

Ordinance No.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AMENDING
POLICY PN8.1 OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CHAPTER OF THE OLYMPIA
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

WHEREAS, an application to amend Policy PN8.1 in the Natural Environment Chapter of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan (the Proposed Amendment) was submitted for the City Council's consideration in 2019; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, the City Council approved advancing the Proposed Amendment to the Olympia Planning Commission for further review, consideration, and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2019, the Proposed Amendment was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce Growth Management Services with the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Comprehensive Plan Amendment as required by RCW 36.70A.106, and no comments were received from state agencies during the 60-day comment period; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia Responsible Official under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), determined the Proposed Amendment is categorically exempt under SEPA, pursuant to Washington Administrative Code Section 197-11-800(19)(b); and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2019, notice of the Proposed Amendment was provided to all recognized Neighborhood Associations with the City of Olympia pursuant to Chapter 18.78, Public Notification, of the Olympia Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2019, a legal notice was published in *The Olympian* newspaper regarding the date of the Olympia Planning Commission's public hearing on the Proposed Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the Olympia Planning Commission received a briefing on the proposal to amend Policy PN8.1 in the Natural Environment Chapter of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan (the Comprehensive Plan), which establishes greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, prior to opening the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2019, the Olympia Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposal and deliberated the Proposed Amendment; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing and deliberations, on May 6, 2019, the Planning Commission provided to the City Council its recommendation to amend Policy PN 8.1 of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and is specifically proposed for consistency with the Regional Climate Mitigation Plan currently under development in partnership with adjacent jurisdictions, with shared emission reduction targets as agreed upon and as approved by the Olympia City Council in Resolution M-1976 on October 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Amendment does not change the goals, policies, or maps of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Amendment meets the goals and requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Amendment has been reviewed pursuant to the Olympia Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process outlined in Chapter 18.59 of the Olympia Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 35A.63 and 36.70A RCW and Article 11, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution authorize and permit the City to adopt this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is supported by the staff report and materials associated with this Ordinance, along with other documents on file with the City of Olympia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of Olympia Comprehensive Plan Text. Policy PN8.1 of the Natural Environment Chapter of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended to read as follows:

PN8.1

Participate with local and state partners in the development of a regional climate action plan aimed at reducing greenhouse gases by ~~25 percent of 1990 levels by 2020~~, 45 percent ~~below 2015~~ of 1990 levels by ~~2035~~2030 and ~~80 by 85~~ percent below 2015 of 1990 levels by 2050.

Section 2. Olympia Comprehensive Plan. Copies of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan are and shall be retained on file with the office of the City Clerk.

Section3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

Section4. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication, as provided by law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED