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ORDINANCE NO. 547

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO AMEND THE "VISION" AND "FRAMEWORK GOALS"

WHEREAS, in April of 2008, the Shoreline City Council adopted ten "City Council Goals for 2008-2009" of which Goal No. 1 was " Develop a shared community vision that integrates the Environmental Sustainability, Housing and Economic Development Strategies into the Comprehensive Plan and community development initiatives," and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2008, the City Council approved a program of "Shoreline Community Conversations," Town Hall Forums, and meetings and hearings with the Planning Commission, to engage the citizens of Shoreline in shaping an updated "Vision" and "Framework Goals' to adopt in the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, sixteen separate "Community Conversations" were conducted during October of 2008 to begin the dialogue about the City's preferred future; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Community Conversations were tabulated and presented for public review and comment at Town Hall Forums conducted on November 19, 2008, January 7, 2009, and March 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council and Planning Commission reviewed the cumulative public input and at a joint session of January 29, 2009 drafted a series of proposed themes to be reflected in specific amendatory language to the City's Vision and Framework Goals; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Planning Commission thereafter prepared specific proposed amendatory language to reflect the Council's direction; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council subsequently held public hearings on the proposed Vision and Framework Goal language on April 13, 2009, April 27, 2009, and May 11, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act requires Cities to consider amendments to the Comprehensive Plan only once a year; and the City has considered this item on the 2009 docket; and

WHEREAS, City's Responsible Official issued a DNS on the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Amendments on April 8, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed amendments were submitted to the State Department of Community Development on February 24, 2009 for comment pursuant WAC 365-195-820; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the amendments adopted by this ordinance meet the criteria in Title 20.30.340 and .350 for adoption of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The Shoreline Comprehensive Plan is amended as follows:

Replace Attachment 1, Existing Vision Statement (pp 3-4 of 2005 Comprehensive Plan Introduction) with Attachment 2 (Updated Vision Statement), as amended and adopted by the City Council. Replace Attachment 3, Existing Framework Goals (p. 6 of Comp Plan Introduction) with Attachment 4 (Updated Framework Goals), as amended and adopted by the City Council.

Section 2. Publication; Effective Date. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and the ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 11, 2009.

Mayor Cindy Ryu

ATTEST:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ian Sievers
City Attorney

Publication Date: May 14, 2009
Effective Date: May 19, 2009

~~*Vision Statements*~~

~~While the GMA, Vision 2020, and the King County Planning Policies provide an overall framework for the City's Plan, the foundation of the Plan exists in the hopes and visions of the people whom it will directly affect. In 1996, the Shoreline City Council established the following set of "Vision Statements" as a set of overall preliminary principles to guide the development of the Comprehensive Plan.~~

- ~~The City of Shoreline will capitalize on its unique physical strengths as well as its human assets.~~
- ~~The City's numerous parks and key buildings or other features (e.g., civic center, community college, waterways) shall be interconnected from Puget Sound to all points in Shoreline through natural and built trails, "Green Streets" and special pedestrian walkways. Significant stands of trees will be identified as parts of greenbelts and preserved where possible, to protect and enhance Shoreline's natural environment.~~
- ~~The Puget Sound shoreline is a unique aspect of the City and should be made more available to all citizens. Other water bodies within the City of Shoreline (e.g. Ronald Bog, Twin Ponds, Echo Lake) will be publicly owned and will be centers of public recreation.~~
- ~~Each road and waterway into the City will have special treatment signaling entry into Shoreline. Gateways are defined by plantings, signage, three dimensional art, etc.~~
- ~~Preservation of existing residential neighborhoods provides safe, affordable housing of all types (e.g. single-family, accessory, townhomes, multi-family) for all segments of the community.~~
- ~~The City's several commercial areas are vital and active, including a variety of shops and services that are pedestrian oriented. Mixed uses, commercial, and light industrial establishments are permitted in selected areas. Centers exist along major arterials. For example, Aurora would have three major centers, each with a theme:~~
  - ~~Aurora at N 145th Street to N 160th Street would be a retail area.~~
  - ~~Aurora at N 175th Street to N 185th Street would serve as a civic hub.~~
  - ~~Aurora at N 195th Street to N 205th Street would serve as an entertainment center.~~
- ~~Sidewalks, street trees, pedestrian crossings and other pedestrian amenities are provided. Neighborhood business centers would serve surrounding residential areas.~~
- ~~Regional and local linkages are made between homes, commercial areas, entertainment centers and employment areas.~~
- ~~Community policing and community pride will serve and protect all segments of the community.~~

2029 Vision Statement

Imagine for a moment that it is the year 2029 and you are in the City of Shoreline. This vision statement describes what you will see.

Shoreline in 2029 is a thriving, friendly city where people of all ages, cultures, and economic backgrounds love to live, work, play and, most of all, call home. Whether you are a first-time visitor or long-term resident, you enjoy spending time here.

There always seems to be plenty to do in Shoreline -- going to a concert in a park, exploring a Puget Sound beach or dense forest, walking or biking miles of trails and sidewalks throughout the city, shopping at local businesses or the farmer's market, meeting friends for a movie and meal, attending a street festival, or simply enjoying time with your family in one of the city's many unique neighborhoods.

People are first drawn here by the city's beautiful natural setting and abundant trees; affordable, diverse and attractive housing; award-winning schools; safe, walkable neighborhoods; plentiful parks and recreation opportunities; the value placed on arts, culture, and history; convenient shopping, as well as proximity to Seattle and all that the Puget Sound region has to offer.

The city's real strengths lie in the diversity, talents and character of its people. Shoreline is culturally and economically diverse, and draws on that variety as a source of social and economic strength. The city works hard to ensure that there are opportunities to live, work and play in Shoreline for people from all backgrounds.

Shoreline is a regional and national leader for living sustainably. Everywhere you look there are examples of sustainable, low impact, climate-friendly practices come to life – cutting edge energy-efficient homes and businesses, vegetated roofs, rain gardens, bioswales along neighborhood streets, green buildings, solar-powered utilities, rainwater harvesting systems, and local food production to name only a few. Shoreline is also deeply committed to caring for its seashore, protecting and restoring its streams to bring back the salmon, and to making sure its children can enjoy the wonder of nature in their own neighborhoods.

A City of Neighborhoods

Shoreline is a city of neighborhoods, each with its own character and sense of place. Residents take pride in their neighborhoods, working together to retain and improve their distinct identities while embracing connections to the city as a whole. Shoreline's neighborhoods are attractive, friendly, safe places to live where residents of all ages, cultural backgrounds and incomes can enjoy a high quality of life and sense of community. The city offers a wide diversity of housing types and choices, meeting the needs of everyone from newcomers to long-term residents.

Newer development has accommodated changing times and both blends well with established neighborhood character and sets new standards for sustainable building, energy efficiency and environmental sensitivity. Residents can leave their car at home and walk or ride a bicycle safely and easily around their neighborhood or around the whole city on an extensive network of sidewalks and trails.

No matter where you live in Shoreline there's no shortage of convenient destinations and cultural activities. Schools, parks, libraries, restaurants, local shops and services, transit stops, and indoor and outdoor community gathering places are all easily accessible, attractive and well maintained. Getting around Shoreline and living in one of the city's many unique, thriving neighborhoods is easy, interesting and satisfying on all levels.

Neighborhood Centers

The city has several vibrant neighborhood "main streets" that feature a diverse array of shops, restaurants and services. Many of the neighborhood businesses have their roots in Shoreline, established with the help of a local business incubator, a long-term collaboration between the Shoreline Community College, the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce and the city.

Many different housing choices are seamlessly integrated within and around these commercial districts, providing a strong local customer base. Gathering places - like parks, plazas, cafes and wine bars - provide opportunities for neighbors to meet, mingle and swap the latest news of the day.

Neighborhood main streets also serve as transportation hubs, whether you are a cyclist, pedestrian or bus rider. Since many residents still work outside Shoreline, public transportation provides a quick connection to downtown, the University of Washington, light rail and other regional destinations. You'll also find safe, well-maintained bicycle routes that connect all of the main streets to each other and to the Aurora core area, as well as convenient and reliable local bus service throughout the day and throughout the city. If you live nearby, sidewalks connect these hubs of activity to the surrounding neighborhood, bringing a car-free lifestyle within reach for many.

The Signature Boulevard

Aurora Avenue is Shoreline's grand boulevard. It is a thriving corridor, with a variety of shops, businesses, eateries and entertainment, and includes clusters of some mid-rise buildings, well-designed and planned to transition to adjacent residential neighborhoods gracefully. Shoreline is recognized as a business-friendly city. Most services are available within the city, and there are many small businesses along Aurora, as well as larger employers that attract workers from throughout the region. Here and elsewhere, many Shoreline residents are able to find family-wage jobs within the City.

Housing in many of the mixed-use buildings along the boulevard is occupied by singles, couples, families, and seniors. Structures have been designed in ways that transition both visually and physically to reinforce the character of adjacent residential neighborhoods.

The improvements put in place in the early decades of the 21st century have made Aurora an attractive and energetic district that serves both local residents and people from nearby Seattle, as well as other communities in King and Snohomish counties. As a major transportation corridor, there is frequent regional rapid transit throughout the day and evening. Sidewalks provide easy access for walking to transit stops, businesses, and connections to adjacent neighborhoods.

Aurora has become a green boulevard, with mature trees and landscaping, public plazas, and green spaces. These spaces serve as gathering places for neighborhood and

citywide events throughout the year. It has state-of-the-art stormwater treatment and other sustainable features along its entire length.

As you walk down Aurora you experience a colorful mix of bustling hubs – with well-designed buildings, shops and offices – big and small – inviting restaurants, and people enjoying their balconies and patios. The boulevard is anchored by the vibrant Town Center, which is focused between 175th and 185th Street. This district is characterized by compact, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development highlighted by the Shoreline City Hall, the Shoreline Historical Museum, Shorewood High School, and other civic facilities. The interurban park provides open space, recreational opportunities, and serves as the city's living room for major festivals and celebrations.

A Healthy Community

Shoreline residents, city government and leaders care deeply about a healthy community. The city's commitment to community health and welfare is reflected in the rich network of programs and organizations that provide human services throughout the city to address the needs of all its residents.

Shoreline is a safe and progressive place to live. It is known region wide for the effectiveness of its police force and for programs that encourage troubled people to pursue positive activities and provide alternative treatment for non-violent and non-habitual offenders.

In Shoreline it is believed that the best decisions are informed by the perspectives and talents of its residents. Community involvement in planning and opportunities for input are vital to shaping the future, particularly at the neighborhood scale, and its decision making processes reflect that belief. At the same time, elected leaders and city staff strive for efficiency, transparency and consistency to ensure an effective and responsive city government.

Shoreline continues to be known for its outstanding schools, parks and youth services. While children are the bridge to the future, the city also values the many seniors who are a bridge to its shared history, and redevelopment has been designed to preserve our historic sites and character. As the population ages and changes over time, the City continues to expand and improve senior services, housing choices, community gardens, and other amenities that make Shoreline such a desirable place to live.

Whether for a 5-year-old learning from volunteer naturalists about tides and sea stars at Richmond Beach or a 75-year-old learning yoga at the popular Senior Center, Shoreline is a place where people of all ages feel the city is somehow made for them. And, maybe most importantly, the people of Shoreline are committed to making the city even better for the next generation.

~~*Framework Goals*~~

~~Through a series of more than 300 activities held in 1996-1998 (meetings, open houses, surveys and discussions), Shoreline's citizens, the Planning Commission, and the City Council refined the City Council's Vision Statements into the Comprehensive Plan's Framework Goals. These Framework Goals provide the overall policy foundation for the Comprehensive Plan and support the City Council's vision. When implemented, the Framework Goals are intended to preserve the best qualities of Shoreline's neighborhoods today and protect the City's future. To achieve balance in the City's development the Framework Goals must be viewed as a whole and not one pursued to the exclusion of others.~~

~~FG1: Accommodate anticipated levels of growth and enhance the quality of life within the City of Shoreline.~~

~~FG2: Promote quality building and development that is compatible with the surrounding environment.~~

~~FG3: Support diverse and affordable housing opportunities which provide for Shoreline's population growth.~~

~~FG4: Pursue a strong and diverse economy and assure economic development that complements neighborhood character.~~

~~FG5: Protect the natural environment and preserve environmentally critical areas.~~

~~FG6: Promote improvements to human services.~~

~~FG7: Assure effective and efficient public investment for quality public services, facilities, and utilities.~~

~~FG8: Improve multi-modal transportation systems which provide for Shoreline's present and future population.~~

~~FG9: Provide for wide involvement in community planning decisions.~~

Framework Goals

The original framework goals for the city were developed through a series of more than 300 activities held in 1996-1998. They were updated through another series of community visioning meetings and open houses in 2008-2009. These Framework Goals provide the overall policy foundation for the Comprehensive Plan and support the City Council's vision. When implemented, the Framework Goals are intended to preserve the best qualities of Shoreline's neighborhoods today and protect the City's future. To achieve balance in the City's development the Framework Goals must be viewed as a whole and not one pursued to the exclusion of others.

Shoreline is committed to being a sustainable city in all respects.

FG 1: Continue to support exceptional schools and opportunities for lifelong learning.

FG 2: Provide high quality public services, utilities, and infrastructure that accommodate anticipated levels of growth, protect public health and safety, and enhance the quality of life.

FG 3: Support the provision of human services to meet community needs.

FG 4: Provide a variety of gathering places, parks, and recreational opportunities for all ages and expand them to be consistent with population changes.

FG 5: Encourage an emphasis on arts, culture and history throughout the community.

FG 6: Make decisions that value Shoreline's social, economic, and cultural diversity.

FG 7: Conserve and protect our environment and natural resources, and encourage restoration, environmental education and stewardship.

FG 8: Apply innovative and environmentally sensitive development practices.

FG 9: Promote quality building, functionality, and walkability through good design and development that is compatible with the surrounding area.

FG 10: Respect neighborhood character and engage the community in decisions that affect them.

FG 11: Make timely and transparent decisions that respect community input.

FG 12: Support diverse and affordable housing choices that provide for Shoreline's population growth, including options accessible for the aging and/or developmentally disabled.

FG 13: Encourage a variety of transportation options that provide better connectivity within Shoreline and throughout the region.

FG 14: Designate specific areas for high density development, especially along major transportation corridors.

FG 15: Create a business friendly environment that supports small and local businesses, attracts large businesses to serve the community and expand our jobs and tax base, and encourages innovation and creative partnerships.

FG 16: Encourage local neighborhood retail and services distributed throughout the city.

FG 17: Strengthen partnerships with schools, non-governmental organizations, volunteers, public agencies and the business community.

FG 18: Encourage Master Planning at Fircrest School that protects residents and encourages energy and design innovation for sustainable future development.