EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	June 19, 2023 – TABLED to a LATER DATE		
Name of Agenda Item:	Reso 23-1074 – Amendment to the County-wide Planning Policies		
Section of Agenda:	Public Hearing		
Department:	Community Development Department		
Council Committee Review:		Legal Review:	
□ Community Developme	ent	☐ Yes - Reviewed	
☐ Finance	☐ Public Works	☐ No - Not Reviewed	
☐ Parks	☐ Other:		
Attachments:			
Draft Amendment to the County-wide Planning Policies			
Summary Statement:			

Note: This item must be postponed until feedback is collected from other jurisdictions and a shared planning consultant. As June 19 was advertised as the hearing date, staff recommends that the Council make a motion to table the hearing to a later meeting with the date to be determined and re-noticed as required by law.

Background: County-wide Planning Policies are needed to establish consistent policies for cooperative and long-range planning. A planner subcommittee representing the County, Bellingham and the small cities was assigned to draft updates to the County-wide Planning Policies.

Revisions have been drafted and feedback is being collected from each jurisdiction. The Community Development Committee reviewed at their May 17th meeting and provided staff with feedback that was shared with the Planner group.

Many of the revisions focus on housekeeping updates including consistency with other documents and methods of communication with the public via online resources. Rationale for the changes is included under each section in the attached document.

The City/County Planner Group will be working with a consultant for the upcoming Comprehensive review and will take that opportunity to collect recommendations for CWPPs relating to State legislative updates including:

- Tribal cultural resources in accordance with House Bill 1717, passed in 2022, amending RCW 36.70A.210.
- Climate change and resiliency in accordance with House Bill 1181, passed in 2023, amending RCW 36.70A.020.

When all feedback has been collected the document will be finalized and returned to the City Council for review and approval.

Recommended Action:

Motion to table the hearing for Resolution 23-1072 regarding an amendment to County-wide Planning Policies until a date which will be re-published.

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