



# CITY OF MEDINA

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2024

TO: Medina Planning Commission

FROM: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update – Utilities Element

Each city and county under the Washington State Growth Management Act (originally adopted in 1991) is required to periodically review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan to ensure compliance with the Act. The last time that Medina completed a Comprehensive Plan update was in 2015. In 2022, the eight-year comprehensive plan periodic cycle was extended to a 10-year cycle which will begin after this current cycle. The current comprehensive plan periodic update cycle requires that Medina complete its review and revision by December 31, 2024.

Of the eight remaining elements to review, the next up is the *Utilities* Element. The draft *Utilities* Element is attached for discussion. Suggested edits (red lines) of the Goals and Policies section of the *Utilities* Element by Ryan Osada, Public Works Director, are attached as a separate document.

In addition, per the determination of former Planning Manager Stephanie Keyser in the Periodic Update Checklist for Fully-Planning Cities for Medina, compiled before the start of the Comprehensive Plan Update in October 2022, she indicated the following:

Utilities Element			
Consistent with relevant CWPPs and RCW 36.70A.070(4). Utilities include, but are not limited to: sanitary sewer systems, water lines, fire suppression, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines.			
The general location, proposed location and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities. <a href="#">RCW 36.70A.070(4)</a> and <a href="#">WAC 365-196-420</a>	No	No	Although not in the 2015 Comp Plan, the City does have GIS maps of the existing utilities. Proposed expansion of utilities is unlikely.

The columns answer “No” to the following questions: “In Current Plan?” and “Changes needed to meet current statute?”