

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEM – UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Pursuant to MMC 14.04.020(F), the city council shall consider the findings and recommendations of the commission and may hold a public hearing pursuant to council rules. The department shall distribute notice of the council's public hearing pursuant to MMC 14.04.020(B). All annual amendments to the comprehensive plan shall be considered concurrently. **By a majority vote of its membership, the city council shall:**

- 1. Approve the application (updated Comprehensive Plan);**
- 2. Disapprove the application (updated Comprehensive Plan);**
- 3. Modify the application (updated Comprehensive Plan).** If the modification is substantial, the council must either conduct a public hearing on the modified proposal in accordance to MMC 14.04.020(B); **or**
- 4. Refer the proposal back to the planning commission for further consideration.**

Option 3 Suggestion -

Adopt Ordinance 558 with modification to Policy 22 in Exhibit A (updated Comprehensive Plan) to add climate resilience:

LU CR	P.22	Incorporate best available science (BAS) in any update to the City's critical areas ordinance (CAO) <u>as well as for climate resilience per RCW 36.70A.070(9)(e)(i).</u>	G.09	21, 22
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Modification was requested by the WA State Dept. of Commerce, Growth Management Services during the 60 Day Review period to comply with RCW/WAC.

Refer to February 10, 2026 City Council Meeting Packet, Items 8a & 8b for Planning Commission Findings and Recommendation, Staff Report to the Planning Commission, and Ordinance 558 Exhibit A.

CITY OF MILLWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 558

March 10, 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILLWOOD, WASHINGTON, AMENDING MILLWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE (MMC) SECTION 14.04.010 TO ADOPT THE UPDATED MILLWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS (COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE PART 2), AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Millwood (the “City”), Spokane County, Washington, is a non-charter code city, by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 35A.11 RCW, the City Council (the “Council”) may adopt and enforce ordinances of all kinds relating to and regulating its local or municipal affairs and appropriate to the good government of the city; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (“GMA”) was established in the State of Washington in 1990 to provide a framework for land use planning and development regulation; and

WHEREAS, Spokane County and the cities within it were mandated to plan under the GMA in 1993; and

WHEREAS, as a City within Spokane County, Millwood crafted a Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations which reflect and implement the community's vision for land use; and

WHEREAS, the GMA, RCW 36.70A.130 requires the City to enact a Comprehensive Plan, and to review and revise, if necessary, the Plan and development regulations periodically (currently every 10 years) to ensure that it complies with the requirements of GMA; and

WHEREAS, updates to the City Comprehensive Plan must be consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies for Spokane County, as amended, and must plan to accommodate the urban growth projected to occur within the next 20 years as well as the City’s housing allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce provided a “Periodic Update Checklist for Cities” to guide cities through the periodic update requirements along with guidance for updating comprehensive plan elements such as housing to comply with recent changes to the GMA; and

WHEREAS, the City completed the “Periodic Update Checklists for Cities” to determine which elements of the Comprehensive Plan would need to be reviewed and updated; and

WHEREAS, the City also prepared a Land Capacity Analysis (“LCA”) consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies for Spokane County, as well as a Racially Disparate Impacts Analysis (“RDI”) and updates to its Housing Element consistent with guidance provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce for Tier 3 cities and the expanded housing checklist (December 2025) that incorporates recent Growth Management Hearings Board (“GMHB”) decisions (with Millwood Comprehensive Plan Housing Element modifications included in Part 2 of the update process); and

WHEREAS, the City’s 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update process has followed the City Periodic Update Public Participation Plan and the Periodic Update Work Plan that were adopted by the City Council on August 13, 2024 with administrative adjustments and modifications completed for the Periodic Update Work Plan in order to maintain substantial progress on the Periodic Update, Extensive public participation opportunities were provided, consistent with these plans, including meeting SEPA and 60-Day review requirements, as identified in the Staff Report to the Planning Commission dated January 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with WAC 197-11, notice was given that a SEPA Checklist had been completed on the periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan Part 2. The City of Millwood determined that the proposal would have no significant adverse environmental impacts and issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (“DNS”) on January 6, 2026. Copies of the SEPA Checklist, the Non-Project DNS Threshold Determination, and the draft amendments for Part 2 were available for

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review beginning on January 6, 2026 through 4pm, January 20, 2026. In addition to the publication and posting, notice was provided to::

- City of Millwood Staff, City Council, & Planning Commission,
- City of Millwood Engineer,
- Millwood Periodic Update Notice List,
- Utility & Service Providers,
- Public Agencies,
- Adjacent Jurisdictions, Felts Field, and Tribes,
- SEPA Review Agencies,
- WA State Dept. of Commerce - Growth Management Services Contacts; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of Millwood’s 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update was adopted on November 12, 2025 and the Millwood Planning Commission held a properly noticed open record public hearing on January 28, 2026 to review the proposed updates to the City Comprehensive Plan for Part 2 (additional clarifications added to the Housing Element to comply with a recent GMHB case and addition of the Climate Change and Resiliency Element that was coordinated with Spokane County).

WHEREAS, the proposed updated Comprehensive Plan Part 2 was reviewed for consistency with Washington Law and was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce and other state agencies on January 6, 2026, for the required 60-day state notification (under RCW 36.70A.106); and

WHEREAS, at their January 28, 2026, meeting, the City Planning Commission, after considering the public testimony and staff report, voted 3-0 to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Part 2, to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MMC 14.04.020(F), properly noticed public hearings were held on February 10, 2026, and March 10, 2026, where the Council reviewed the Planning Commission’s recommendation on the updated City Comprehensive Plan Part 2; and

WHEREAS, all procedural requirements have been completed and a copy of this Ordinance will be submitted with a Notice of Final Adoption to the Washington State Department of Commerce Growth Management Services within ten (10) days of final adoption; and

WHEREAS, the periodic update review process will continue with updates to the critical areas ordinance and development regulations to be consistent with the updated City Comprehensive Plan and the “Periodic Update Checklists for Cities”, following the City Periodic Update Public Participation Plan and the Periodic Update Work Plan (updated December 2025), along with SB 5558 passed in April 2025 that provides a final compliance deadline of December 2026; and

WHEREAS, the two part 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLWOOD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Modification of Millwood Municipal Code Section 14.04.010. The City Comprehensive Plan adopted by Ordinance No. 551 as amended by Ordinance 558 is available in its entirety in the office of the city clerk.

Section 2. Adoption of the Updated City Comprehensive Plan. The Council adopts the updated City Comprehensive Plan Part 2, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

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Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and five (5) days after its publication or a publication of a summary of this ordinance in the official newspaper of the City.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLWOOD THIS _____ DAY
OF _____, 2026.

Shawna Beese, Mayor

Attest:

Mackenzi Roderick, City Clerk

STATE OF WASHINGTON)
):
County of Spokane)

Mackenzi Roderick, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says: I am the City Clerk of the City of Millwood, Washington, and the foregoing ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILLWOOD, WASHINGTON, AMENDING MILLWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE (MMC) SECTION 14.04.010 TO ADOPT THE UPDATED MILLWOOD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS (COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE PART 2), AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO” is the true and correct original copy of the City of Millwood’s Ordinance numbered #558 and that the same was posted and published according to law.

Mackenzi Roderick, City Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington.
Residing at Spokane.
My Commission expires _____.

ORDINANCE 558 - EXHIBIT A