

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	December 21, 2020	
Name of Agenda Item:	Reso 1028 – Amendment to the County-wide Planning Policies	
Section of Agenda:	New Business	
Department:	Planning Department	
Council Committee Review:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
		Legal Review:
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required
Attachments:		
Draft Resolution 1028 with Exhibit A, March 16, 2020 Interlocal Agreement		
Summary Statement:		
<p>The Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires the County to adopt county-wide planning policies (CWPP) to establish a framework for developing city and county comprehensive plans, and ensuring those plans are consistent. The County Council originally adopted CWPPs in the early 1990’s and the policies underwent revisions in 1997 and 2005. In March of 2020 the City Council voted to approve an interlocal agreement which outlines how CWPP will be amended. Consistent with that agreement, Resolution 1028 has been brought forward to seek the City’s approval on the latest proposed amendment.</p> <p>These changes add Sections Q and R to the CWPP. They focus on two issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reference to a state mandated review and evaluation program known as the “Buildable Lands Program” and; 2. Procedures for dispute resolution between jurisdictions within the county. <p>The Buildable Lands Program has been in place for some time, but Whatcom County was only recently added to the roster of participating counties.</p> <p>The amendments to the CWPP have been developed by the City/County Planner Group. They were subsequently reviewed by the City’s Community Development Committee and the Small Cities group and initially approved by the County Council on October 13, 2020. The Cities of Blaine and Ferndale have adopted as presented.</p>		
Recommended Action:		
Motion to approve Resolution 1028 and authorize the Mayor’s signature on the document which indicates City of Lynden support for the proposed amendments to the County-wide Planning Policies (Exhibit A of Reso 1028).		

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