

**CITY OF LYNDEN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 23-1073**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDEN,
WASHINGTON, RELATING TO A SCHEDULE FOR JOINT COUNTY AND
CITY REVIEW OF URBAN GROWTH AREAS**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires county and city comprehensive plans to be coordinated and consistent (RCW 36.70A.100); and

WHEREAS, the GMA requires the City of Lynden, Whatcom County, and the other cities located in the county to review and, if needed, update their respective comprehensive plans by June 30, 2025 (RCW 36.70A.130); and

WHEREAS, the GMA, county-wide planning policies, and inter-local agreements indicate that review of urban growth areas (UGAs) should be coordinated between Whatcom County and the cities; and

WHEREAS, the GMA states that urban growth area (UGA) boundaries, and the densities permitted in the UGAs according to each respective comprehensive plan, shall be revised to accommodate the urban growth projected to occur in each jurisdiction for the succeeding twenty-year period by June 30, 2025 (RCW 36.70A.130); and

WHEREAS, County/city coordination of time-frames and process is needed in the review of UGAs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lynden hereby agrees that the County and cities should utilize the attached UGA Review Schedule (**Exhibit A**) to guide coordinated planning efforts for the UGA review. The schedule is general in nature, and failure to strictly adhere to the schedule shall not be deemed to be a failure to comply with the GMA.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF _____ IN FAVOR,
_____ AGAINST, SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2023.

MAYOR

Scott Korthuis

ATTEST:

Pam Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bob Carmichael, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A - Resolution 23-1073

Year	Primary Activities
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of City & County elected officials (if convened by the County Executive pursuant to the Interlocal Agreements). • Land capacity analysis methodology review. • Preparation of background information and future allocations of population, housing and employment. • Preliminary population, housing and employment allocations to transportation analysis zones and special purpose districts.
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of City & County elected officials (if convened by the County Executive pursuant to the Interlocal Agreements). • Initial City and County proposals for population, housing and employment • Initial review and preliminary Planning Commission recommendations for population, housing and employment projections and allocations to urban growth areas (UGAs). • Non-binding multi-jurisdictional resolution regarding allocation of population, housing and employment growth to UGAs. • City proposals regarding UGA growth allocations and UGA boundaries. • Land capacity analysis results. • Transportation model results. • Develop draft capital facility plans. • SEPA review (likely including development of an environmental impact statement).
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of City & County elected officials (if convened by the County Executive pursuant to the Interlocal Agreements). • Land capacity analysis results. • County Planning Commission public hearings and recommendations. • City council and County Council public hearings, review and adoption of respective comprehensive plan and capital facility plans.