

Resolution No. 16339

A RESOLUTION repealing and replacing Appendix G of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan, also known as the Capital Improvement Program.

The Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County enters the following findings of fact:

I. GENERAL FINDINGS

1. The state Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW, requires the counties within its scope to adopt comprehensive plans which are guided by the Act's goals and which meet the Act's requirements.
2. The GMA requires counties to adopt county-wide planning policies to guide the adoption of comprehensive plans. The principle purpose of these policies is to ensure that the comprehensive plans of counties and the cities within them are coordinated and consistent with each other. The amendments to the comprehensive plan adopted by this resolution were prepared, considered and adopted in compliance with the county-wide planning policies.
3. The amendments to the Comprehensive Plan adopted by this resolution were the subject of a public hearing before the Thurston County Planning Commission and a public hearing before the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners. This resolution repeals and replaces the existing Appendix G, Capital Improvement Program, of the Comprehensive Plan for Thurston County.
4. The measures adopted by this resolution comply with the GMA and other governing law and are reasonably related to the public health, safety and welfare.
5. A SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance for the amendments adopted by this resolution was issued September 22, 2023 (SEPA No. 2023104197) and amends the 1994 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan.
6. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, a notice of intent to adopt was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce on September 22, 2023.

II. GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT GOALS

7. Chapter 36.70A RCW provides 14 goals "to guide the development and adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations" under the GMA. The goals are not listed in order of priority.
8. In formulating the comprehensive plan amendments adopted by this resolution, this Board has considered the goals contained in Chapter 36.70A RCW. The Board has weighed the goals as they apply to the subject matter of this resolution and has attempted to reach a reasoned balance among these goals.
9. The findings below and the record generated in the hearing and adoption of this resolution show that this measure is consistent with the GMA goals.

III. CAPITAL FACILITIES

10. The state Growth Management Act requires Thurston County to adopt a capital facilities element as part of its Comprehensive Plan which contains a six-year capital improvements program, consistent with RCW 36.70A.070.
11. After public hearings by the Thurston County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners, Resolution No. 10617 was enacted on April 18, 1994, adopting the Thurston County Capital Facilities Plan in compliance with the GMA. This plan applied in unincorporated Thurston County, including urban growth areas. It included goals and policies, facility inventory and needs assessment for capital facilities as well as the six-year financing plan for the capital improvements proposed to be carried out by Thurston County in these areas.

12. Since the original adoption in 1994, a separate appendix to the Comprehensive Plan was created for the six-year financing plan portion of the capital facilities element. Appendix G, also known as the Capital Improvement Program, is updated on an annual basis with capital project financing information and project descriptions for the subsequent six year period.
13. Appendix G is being repealed and replaced by this resolution to update the capital improvement program for the years 2024-2029.
14. The capital improvement program adopted by this resolution is a reasonable plan for those capital facilities that will be needed to accommodate the future levels of population projected for Thurston County. It is consistent with the growth phasing, densities, and distribution of growth anticipated in the land-use element of the Comprehensive Plan.
15. This capital improvement program estimates the amount of money needed for the planned facilities and identifies sources of funding for which there is reasonable assurance of availability. Actual financial and budgetary decisions by the County may deviate to some degree from the estimates presented in the capital improvement program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY that:

Section 1. The existing Appendix G of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan is hereby repealed and replaced with the text as shown in Attachment A to this Resolution.

Section 2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Resolution and the provisions adopted hereunder or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid, the court order or judgment shall be confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any part thereof to any other person or circumstance.


Section 3. Corrections. Upon approval of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Clerk of the Board is authorized to make any necessary corrections to any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this Ordinance for scrivener's or clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

ADOPTED: December 15, 2023

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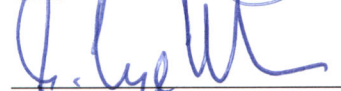

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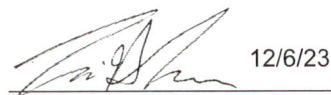
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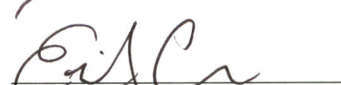
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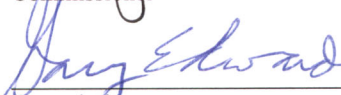
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