 2024, taking testimony from the community regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, and made its recommendations to the City Council regarding the same on September 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held public meetings to review and analyze the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update during regular meetings, special meetings, study sessions, and Committee of the Whole meetings on September 26, 2024; October 10, 2024; October

21, 2024; October 24, 2024; November 4, 2024; November 7, 2024; November 14, 2024; December 2, 2024; and December 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on December 2, 2024, taking testimony from community members regarding the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements set forth in RCW 36.70A.106, the City provided the Washington State Department of Commerce notice of the City's intent to adopt the proposed amendments on October 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), the City's responsible SEPA official issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) on November 8, 2024, pursuant to WAC 197-11-340; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that local conditions in Lake Forest Park have changed since the 2015 Comprehensive Plan was adopted, and more policy change is required to comply with mandates from the state legislature, especially for housing, land use, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the goals of the GMA as set forth in RCW 36.70A.020 to guide and develop this adoption of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update; finds that regionally, the goals and policies adopted herein support and help to implement the multicounty policy guidance of Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2050; finds that the goals and policies adopted herein support and are consistent with the King County Countywide Planning Policies; and finds that locally, the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update recognizes and incorporates the importance of environmental preservation in all elements of the plan and highlights specific climate and critical areas policies, as well as green infrastructure projects identified in the Legacy 100-Year Vision adopted by the City in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update will accommodate growth over the next 20 years including housing needs for people across all income levels and all stages of life; integrate initiatives from the Climate Action Plan adopted in 2024; and incorporate the Safe Highways and Safe Streets planning initiatives to improve infrastructure throughout the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE REPEALED. The "2015 City of Lake Forest Park Comprehensive Plan" is hereby repealed.

Section 2. 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE ADOPTED. The "2024 City of Lake Forest Park Comprehensive Plan Update" attached hereto as Exhibit A is adopted as the comprehensive plan for the City of Lake Forest Park.

Section 3. SEVERABILITY. Should any portion of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. CORRECTIONS. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY of the Lake Forest Park City Council this ____ day of December, 2024.

APPROVED:

Thomas French
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Matthew McLean
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kim Adams Pratt
City Attorney

Introduced: December 2, 2024
Adopted: _____
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Effective: _____