

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 10320

A RESOLUTION ratifying the housing-related amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.

WHEREAS, On December 14, 2021, the King County Council approved and ratified the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs), and the CPPs were ratified by the Bellevue City Council through the adoption of Resolution 10080 on March 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the CPPs serve as the framework for each local jurisdiction's comprehensive plan, which ensures countywide consistency with respect to land use and planning efforts across the County; and

WHEREAS, also in 2021, the Washington State Legislature amended the Growth Management Act (GMA), chapter 36.70A RCW, to require jurisdictions to plan for and accommodate housing needs for all economic segments of the population as part of their comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) is a regional policy body comprised of elected officials from local governments within King County, including Bellevue, that is charged with reviewing and recommending proposed amendments to the CPPs; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan King County Council directed the GMPC's Affordable Housing Committee to conduct additional policy work relating to affordable housing in 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, as required by the amendments to the GMA, the Washington State Department of Commerce provided estimates of existing and future housing needs at the county level and provided guidance for local governments to work together to allocate the existing and future housing needs to individual local jurisdictions and to the urban unincorporated areas in King County; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2023, the GMPC unanimously recommended amendments to the CPPs related to countywide and local jurisdictional housing needs through GMPC Motion 23-1; and

WHEREAS, in addition to establishing countywide and local jurisdictional housing needs, the housing-related amendments to the 2021 CPPs establish an accountability framework for equitably meeting countywide affordable housing needs, align monitoring requirements with the new accountability framework, and align the CPPs with the GMA's requirement that local jurisdictions plan for and accommodate housing needs for all economic segments of the population as part of their comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan King County Council approved and ratified the housing-related amendments on behalf of unincorporated King County on August 15, 2023 through the adoption of King County Ordinance 19660, which included GMPC Motion 23-1 as Attachment A to the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the housing-related amendments to the CPPs will become effective if the CPP amendments are ratified by at least 30 percent of city and county governments representing 70 percent of the population of King County by November 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City will be deemed to have ratified the housing-related CPP amendments unless, by November 30, 2023, the City takes legislative action to disapprove the CPP amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue City Council considered the proposed housing-related amendments to the 2021 CPPs on September 25, 2023, and the City Council further considered the housing-related amendments to the CPPs on November 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the amendments to the GMA, the recommendation of the GMPC, the housing-related amendments to the 2021 CPPs approved by the Metropolitan King County Council, and the policy of the City of Bellevue; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The housing-related amendments to the 2021 CPPs, as approved and ratified by the Metropolitan King County Council through the adoption of King County Ordinance 19660, are hereby ratified by the City of Bellevue. King County Ordinance 19660, which includes GMPC Motion 23-1, is assigned Clerk's Receiving No. _____.

Section 2. The City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the King County Council.

Passed by the City Council this 20th day of November, 2023, and signed in authentication of its passage this 20th day of November, 2023.

(SEAL)



Lynn Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk