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Resolution No. 3172

**A Resolution Regarding Proposed Amendments
to the Anacortes Urban Growth Area (UGA) Boundary**

Whereas RCW 36.70A.130(1)(a) and (4)(b) require that, by December 31, 2025, the City of Anacortes take legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive plan and development regulations to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of the GMA;

Whereas the City Council adopted Resolution 3156 on May 28, 2024 establishing a Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, and the PPP has been broadly disseminated to the public;

Whereas the City Council adopted Resolution 3161 on August 5, 2024 establishing a docket for the 2025 Anacortes Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Periodic Update (2025 Docket);

Whereas the 2025 Docket includes, among others, the following two requests to amend the Comprehensive Plan future land use map and Urban Growth Area boundary:

- LEG-2024-05 – City of Anacortes’ request to add all unincorporated city-owned parcels located adjacent to the Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL) to the Anacortes UGA
- LEG-2024-11 – Signal Hill’s request to expand the Anacortes UGA, modified to limit consideration to parcel numbers P20014, P20013, and P19979 (total of 17.8 acres)

Whereas the Planning, Community, Economic Development (PCED) Department published on October 9, 2024 notice of a Planning Commission public hearing and written public comment period for the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan future land use map and UGA (and goal and policy amendments to the Land Use, Housing, and Transportation elements);

Whereas the Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 13, 2024 and deliberated on the proposed amendments to the UGA boundary;

Whereas the Planning Commission, in a Recorded Motion signed November 27, 2024 entered findings of fact and reasons for action, and recommended that the City Council:

- Affirm the City’s request to amend the Urban Growth Area boundary to include the 9 city-owned parcels adjacent to existing city limits.
- Deny Signal Hill’s request to amend the Urban Growth Area boundary and direct staff to withdraw the corresponding portions of the application that was submitted to Skagit County.

Whereas City’s request to include 9 city-owned parcels in the UGA (LEG-2024-05) will undergo further public, agency, and environmental review as part of Skagit County’s periodic comprehensive plan update process;

Now, therefore it is hereby resolved by the Anacortes City Council that:

- The City of Anacortes’ proposal (LEG-2024-05) to include 9 city-owned parcels in the Anacortes UGA is affirmed and Council supports the inclusion of the city-owned parcels in the Skagit County UGA expansion application.
- Signal Hill’s proposal (LEG-2024-11) to include 3 parcels in the Anacortes UGA is denied.

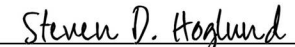
- PCED staff are directed to withdraw from the Skagit County UGA expansion application the portions relating to the Signal Hill proposal.

PASSED and **APPROVED** on this 2nd day of December 2024.


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