

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 9094

A RESOLUTION regarding an analysis of development regulations currently in effect in the City of Bellevue for consistency with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW.

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Comprehensive Plan initially was adopted on December 6, 1993, and was updated November 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2012, the Bellevue City Council initiated a Comprehensive Plan update to respond to the requirement of the state Growth Management Act to periodically update such plans; and

WHEREAS, the City engaged in a multi-year planning process to update the Comprehensive Plan that included public events and open houses; over 70 meetings of different boards and commissions; an online strategy that included a project website, social media, and online open house; meetings with neighborhoods and stakeholders; a series of press releases and op-eds; and a speaker series; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 4, 2015, with regards to the proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2015, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council approve such proposed update; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission's recommendation was presented to the City Council by representatives of the Planning Commission, Arts Commission, Environmental Services Commission, Human Services Commission, Parks and Community Services Board, and Transportation Commission on April 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(1), the City Council adopted the Comprehensive Plan update on August 3, 2015; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan update in August 2015, City has worked to evaluate its development regulations to ensure consistency with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2016, City of Bellevue staff completed an analysis of the City's development regulations for consistency with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW. Based on this analysis, staff found the development regulations and protections currently in effect comply with Chapter 36.70A RCW, with the exception of certain critical areas regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130(7), the deadline for the City to review its critical area regulations and provide an update to the Washington Department of Commerce is June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, although the City has undertaken significant steps to analyze its critical area regulations, more time is needed for the City to complete this review; and

WHEREAS, the City has demonstrated its intent to comply with the critical areas regulations in Chapter 36.70A RCW, and the City has made substantial progress towards analyzing the City's comprehensive plan and development regulations regarding critical areas to determine if any updates are required; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue City Council held a public hearing on April 18, 2016 to receive public comments on the recommended findings on review, but no members of the public made any comments; and

WHEREAS, based on its review of the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW, the analysis and findings prepared by staff, and the lack of public comments received at the public hearing, the City Council finds and declares that the review and findings have been prepared in conformance with applicable law, including Chapter 36.70A RCW, Chapter 43.21C RCW, and Sections 20.35.400 through 20.35.440 of the Bellevue City Code; now, therefore,

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

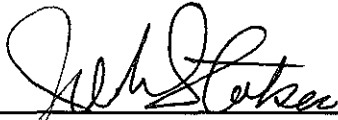
Section 1. Based on its review of the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW, the analysis and findings prepared by staff, and the public comments received, the City Council hereby finds and declares that the development regulations and protections currently in effect comply with Chapter 36.70A RCW, with the exception of certain critical areas regulations.

Section 2. The City has made substantial progress in its review of its critical areas regulations, but needs additional time to complete this review and any possible updates in a thoughtful, methodical manner.

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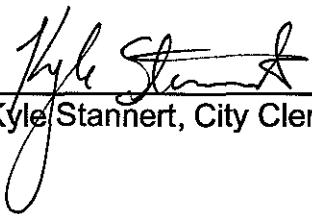
Passed by the City Council this 2nd day of May, 2016
and signed in authentication of its passage this 2nd day of May,
2016.

(SEAL)



John Stokes, Mayor

Attest:



Kyle Stannert, City Clerk