

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO A SCHEDULE FOR JOINT COUNTY AND CITY REVIEW OF URBAN GROWTH AREAS.

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires county and city comprehensive plans to be coordinated and consistent (RCW 36.70A.100); and

WHEREAS, the GMA requires Whatcom County and cities located within the county to review and, if needed, update their respective comprehensive plans by June 30, 2025 (RCW 36.70A.130); and


WHEREAS, county-wide planning policies and inter-local agreements also require that review of urban growth areas (UGAs) should be coordinated between the County and the cities; and

WHEREAS, the GMA states urban growth areas, and the densities permitted in the urban growth areas by the comprehensive plans of the county and each city located within the urban growth areas, shall be revised to accommodate the urban growth projected to occur in the county for the succeeding twenty-year period by June 30, 2025 (RCW 36.70A.130); and

WHEREAS, City staff and County staff have jointly developed a process and schedule to ensure and guide our coordinated approach to the review of the City's UGA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bellingham City Council hereby agrees that the County and cities should utilize the attached UGA Review Schedule (Exhibit A) to guide coordinated planning efforts for the UGA review. The schedule is general in nature, and failure to strictly adhere to the schedule shall not be deemed to be a failure to comply with the GMA.

PASSED by the City Council this 26th day of June, 2023.



Council President

APPROVED by me this 14 day of July, 2023.



Mayor


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EXHIBIT A

Year	Primary Activities
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings of City & County elected officials (if convened by the County Executive pursuant to the Interlocal Agreements).• Land capacity analysis methodology review.• Preparation of background information and future allocations of population, housing and employment.• Preliminary population, housing and employment allocations to transportation analysis zones and special purpose districts.
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings of City & County elected officials (if convened by the County Executive pursuant to the Interlocal Agreements).• Initial City and County proposals for population, housing and employment• Initial review and preliminary Planning Commission recommendations for population, housing and employment projections and allocations to urban growth areas (UGAs).• Non-binding multi-jurisdictional resolution regarding allocation of population, housing and employment growth to UGAs.• City proposals regarding UGA growth allocations and UGA boundaries.• Land capacity analysis results.• Transportation model results.• Develop draft capital facility plans.• SEPA review (likely including development of an environmental impact statement).
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings of City & County elected officials (if convened by the County Executive pursuant to the Interlocal Agreements).• Land capacity analysis results.• County Planning Commission public hearings and recommendations.• City council and County Council public hearings, review and adoption of respective comprehensive plan and capital facility plans.