



PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 18-04

A Resolution Recommending City Council Amend the Comprehensive Plan to Update the Introduction, Land Use Element, and Economic Development Element, for Consistency with Metro Everett Subarea Plan

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds the following:

1. The City of Everett adopted its first Comprehensive Plan under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) in 1994 and conducted a comprehensive review and update of the Plan in 2015; and
2. The Growth Management Act, codified as Chapter 36.70A, allows for the initial adoption of subarea plans to be adopted outside of the annual amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 (2)(a)(i); and
3. The Metro Everett Subarea Plan is an initial adoption of a subarea plan; and
4. The Growth Management Act requires the comprehensive plan to be an internally consistent document and all elements consistent with the future land use map (RCW 36.70A.070); and
5. The Metro Everett Subarea Plan includes new land use map designations and other terms that requires amending the city's overall general comprehensive plan if the general plan and subarea plan are to be internally consistent with each other; and
6. The Growth Management Act requires the city to coordinate, and be consistent with, the comprehensive plans of other counties or cities with which the city has, in part, common borders or related regional issues (RCW 36.70A.100); and
7. The City of Everett has common borders with Snohomish County, the cities of Mukilteo and Marysville; and
8. The city provided Snohomish County, the cities of Mukilteo and Marysville, as well as tribal governments and other agencies with interest in the city, an opportunity to review and comment on the amendments to identify any issues of consistency or concern; and
9. The City has reviewed the potential environmental impacts of the proposed amendments pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), with an Addendum to the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements for the City of Everett 10-Year Update to the Growth Management Comprehensive Plan and Regulations issued in 2015; and

10. The Metro Everett Subarea Plan included a public participation program reviewed by the city's Planning Commission on February 2, 2016 and provided to the public through the city's project website; and
11. Public notice and opportunity to comment on these amendments was provided through electronic and mail notice to interested parties, a legal notice of public hearing published in the Everett Herald on May 16, 2018, notice to the Washington State Department of Commerce on May 14, 2018, and a public hearing held by the Planning Commission on June 5, 2018;

And, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission concludes the following:

1. Amendment of the city's overall general comprehensive plan is required to ensure consistency in land use designations and other terminology between the city's Comprehensive Plan and the new Metro Everett Subarea Plan.
2. The public health, safety and welfare will be provided for by these text, and map amendments.
3. The proposed amendments the Comprehensive Plan promote the best long term interest of the Everett community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLVES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Planning Commission recommends that the City Council amend the Comprehensive Plan as set forth in attached Exhibit 1.

Planning Commission Chair

Date

Planning Commission Secretary

For:

Against:

Absent:

Abstain: