

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Ordinance adopting the citywide 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update for the City of Bellevue pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA), and Chapter 35A.63 RCW; amending Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the Comprehensive Plan consistent with the GMA, Chapter 35A.63 RCW, and the King County Countywide Planning Policies; adopting amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

This Ordinance adopts the 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update for the City of Bellevue. The Ordinance amends both Volume 1 (General Elements) and Volume 2 (Subarea/Neighborhood Plans) of the Comprehensive Plan and amends the Future Land Use Map. The Periodic Update focuses growth in Downtown, Wilburton and BelRed and accommodates the City's adopted growth targets. It also meets the requirements of recently adopted state legislation including planning for affordable housing, addressing racially disparate impacts, and accommodating middle housing.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update on July 10. Council provided direction to return with an Ordinance approving the proposed amendment on September 24.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 6811

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

The Ordinance reflects the September 24 City Council direction to act on the Proposed 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update by returning with an Ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) as recommended by the Planning Commission with a small correction to the Land Use Map (LU-1).

The proposed CPA updates both Volume 1 (General Elements) and Volume 2 (Neighborhood/Subarea Plans) of the Comprehensive Plan with narrative, figure, maps and policy changes, including changes to the Future Land Use Map, in accordance with the scope identified by the City Council at launch on February 28, 2022. The CPA reflects the vision for the future of Bellevue as described through extensive public engagement and as outlined by the City Council. It complies with and is consistent with

the GMA, Chapter 35A.63 RCW, and the King County Countywide Planning Policies. Details of how this Periodic Update aligns with the scope and the feedback of the community can be found in the Agenda Memo and attachments presented at the September 24 City Council meeting.

The proposed updated Comprehensive Plan, Volume 1 (Attachments A and B) is formatted to be easily read and referenced. The proposed updated Comprehensive Plan, Volume 2 includes text-only amendments to Subarea/Neighborhood Plans (Attachment C). The strike-underline of all policy changes (both Volume 1 and Volume 2) is included in Attachment D.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

The periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan is the foundation for all other plans in Bellevue. The City adopted the last periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan in 2015, and the City has adopted amendments to the Comprehensive Plan almost annually. This 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update includes a growth strategy for the next 20 years and aligns the plan with Council Vision and state, regional, and county requirements.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The Comprehensive Plan is the City's guiding policy document that looks out over a 20-year planning period. Functional plans are developed or updated as future steps. The precise fiscal impacts of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update are addressed as projects identified in functional plans are implemented.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance adopting the citywide 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update for the City of Bellevue pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW (GMA), and Chapter 35A.63 RCW; amending Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the Comprehensive Plan consistent with the GMA, Chapter 35A.63 RCW, and the King County Countywide Planning Policies; adopting amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternate direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update CPA, Volume 1—General Elements
- B. Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map
- C. 2024-2044 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update CPA, Volume 2—Subarea/Neighborhood Plans
- D. Strike-Underline Policy Change Document (Volumes 1 & 2)  
Proposed Ordinance No. 6811

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