

**ORDINANCE NO. 1830**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A MAJOR REVISION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN.**

**WHEREAS**, chapter 35A.63 RCW authorizes the City of Sumas (“City”) to prepare a comprehensive land use plan for anticipating and influencing the orderly and coordinated development of land in the city and its environs; and

**WHEREAS**, chapter 36.70A RCW, commonly known as the Growth Management Act, requires that the City adopt a comprehensive plan and specifies the required elements of said plan; and

**WHEREAS**, section 36.70A.130 RCW requires that the City take legislative action by December 31, 2025, to review and revise the comprehensive plan as necessary to ensure the plan complies with the requirements of chapter 36.70A RCW;

**WHEREAS**, the Sumas Planning Commission has developed a comprehensive plan in accordance with the requirements stated in chapters 35A.63 and 36.70A RCW and has forwarded that plan to the Sumas City Council with a recommendation for adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2025, the City provided notification to the State Department of Commerce of the City’s intent to adopt a comprehensive plan and the beginning of a 60-day public review and comment period, and solicited comments about the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the public notifications identified the dates and times of public hearings to be held before the Sumas City Council regarding adoption of the comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sumas City Council held a public hearing related to the proposed comprehensive plan update from October 27, 2025, through December 22, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council closed the public hearing on December 22, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsible SEPA official reviewed a SEPA checklist describing environmental impacts associated with the proposed plan and issued a Determination of Nonsignificance on the plan on November 20, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the plan update process conducted by the City from August 2025, through December, 2025, constitutes a review and evaluation of the *City of Sumas Comprehensive Land Use Plan* in accordance with the requirements of subsection 36.70A.130(1)(a) RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the revision of the *City of Sumas Comprehensive Plan* dated, December, 2025, attached hereto, is in compliance with the provisions of chapter 36.70A RCW;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMAS,  
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** The *City of Sumas Comprehensive Land Use Plan* in the form as set forth in Exhibit A (December 2025 Update), attached hereto, is hereby adopted in its entirety as the comprehensive plan for the City of Sumas, Whatcom County, Washington. A copy of this plan shall be on file in the office of the City Clerk and all parties desiring to examine the plan may examine the same at the office of the City Clerk.

**SECTION 2:** The City Clerk shall transmit a copy of the *City of Sumas Comprehensive Land Use Plan* to the State Department of Commerce within ten (10) days of the date of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after five (5) days after passage, approval, signing, and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Sumas, Washington this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2025.

**CITY OF SUMAS, WASHINGTON**

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Bruce Bosch, Mayor

Attested/Authenticated:

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Michelle Quinn, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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James J. Wright, City Attorney