

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: October 18, 2022
SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2022-023, Suspending Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments

1) Recommended Action:

Approve Ordinance No. O2022-023, suspending the annual comprehensive plan amendments through June 30, 2025.

2) Background:

In accordance with RCW 36.70A.130, the City must periodically review, and if needed, revise its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations every ten years to ensure compliance with the Washington State Growth Management Act. The City must complete the current periodic update on or before June 30, 2025.

Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 and TMC 18.60.025(A)(2), proposed map and text amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan and corresponding rezones are only considered once per calendar year. Individuals and agencies may submit applications for Comprehensive Plan amendments on an annual basis by a date set by the City Council, generally before the first Monday in December for the following year.

The periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan will commence in 2022 using a phased, multiyear approach, and involving a multidisciplinary team spanning all City departments. Accepting proposals for annual Comprehensive Plan amendments may be in conflict with and complicate the periodic update and divert limited resources from the periodic update. In lieu of the annual amendment process, amendment requests may be incorporated into the periodic update and considered together with other proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

The General Government Committee discussed the ordinance at their October 12, 2022 meeting.

3) Policy Support:

Goal LU-1: Ensure the Land Use Element is implementable and coordinated with all applicable City plans and the plans of other jurisdictions in the Thurston region.

GOAL LU-2: Ensure development takes place in an orderly and cost-efficient manner in order to best utilize available land and public services, conserve natural resources, protect critical areas, preserve open space, and reduce sprawl.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Modify Ordinance No. O2022-023 and approve
 - ☐ Continue discussion of Ordinance No. O2022-023 at a future worksession
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5) Fiscal Notes:

This is an internally funded work program task.

6) Attachments:

A. Ordinance No. O2022-023