



# ADOPTING ORDINANCE

## Appendix S

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-029

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 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, 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 December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington contracted with OTAK, Inc to conduct a thorough review of the City's comprehensive plan and prepare with assistance of city staff analyses of the comprehensive plan currently in effect and develop an updated plan for the City of Arlington consistent with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, the City's Planning 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 January 19, 2023, joint meeting with Arlington City Council on January 23, 2023, February 7, 2023, open house on April 27, 2023, May 2, 2023, September 19, 2023, November 7, 2023, November 21, 2023, December 5, 2023, January 18, 2024, February 6, 2024, February 22, 2024, March 5, 2024, March 19, 2024, July 2, 2024, September 3, 2024, September 17, 2024, October 15, 2024, open house on October 22, 2024, November 5, 2024, and November 19, 2024.

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 November 19, 2024 after the Planning Commission public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public workshop on the proposed plan on November 25, 2024 and conducted a public hearing on December 2, 2024 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 plan portions of the plan, are still in process but the City has made substantial progress towards completing the same with the assistance of the City’s consultants, RH2 Engineering and Transpo Group, and the City anticipates those plans being final not later March 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City completed water, sewer, and transportation comprehensive planning following the adoption of the 2015 Comprehensive plan, including, but not limited to, the City of Arlington Sewer Comprehensive Plan completed in 2017, the Transportation 2035 Plan completed in 2017, and the City of Arlington Water Comprehensive Plan completed in 2019 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 December 31, 2024 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).
  - 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 a 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 Book 6 – Transportation and Book 8 – Capital Facilities and Utilities of the Comprehensive Plan require updating when the water and sewer comprehensive plans and updates to the transportation plan are completed by the City’s consultants, the draft chapters provide an adequate basis for planning and growth.

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

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the same at a workshop held on November 25, 2024 and their regular meeting on December 2, 2024, and considered them along with the Planning Commission recommendations; and the City Council having determined approving said amendment was in the best interest of the city; and

WHEREAS, the amendments were presented to the Department of Commerce for comment and said Department had no comments on the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed amendment to the municipal code and finds it to be consistent with city and state law and in the best interests of the citizens; and

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

Section 1. Comprehensive Plan Cover Page/Table of Contents/Acknowledgements. The cover page, table of contents, and acknowledgements 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. Section I: Introduction and Community Profile. The Introduction and Background section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”, is hereby adopted, and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 3. Section II: Foundational Principles. The Foundational Principles 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. Section III: Subareas. The Subareas 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. Section IV: Book 1 – Environment. The Environment Element and Supporting Analysis 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. Section IV: Book 2 – Land Use. The Land Use Element and Supporting Analysis 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. Section IV: Book 3 – Housing. The Housing Element and Supporting Analysis 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. Section IV: Book 4 – Economic Development. The Economic Development Element and Supporting Analysis 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. Section IV: Book 5 – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element and Supporting Analysis 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. Section IV: Book 6 – Transportation. The Transportation Element and Supporting Analysis section 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. Section IV: Book 7 – Public Safety. The Public Safety Element and Supporting Analysis section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “K”, is hereby adopted, and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 12. Section IV: Book 8 – Capital Facilities and Utilities. The Capital Facilities and Utilities Element and Supporting Analysis section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “L”, is hereby adopted, and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 13. Section V: Implementation Action Matrix. The Implementation section of the Comprehensive Plan, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “M”, is hereby adopted, and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 14. Section VI: Appendices. The following appendices, a true copy of which are attached hereto as Exhibit “N”, are hereby adopted, and incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full;

- Appendix A: Subarea Neighborhoods
- Appendix B: Racially Disparate Impacts and Displacement Analysis
- Appendix C: Land Use Forecasts
- Appendix D: HB1220 Analysis
- Appendix E: Emergency Housing Analysis
- Appendix F: Land Use Forecast Methodology
- Appendix G: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- Appendix H: Transportation Master Plan
- Appendix I: Arlington School District Capital Facilities Plan
- Appendix J: Lakewood School District Capital Facilities Plan
- Appendix K: Public Engagement and Outreach
- Appendix L: Department of Commerce Checklist
- Appendix M: Capital Improvement Prioritization
- Appendix N: Parks 6-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Appendix O: Environmental Impact Statement
- Appendix P: Consistency with Snohomish County Planning Policies
- Appendix Q: Response to Puget Sound Regional Council
- Appendix R: Response to Department of Commerce
- Appendix S: Adopting Ordinance

Section 14. Ordinance to Be Transmitted to Department. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106 a copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to Washington Department of Commerce as required by law.

Section 15. Severability. If any provisions, 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 16. 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 of the City of Arlington and APPROVED by the Mayor this 2nd day of December, 2024.

CITY OF ARLINGTON




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Don E. Vanney, Mayor

ATTEST:




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Wendy Van Der Meersche, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




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Steven J. Peiffle, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

I, Wendy Van Der Meersche, being the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Arlington, Washington, a municipal corporation, do hereby certify that the following Ordinance No. 2024-029 was approved at the December 2, 2024 City Council meeting.

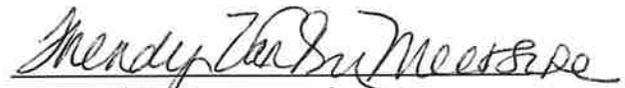
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A true and correct copy of the original ordinance is attached.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2024



  
Wendy Van Der Meersche  
City Clerk for the City of Arlington