

RESOLUTION #402

A RESOLUTION FINALIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS UPDATE FOR THE TOWN OF YACOLT.

WHEREAS, under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), set forth in the Revised Code of the Washington State Constitution Chapter 36.70A, the Town of Yacolt is required to develop a Comprehensive Plan and development regulations that are consistent with the goals and other requirements of GMA; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt adopted its initial Comprehensive Growth Management Plan on November 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt prepared and circulated the September, 2003 draft of the Comprehensive Plan Update, in accordance with the seven-year updating requirements under RCW 36.70A.130; and

WHEREAS, the draft Comprehensive Plan Update was reviewed under the requirements of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act, and addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Comprehensive Growth Management Plans of Clark County, Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal and Yacolt, September 10, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt presented the draft Comprehensive Plan Update to the Clark County Planning Commission on September 25, 2003, and Clark County Long Range Planning staff informed the Planning Commission that there are no conflicts between Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan and Yacolt's Plan; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt provided opportunities for local agencies and the general public to comment on the Comprehensive Plan Update during an open house conducted in Battle Ground, Washington on September 16, 2003, and a public hearing conducted in Yacolt on October 29, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt submitted its Comprehensive Plan Update to the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and circulated a synopsis of the plan to 10 other state agencies, in accordance with the 60-day review requirement under RCW 36.70A.106; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt revised the Comprehensive Plan Update to address comments it received from the Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Growth Boundary described in the Comprehensive Plan Update is consistent with the boundary recommended for Yacolt by the Clark County Planning Commission and later adopted by the Clark County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2004 Yacolt adopted the February, 2004 final draft of its Comprehensive Plan Update under Resolution 383, affirmed that Zoning Ordinance 371 serves to implement the Comprehensive Plan, and resolved to revise Critical Lands Ordinance 387 to comply with GMA requirements; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt published the Annexation Procedures Manual, August, 2004, which reflects the annexation procedural requirements set forth in its Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt contracted with an environmental consulting firm to revise the Critical Lands Ordinance, which resulted in a January, 2005 draft of the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in February, 2005 Yacolt conducted an environmental review of the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance and circulated a determination of non-significance on the ordinance, consistent with requirements under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2005 Yacolt submitted the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance to the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development and the Washington State Department of Ecology, in accordance with the 60-day review requirements under RCW 36.70A.106; and

WHEREAS, Yacolt received a March 14, 2005 letter from the Washington State Department of Ecology recommending that the Critical Areas Ordinance include more stringent wetland protection measures and standards, in order to protect the functions and values of wetlands, standards that are presented in Ecology Publication 04-06-024; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2005 Yacolt conducted a public hearing on the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance 440 and addressed the prospect of revising the ordinance to include more stringent wetland protection measures and standards; and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2006 Yacolt adopted the Washington State Department of Ecology's recommended wetland protection measures, and directed staff to revise Critical Areas Ordinance 440 accordingly; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2006 Yacolt confirmed the adoption of Critical Areas Ordinance 440.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yacolt Town Council that Yacolt has completed all requirements pertaining to updating its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations under RCW 36.70A.130.

ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2006.

Ayes Holyk, Marbut, Weldon, Stewart

Nays None

Absent None

MAYOR 

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