

**CITY OF GRANITE FALLS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS ADOPTING  
A PROCESS TO AMEND THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND CONSISTENT  
WITH THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1990 AS AMENDED,  
CHAPTER 36.70A RCW.**

**WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, the Washington State Growth Management Act of 1990 and amendments thereto (hereinafter the Act), requiring counties and cities to prepare comprehensive plan, consistent with provisions of the Act, all as generally codified as Chapter 36.70A RCW; and**

**WHEREAS, the City of Granite Falls is therefore charged with the responsibility of preparation of a comprehensive plan to anticipate and guide the orderly and coordinated development of land in the city as set forth in Chapter 35A.63 RCW, Chapter 36.70A, RCW, and Title 19 of the Granite Falls Municipal Code; and**

**WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Granite Falls Comprehensive Plan on November 9, 1994;**

**WHEREAS, to ensure that the comprehensive plan function as an effective planning and decision-making tool, the plan must be evaluated and amended regularly to reflect the most current information and any change in community values, needs, and direction; and**

**WHEREAS, state law RCW 36.70A.130, directs that each city establish procedures whereby proposed amendments or revisions to the comprehensive plan are considered by the city no more often than once each year, except in the case of an emergency; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRANITE FALLS,  
WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

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**Section 1. Schedule/Process Adopted.** The schedule/process for annual comprehensive plan amendments which establishes a date for submitting amendment proposals and target dates for action on the proposals, incorporated in full into this resolution as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and approved.

RESOLVED this 8 day of January, 1997.

APPROVED:

Rella R Morris  
MAYOR

Attest:

Gerry James  
City Clerk

## AMENDMENT CRITERIA

### INTENT

The City of Granite Falls' Comprehensive Plan is the city's official document for guiding growth, land use, and other policy decisions affecting the community. For the plan to function as an effective guide and decision-making tool and for it to accurately reflect the most current information and respond to changes in community values or direction, the Comprehensive Plan must be evaluated, reviewed, and amended on a regular basis.

### TIMING

As directed by state law requests to amend the Comprehensive Plan will be considered only once in a calendar year so that the cumulative impacts of all proposed amendments can be determined by the City. The City will establish a schedule and process including the dates for submitting proposed amendments and the target dates for action on the proposals.

The state law permits the City to amend the Comprehensive Plan more frequently than once a year if it is determined that an emergency exists and that it is in the public interest to amend the plan.

### AMENDMENT CRITERIA

The City will consider two types of proposals to amend the Comprehensive Plan:

(1) An overall review conducted by the city (including staff, Planning Commissioners and City Councilmembers) This review will examine any portion of the entire plan and will consider revising/updating background materials, re-evaluating and updating goals and specific planning elements, adding new elements, and in general ensuring that the plan reflects current information.

All plan amendments considered under type (1) will be consistent with the Growth Management Act.

(2) Consideration of site specific proposals to amend the Land Use Plan. Proposals may include changes that are in conflict with Land Use Plan Map or other elements of the plan. Site Specific amendment proposals shall be processed in accordance with statutory procedures, the Comprehensive Plan amendment schedule, and shall conform to the following criteria:

A. The proposal shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan's adopted vision, goals, and policies.

B. The proposal shall be compatible with existing and planned surrounding land uses.

C. The proposal shall not impact the City's transportation network, capital facilities, utilities, parks, and critical areas in ways that cannot be mitigated.

D. The proposal shall not place unnecessary financial burdens on existing or planned public services.

E. The proposal shall be consistent with the intended future land uses anticipated in the City.

F. The proposal shall be consistent with the countywide planning policies and/or any other existing or affected interjurisdictional policies or agreements.

G. The proposal will be consistent with the provisions of the Growth Management Act and other applicable state statutes.





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Jerry-

This is a draft of the resolution to amend the Comprehensive Plan -

The key features are:

- 1) The plan will be amended no often than once a year except in an emergency
- 2) The process is intended to evaluate the cumulative impacts of all proposed amendments
- 3) The public is adequately informed of the process (how to) and is included -
- 4) The process considers site specific proposals to amend the plan before applications to rezone, subdivide, etc are submitted.

This process & the Administrative Procedures Ordinance should compliment each other -

Please send a copy to Cheryl for her comments. The Schedule is recommended. J.F. can revise it to work for the city.

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