

RESOLUTION NO. 3998

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASCO, WASHINGTON ADOPTING VOLUME 1 AND VOLUME 2 OF THE 2018-2038 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, INCLUDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP.

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act of Washington (RCW 36.70A) requires that the City of Pasco and other jurisdictions in Franklin County adopt Comprehensive Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act, in RCW 36.70A.130 requires the City of Pasco to take legislative action to review, and if needed, revise its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations to ensure their continued compliance with the requirements of RCW 36.70A; and

WHEREAS, the current Pasco Comprehensive Plan was adopted on September 2, 2008 (Ordinance 3866) and is amended annually as necessary; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Pasco Planning Commission adopted Resolution 2018-001 establishing the public participation process to be used for the 2018-2038 Comprehensive Plan Update as required by RCW36.70A.130; and

WHEREAS, the Pasco City Council established, via Council Goals a set of principles to guide the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasco has undergone significant changes and continued growth since the last major update in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasco has grown by 24% (almost 18,000 residents) since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged in a multi-year planning process to update the Comprehensive Plan that included public events in 2018 and over 26 public meetings from January 2018 through September 2020; and

WHEREAS, the community identified that Pasco will be a livable, family-friendly, multi-cultural, affordable, safe, connective, attractive and welcoming community; and

WHEREAS, the community envisions that as one of the fastest growing communities in the state, Pasco will be a distinctive and highly livable city that makes timely and strategic investments in innovation, private enterprise, job creation, education, infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan anticipates growth of an additional 48,200 additional residents, 15,200 housing units and home to over 41,000 jobs between 2018 and 2038; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan includes significant updates to the Land Use, Transportation, Housing, Economic Development, Capital Facilities, Public Services, Parks and Open Space, Resource Lands, Critical Areas and Shorelines and Implementation Elements based on a continued data driven approach to comply with the requirements of the Growth Management Act and to meet the overall interests and needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan identifies the relationship between land use and transportation and its importance to Pasco's future and further emphasizes that the balance of the two elements must be strategic to ensure that future residents and businesses benefit from a well-connected neighborhoods that allow residents to travel via various modes rather than relying solely on private automobiles; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan includes the Transportation Element which is being updated through a separate and ongoing Transportation System Master Plan process with coordination from local, regional and state transportation agencies incorporating input from the community; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan will be realized by the entire city organization, in concert with the community of Pasco and local and regional partners; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act allows for amendments to comprehensive plans once annually; and

WHEREAS, the Pasco Planning Commission has held eighteen discussion and workshop items on the Comprehensive Plan, including nine public hearings; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2020, the Pasco Planning Commission recommended for approval the Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Pasco Planning Commission's recommendation was presented to the Pasco City Council on September 14, 2020 with representatives from Oneza & Associates, White Bluffs Consulting and city staff; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been provided with the Comprehensive Plan, Volume 1, Volume 2, and supporting analysis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasco complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Protection Policy Act (Chapter 43.21C RCW) and the Pasco Municipal Code (PMC Title 23); and

WHEREAS, the projected growth could have significant impacts to both the natural and built environments, the City of Pasco elected to prepare a Non-Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluating the expansion of the Urban Growth Area for the Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the EIS provided for three UGA expansion alternatives for consideration and action by the Pasco Planning Commission, which included a No-Action, Tradition Growth Target and Compact Growth (Higher Density) Target; and

WHEREAS, the EIS analyzed the current state of the City and UGA with expected changes under each alternative and evaluated the possible impacts of different land use options for each alternative; and

WHEREAS, the EIS indicates that the preferred Urban Growth Area for the City of Pasco result in the Compact High-Density Growth Target, Alternative #3; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan complies with the Franklin County County-Wide Planning Policies per Resolution 2019-312 Adopted by Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, pending approval from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, the Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Map will reflect an expansion of the Pasco Urban Growth Area.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASCO:

Section 1. Amendments. The Pasco Comprehensive Plan, Volume 1, Volume 2 and the Future Land Use Map is now hereby amended as set forth as Exhibit “B” and is hereby adopted.

Section 2. That the Final Non-Project Environmental Impact Statement for the Comprehensive Plan identified as Exhibit “C” is hereby adopted.


Section 3. That this resolution be forwarded to Franklin County to accompany a formal submittal and application for consideration of Comprehensive Plan certification.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Pasco, Washington, this 5th day of October, 2020.




Saul Martinez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Debra Barham, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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City Attorney