

CITY OF LYNDEN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #1028

A resolution of the Council of the City of Lynden, Washington, to approve the amendment to the countywide planning policies relating to the buildable lands program and the dispute resolution process.

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 the interim procedures for amending the Countywide Planning Policies. This document is recorded as Whatcom County Contract No. 202007014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1 of this Interlocal Agreement, the proposed revisions are being brought forward to the City Council as Resolution 1028 after, on October 13, 2020, the County Council's Committee of the Whole voted to send the final draft CWPP amendments to the cities for 90-day review period and approval; and

WHEREAS, the cities' 90-day review period ends on January 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, following review by the cities, the CWPPs will go back to the County Council for final review and adoption; and

WHEREAS, the revisions to the CWPP focus 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 developed proposed CWPPs relating to these issues in 2019-2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lynden staff, the Mayor and the City Attorney 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 (sections Q and R) as presented in Exhibit A on December 21, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lynden City Council to approve the Amendment to the Countywide Planning Policies dated 10-13-2020 (Exhibit A).

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF _____ IN FAVOR, _____ AGAINST, SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

MAYOR

Scott Korthuis

ATTEST:

Pam Brown, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bob Carmichael, City Attorney