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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 23, 2024

TO: Medina Planning Commission

FROM: Jonathan Kesler, AICP, Planning Manager

RE: Periodic Update to the Comprehensive Plan Overview

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.

To date, the Planning Commission has reviewed the *Housing* and *Community Design* Elements. The City Council will review and is slated to give approval to the *Housing* element on Monday, January 22nd. If this occurs, staff will send it on to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and the Washington Department of Commerce (DOC) for review and approval in conformance with the Growth Management Act. This is a mandatory step towards final approval of the Comp Plan Update in 2024.

For a broad overview, the Periodic Update Checklist for Fully-Planning Cities for Medina, completed in preparation for the start of the Comp Plan Update, is attached.