



City Council

Approval of a Resolution to Not Accept Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Applications During the Periodic Update of the Comprehensive Plan

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Land Use and Environment Committee received a briefing at its August 19, 2021, meeting.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve a Resolution to not accept applications for annual Comprehensive Plan amendments during the periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve a Resolution to not accept applications for annual Comprehensive Plan amendments during the periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan.

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

Background and Analysis:

Under the Growth Management Act, cities are allowed to amend their comprehensive plans once a year. Chapter 18.59 of the Olympia Municipal Code outlines the amendment process, including a provision that the City Council may set a deadline each year for submittal of preliminary plan amendment applications. This deadline has been typically set in mid-November for the following year's amendments.

The Growth Management Act also requires cities to review and evaluate their comprehensive plans

every eight years. Olympia's periodic update will commence in 2022 using a phased multiyear approach, with adoption by June 30, 2025. Accepting proposals for annual amendments during that time may conflict with and complicate the periodic update process. Individuals and agencies contemplating amendments through the annual process will be encouraged to participate in the periodic update so that their proposals can be considered together with other proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

To date, no specific proposals are anticipated for the next annual update cycle. Public interest depends on specific proposals but can generate a high level of community interest. The periodic update will provide extensive opportunities for public involvement.

Options:

1. Approve the Resolution to not accept annual Comprehensive Plan amendment applications during the periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan. The update will commence in 2022 and be completed prior to June 30, 2025.
2. Reject the Resolution and by motion, set November 19, 2021 as the deadline for preliminary annual Comprehensive Plan amendment proposals to be considered in 2022.
3. Consider the Resolution at another time.

Financial Impact:

Review of Comprehensive Plan amendments is incorporated into the Community Planning and Development Department's annual work plan. If the resolution is approved, staff time normally devoted to review of annual comprehensive plan amendment applications will instead be available for the periodic update process.

Attachments:

Resolution