

**CITY OF GRANITE FALLS  
ORDINANCE NO. 898-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS,  
WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE 2015 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AS THE  
CITY OF GRANITE FALLS 2015-2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND PROVIDING  
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, SUBMISSION TO THE STATE AND SNOHOMISH  
COUNTY, SEVERABILITY AND SUMMARY PUBLICATION**

**WHEREAS**, since the approval of resolution No. 05-07 on November 30, 2005 the City of Granite Falls has maintained a Comprehensive Plan consistent with the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA), through periodic amendment of the Plan in accordance with the GMA and the Granite Falls Municipal Code (GFMC); and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with RCW 36.70A.130, the City has reviewed and revised the Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan and development regulations to ensure compliance with the requirements of the GMA, and prepared the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

**WHEREAS**, the preparation and consideration of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update included broad dissemination of the draft documents through means that provided numerous opportunity for public participation, as called for by the comprehensive plan citizen participation program authorized by the Granite Falls Planning Commission on October 11, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, dissemination of information regarding the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update included public announcement in forums that included: display posters posted at downtown businesses; electronic message sign at entry to downtown; City of Granite Falls website; legal notices for public hearings; legal notice of the SEPA threshold determination; mailings via USPS first-class service; Planning Commission meeting agendas and packets; ad hoc Economic Development Advisory Committee meetings, notification of interested agencies; and posting at municipal and related public locations; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2015 - 2035 Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan includes specific amendments to maps, figures and text to reflect current citywide conditions; addresses applicable GMA elements as specific chapters; incorporates and responds to community input; considers GMA, Vision 2040 and countywide planning policies; adopts the current population (7,842) and employment (2,275) targets for the Granite Falls UGA as the guiding framework to address land use, housing, infrastructure, transportation, recreation and funding needs for the community over the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 all of the Comprehensive Plan amendments set forth in this ordinance were considered concurrently so the cumulative effect of the proposals could be ascertained; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2015, the city's Designated Official , acting as the SEPA Responsible Official, issued a notice of Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for the proposed non-project action adopting the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

**WHEREAS**, in taking the actions set forth in this ordinance, the City has complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act, Chapter 43.21C RCW; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2015, the City submitted the proposed 2015 – 2035 Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan to the Washington State Department of Commerce for its 60-day review and received documentation of completion of the procedural requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2015, the City submitted the proposed 2015 – 2035 Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan to the Puget Sound Regional Council for review; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of 49 meetings open to the public, the Granite Falls Planning Commission guided the preparation of the draft 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2015, the Planning Commission conducted an open house that provided an opportunity for citizens to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and ask questions of the Planning Commission and City Staff/Consultant Team.

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2015 and May 11, 2015, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the draft 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update and all persons wishing to be heard were heard; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2015, following the close of the public hearing, the Planning Commission deliberated on the testimony and information provided at the public hearing, adopted findings of facts, and unanimously recommended approval of the draft 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2015 and October 21, 2015, the City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the draft 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update and all persons wishing to be heard were heard; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update, associated documents and public testimony, the City Council determined that approval of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update, is in the interest of the public's health, safety and general welfare,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

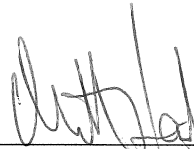
**Section 1.** Adoption of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update. The 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update, consisting of a Background Chapter and 9 Elements and attached hereto as Attachment A, is hereby adopted. The 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update, also known as the City of Granite Falls 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan, shall supersede previously-adopted comprehensive plans.

**Section 2.** Submission of Plan to the state. The City Clerk is hereby directed to submit the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update to the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Snohomish County Assessor as required by RCW 36.704.106 and RCW 36.708.230.

**Section 3.** Effective Date of Adoption. This Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan adopted by this Ordinance shall become effective five days following passage and publication of this Ordinance.

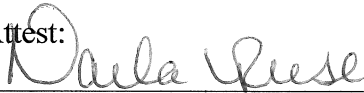
**Section 4.** Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

PASSED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 2015, and signed in authentication of its passage this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Nov, 2015.



Matthew Hartman, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



Darla Reese, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
Thom Graafstra, City Attorney

Date of Publication: Nov. 7, 2015

Effective Date: Nov. 12, 2015