

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON, MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF ARLINGTON AS REQUIRED BY THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT (“GMA”)

WHEREAS the City of Arlington is required to plan under RCW 36.70A.040; and

WHEREAS, every eight years, RCW 36.70A.130(1) requires the City of Arlington to take legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations, including its policies and regulations designating and conserving natural resource lands and designating and protecting critical areas to comply with the requirements in Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, under the schedule established in RCW 36.70A.130(4), the deadline for the City of Arlington to comply with the update required by RCW 36.70A.130(1) is June 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington contracted with the Shockey Planning Group to conduct a thorough review of the City’s comprehensive plan and prepare with the assistance of city staff analyses of the comprehensive plan currently in effect in the City of Arlington for consistency with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Planning Commission, the Parks, Art and Recreation Commission, the Airport Commission, and City staff discussed and recommended proposed revisions they concluded were needed to comply with Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington Planning Commission reviewed the analyses and proposed revisions and held open public meetings on December 16, 2014, January 6, 2015, January 22, 2015, February 3, 2015, February 19, 2015, March 3, 2015, March 17, 2015, March 31, 2015 and April 7, 2015; conducted a workshop on April 21, 2015, conducted a joint meeting with the Arlington Airport Commission on May 18, 2015; held a second workshop on May 19, 2015; and conducted a public hearing on June 2, 2015 to receive public comments on proposed revisions to the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW, the analysis and proposed revisions prepared, and the public comments received, the Planning Commission modified the plan and forwarded a recommended draft plan to the City Council on June 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held public workshops on the proposed plan on May 26, 2015, and June 8, 2015; and conducted a public hearing on June 15, 2015 to receive public

comments on the recommended findings on review and proposed revisions; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW, the analysis and proposed revisions prepared by their Boards and Commissions and staff, and the public comments received, the City Council finds and declares that the review and needed revisions have been prepared in conformance with applicable law, including Chapter 36.70A RCW, Chapter 43.21C RCW, and the approved public participation and adoption process; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW, the analysis and proposed revisions prepared by their Boards and Commissions and staff, the recommended findings on review and proposed revisions forwarded by the Planning Commission, and the public comments received, the City Council hereby finds and declares that Arlington's comprehensive plan as revised by this ordinance complies with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that portions of the comprehensive plan, most particularly the water and sewer comprehensive plan and transportation capital facilities portions of the plan, are still in process but the City has made substantial progress toward completing the same with the assistance of the City's consultant, RH2, and the City anticipates those plans being final not later than October 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City completed water and sewer comprehensive planning following the adoption of the 2005 Comprehensive plan, including, but not limited to, the City of Arlington Water Comprehensive Plan in 2008 and the City of Arlington Sewer Comprehensive Plan completed in 2011, and annual transportation CIP planning; and those plans have already laid the groundwork for the updates to those plans which are in progress and provide support for the amendments to the comprehensive plan contemplated by this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to document its substantial compliance with the June 30, 2015 deadline of RCW 36.70A.130(4);

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON, DOES MAKE THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. Findings. The Arlington City Council finds that:
 - a. The City has established and followed a public participation program in accordance with RCW 36.70A.130(2)(a), which program was formally adopted and followed by the City via City of Arlington Resolution #2014-022.
 - b. The City Council believes that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) issued by the City's Responsible Official adequately identified all known significant environmental issues associated with the adoption of the updates to the comprehensive plan.
 - c. Notice of all amendments to the comprehensive plan adopted to fulfill the requirements of RCW 36.70A.130 was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce at least sixty days before the amendments were adopted, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.106.

d. The City of Arlington's existing development regulations comply with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW.

e. The City Council finds that the review and needed revisions to the Comprehensive Plan have been prepared in conformance with applicable law, including Chapter 36.70A RCW, Chapter 43.21C RCW, and the approved public participation and adoption process and, taken collectively, are in the best interests of all its citizens.

f. The City Council finds that although Chapters 8 and 9 of the Comprehensive Plan require updating when the water and sewer comprehensive plans and updates to the transportation capital improvement plan (CIP) are completed by the City's consultant, the draft chapters provide an adequate basis for planning for growth.

g. The City Council will proceed with completion and adoption of the water and sewer comprehensive plans and transportation CIP when finished by the City's consultant and following all appropriate reviews by staff, agencies, stakeholders and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Arlington does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Introduction. The Introduction section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 2. Maps & Figures. The Figures and Maps section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.

Section 3. Goals and Policies. The Goals and Policies section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C", is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 4. Description of Planning Area. The Description of the Planning Area section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D", is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 5. Land Use Element. The Land Use Element section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E", is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 6. Housing Element. The Housing Element section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "F", is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 7. Parks and Recreation Element. The Parks & Recreation Element section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "G", is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 8. Transportation Element. The Draft Transportation Element section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “H”, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 9. Public Service and Capital Facilities Element. The Draft Public Services and Capital Facilities Element section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “I”, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 10. Natural Environment. The Natural Environment Element of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “J”, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 11. Appendices. The following appendices, a true copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit “K”, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full;

Appendix A: Glossary of Terms

Appendix B: Essential Public Facility Siting Process

Appendix C: Consistency Matrix - County-wide Planning Policies

Appendix D: Comprehensive Plan Checklist

Appendix E: Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Appendix F: Agencies to Which the Plan was sent for Review

Section 12. Ordinance to be Transmitted to Department. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106 a copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Washington Department of Commerce as required by law.

Section 13. Severability. If any provision, section, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 14. Effective Date. This ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication.

PASSED BY the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 6th day of July, 2015.

CITY OF ARLINGTON



Barbara Tolbert, Mayor

Attest:



Kristin Banfield, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Steven J. Peiffle, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

I, Kristin Banfield, being the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the City of Arlington, Washington, a municipal corporation, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance No. 2015-014 was approved at the July 6, 2015 City Council meeting.

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A true and correct copy of the original ordinance is attached.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2015.




Kristin Banfield
City Clerk for the City of Arlington

