

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LAND USE REGULATION AND ZONING, READOPTING THE LAND USE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE NO. 9024, AS AMENDED.**

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.70A.040 requires cities and counties to conduct certain planning activities, including the adoption of land use regulations to implement the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan, and

**WHEREAS**, there is found to be adequate consistency between the Land Use Development Ordinance and the 1995 Comprehensive Plan to implement the major components of the plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Community Development Department has initiated projects in its 1999 work program to revise multi-family residential zoning regulations and design guidelines and to develop a downtown master plan and design guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department's Five Year Work Program includes updating of commercial/industrial land use regulations, development of associated design guidelines and additional work on regulations for siting essential public facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City continues on a program to update each of the neighborhood plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Development Commission held a public hearing on February 19, 1998 and thereafter recommended to readopt the Land Use Development Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a public hearing on March 1, 1999 to take testimony on the proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, a determination of nonsignificant environmental impact was issued by the responsible official under the procedures of the Environmental Policy Act, and


**WHEREAS**, the City Council hereby adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of the Planning Commission;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:**


Section 1. The Land Use Development Ordinance No. 9024 as amended and codified in Title 20 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is hereby readopted for the purpose of implementing the 1995 Comprehensive Plan.

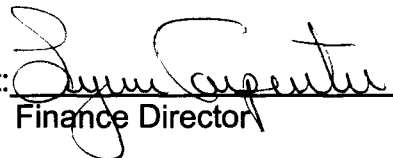
Section 2. It is recognized that further revisions to the ordinance will continue to be investigated by the City as part of an ongoing effort to improve implementation of the Plan.

**PASSED** by the Council this 15th day of March, 1999.

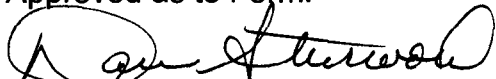
  
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Council President

**APPROVED** by me this 24th day of March, 1999

  
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Mayor

Attest:   
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Finance Director

Approved as to Form:

  
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Office of the City Attorney

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