

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

**A RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE DOCKET REVIEW OF PROPOSED
2023-2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS UNTIL AFTER THE 2025
BELLINGHAM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE.**

WHEREAS, the State Growth Management Act (GMA) (RCW 36.70A) requires the City of Bellingham to review, and if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and urban growth areas by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the GMA allows local governments to amend their comprehensive plan once a year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Committee of the Whole establishes the annual docket of proposed comprehensive plan amendments under Bellingham Municipal Code (BMC) 20.20.020; and

WHEREAS, in order to be included on the annual docket, BMC 20.20.030(A) requires that City resources, including staff and budget, necessary to adequately and comprehensively review the proposal within the time frame of the annual review process be available; and

WHEREAS, City staff are currently developing the schedule, scope of work, and process for the City Council's consideration relating to updating the 2016 Bellingham Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, in preparation of the GMA required periodic update, available staff resources from various City departments will be working on the comprehensive plan update to ensure compliance with RCW 36.70A; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may add both site-specific and non-site-specific comprehensive plan amendments to the annual review docket at any time during the year under BMC 21.10.150(B)(1)(c), provided that the proposal meets the docketing criteria in BMC 20.20.030;

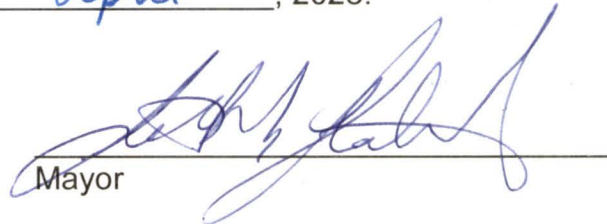
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

The City Council agrees with and hereby adopts staff's recommendation to delay any docketing request submitted for the 2023-2024 comprehensive amendment cycle until after final adoption of the 2025 Bellingham Comprehensive Plan.

PASSED by the City Council this 27th day of March, 2023.


Council President

APPROVED by me this 11th day of April, 2023.


Mayor

ATTEST: 
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Office of the City Attorney