

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-021**

**A RESOLUTION** opening the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130, and YMC Ch. 16.10.

**WHEREAS**, The City of Yakima is a First Class City fully planning under the Washington State Growth Management Act RCW 36.70A and WAC 365-196; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 36.70A.130 and YMC 16.10.030 requires the Yakima City Council to consider annually opening the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2024, at its regular business meeting, the Yakima City Council had discussion regarding the opening of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process; and

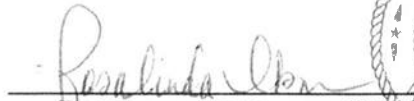
**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and determines that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process for 2024 should be opened, now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YAKIMA:**


The City of Yakima hereby opens the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process for the year of 2024, and directs both staff and the Planning Commission to hold the required public meeting in February announcing the opening of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process and acceptance of applications. Furthermore, Council directs both staff and Planning Commission to proceed with processing of all submitted applications and City amendments.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

  
Rosalinda Ibarra, City Clerk



  
Patricia Byers, Mayor



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON  
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 8.  
For Meeting of: January 16, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Resolution opening the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 and YMC Ch. 16.10

**SUBMITTED BY:** Joan Davenport, AICP, Community Development Director  
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**SUMMARY EXPLANATION:**

Per Chapter 36.70A RCW, the City of Yakima is required to develop a comprehensive land use plan, map, goals and policies, and accompanying development regulations. On June 6, 2017, Council approved the City of Yakima Comprehensive Plan 2040 and development regulations update, consistent with the GMA.

To facilitate potential requests to amend the comprehensive plan, YMC Ch. 16.10. requires the Council to consider annually whether or not to open the amendment process, and if so, adopt the accompanying resolution giving direction to staff and the Planning Commission to hold the required public meeting in February announcing the opening of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process and acceptance of applications.

**ITEM BUDGETED:** NA

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Neighborhood and Community Building

**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE CITY MANAGER**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt resolution.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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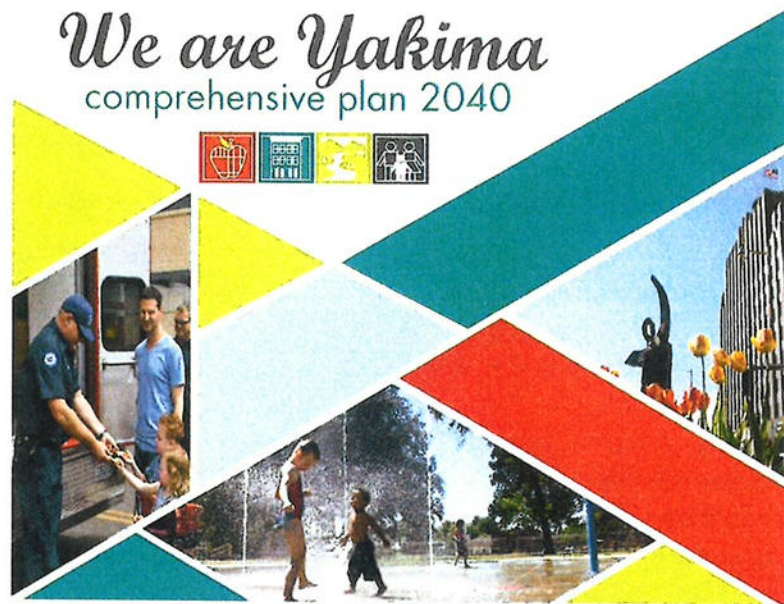
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## Comprehensive Plan Background

The information below is intended to provide a brief background on the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, the periodic update cycle, and the yearly amendment cycle.

Under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), local governments in the state have to adopt, regularly amend, and periodically update an Urban Area Comprehensive Plan. The plan helps guide long-range land use policy in urban areas by establishing a community vision for effectively managing growth over a twenty-year period.

The City of Yakima Comprehensive Plan 2040, adopted in June 2017, includes Goals and Policies related to Land Use, Historic Preservation, Economic Development, Housing, Transportation, Capital Facilities, Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Shorelines, and the Natural Environment. Those Goals and Objectives are accomplished through zoning, subdivision, permitting, and the implementation of other regulatory controls.



The GMA requires a full update of Comprehensive Plans every eight years, which means that the 2040 plan will be due for update in 2026. In order to respond to the needs of property owners in the interim, an annual amendment cycle is allowed to examine site-specific requests to modify the Future Land Use Map or Comprehensive Plan text. Whenever the plan is amended it is important to verify that it is internally consistent and that development regulations are consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan.

Yakima Municipal Code Chapter 16.10 provides the regulatory process and review criteria for the review of Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Any submitted amendments will go through an extensive public review process which will ultimately result in a recommendation from the Yakima Planning Commission for final consideration by Council.