

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
OPPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE THURSTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
PERTAINING TO ROCKY PRAIRIE ZONING**

WHEREAS, the 745-acre Maytown site (also known as Rocky Prairie) owned by the Port of Tacoma abuts a Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife preserve with at least six (6) threatened or endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the surrounding rural area includes historic and popular Millersylvania State Park with its nearly 500,000 visitors a year, a 1,200-acre undeveloped tree farm, and a wildlife preserve with hunting and hiking; and

WHEREAS, the area in question is part of an extensive and valuable wildlife corridor providing needed connectivity for large animals; and

WHEREAS, the Rocky Prairie Maytown site is ecologically fragile, has valuable, rare habitat, several at-risk species, and is on a critical aquifer that is part of the Chehalis Basin and Black River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, multiple aspects of the NorthPoint proposal are incompatible with the letter and spirit of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan, the Thurston County Code, and the state Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County staff determined in 2010 after careful study that the site has so many critical areas that Rural Residence 1 house per 20 acres was the proper designation for the Maytown site and industrial development there would not be appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE that it opposes any change to the current rural residential zoning of the Rocky Prairie/Maytown site in the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of February, 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY