

CITY OF LYNDEN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1058

A resolution of the Council of the City of Lynden, Washington, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and the Cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas Concerning Procedures for Amending the Countywide Planning Policies.

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.040, the CWPP delineate goals and policies to support the development of consistent and coordinated Comprehensive Plans in the County and its Cities; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the City of Lynden Council voted to participate in an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Nooksack, and Sumas concerning interim procedures for amending the Countywide Planning Policies. This document is recorded as Whatcom County Contract No. 202007014; and

WHEREAS, the Cities and County desire to agree on procedures for amending the countywide planning policies in an interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1 of this Interlocal Agreement, the proposed revisions are being brought forward to the City Council as Resolution 1058; and

WHEREAS, following review by the cities, the CWPPs will go back to the County Council for final review and adoption and be valid through December 31, 2032; and

WHEREAS, the interim revisions to the CWPP focused on two particular issues. This includes referencing a state-mandated review and evaluation program (also known as the Buildable Lands Program), and dispute resolution procedures; and

WHEREAS, the City/County Planner Group is now proposing a formal amendment to the procedures for amending the CWPP; and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the procedures can be summarized as follows:

- Section 1.3 has been added in response to Substitute House Bill 1717 which addresses Tribal and Federal Agency Participation.
- Removal of a clause in Section 1.4 relating to the ability of the City/County Planner Group to stop a proposed amendment from moving forward. A recommendation of denial would be utilized in its place.
- Addition of a clause in Section 1.10 relating to the need for a majority vote of jurisdictions to impose new CWPP.
- Effective date, duration, and termination dates were included in Section 2.
- Termination of the interim procedures adopted in 2020 are included in Section 3; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden staff, the Mayor and the Community Development Committee have reviewed the document and recommend no further changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council voted to recommend approval of the amendment to the Countywide Planning Policies as presented in Exhibit A on November _____, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lynden City Council to approve the September 2022 draft of the Amendment to the Countywide Planning Policies (Exhibit A).

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF _____ IN FAVOR, _____ AGAINST, SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022.

MAYOR

Scott Korthuis

ATTEST:

Pam Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bob Carmichael, City Attorney