

RESOLUTION 2074

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, SUSPENDING THE ANNUAL DOCKETING AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS IN 2024 UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE NORTH BEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE

WHEREAS, Washington State law requires that King County and incorporated cities within the County prepare comprehensive plans consistent with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 36.70A and rules set by the Department of Commerce, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 365-196; and

WHEREAS, under these laws and rules, comprehensive plans and development regulations are subject to ongoing review, including receiving suggestions from the public regarding proposed amendments to a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) states that updates, proposed amendments, or revisions of the comprehensive plan occur no more frequently than once per year, with certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, RCW 36.70A.130(2)(b) requires proposed updates, amendments, or reviews to be simultaneous to ensure that cumulative impacts to a city's plan are addressed; and

WHEREAS, North Bend Municipal Code (NBMC) Chapter 20.08 establishes the procedures and review criteria to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations each year; and

WHEREAS, amendments proposed by members of the public prior to October 15th of each year are to be docketed by the City, submitted to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation, considered by the City Council, and potentially set for a plan amendment schedule; and

WHEREAS, the City completed a mandated periodic review and updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2015 and is required to complete its next mandated periodic review by December 31, 2024, and every ten years thereafter, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(5)(b); and

WHEREAS, the broad, mandated periodic review is a significantly more intensive and wide-ranging update effort for the City and community than the optional annual docketing amendment process; and

WHEREAS, City staff continue to develop and implement the schedule, public participation plan, work items, review and engagement process, and proposed/required amendments relating to the 2024 periodic update of the North Bend Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City-wide nature of the Comprehensive Plan periodic update due by December 31, 2024, requires the dedication of additional time and resources and necessitates an adjustment to the typical schedule for accepting privately initiated comprehensive plan annual amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Suspension of Annual Docketing and Review Process. The acceptance of Comprehensive Plan amendment requests for the year 2024 shall be suspended until the 2025 annual amendment cycle. Pursuant to NBMC 20.08.040(D), docket applications for Comprehensive Plan amendments will be considered timely if received between January 1, 2024, and October 15, 2024 for the 2025 cycle. Approved requests related to the 2023 docket process will be incorporated into the periodic update comments and analysis for the North Bend Comprehensive Plan required by December 31, 2024. The public will have additional opportunities to provide public comment/public participation to suggest areas of study for City consideration during the 2024 periodic comprehensive plan update.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

Rob McFarland, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kendra Rosenberg, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Effective: August 1, 2023

Posted: August 2, 2023

Susie Oppedal, City Clerk