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Comp Plan Public Hearing
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DRAFT Amendments to Comp Plan (Planning Commission recommended version)

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Vision statement

As currently proposed (Planning Commission recommendation):

In the year 2035, Woodinville is a safe, friendly, diverse, and family-oriented community that supports a successful balance of neighborhoods, parks, and recreation, tourism, and business. We have preserved our Northwest woodland character, our open space, and our clean environment. We have enhanced our strong sense of community and our ability to move about the community by all modes of travel. Woodinville is a pleasant place in which to live, work, play, and visit, with a compact, inviting downtown and vibrant riverfront and tourist districts that are inviting and functional.

Amended, DRAFT:

In the year 2035, Woodinville is a safe, friendly, diverse, community that supports a successful balance of neighborhoods, parks and recreation, businesses, and tourism. Woodinville is a vibrant community in which to live, work, play, and visit. We have preserved our Northwest woodland character, our open space, and our clean environment. We have cultivated a compact, inviting downtown in which small, locally owned businesses can successfully establish and thrive. We have enhanced our ability to move about the community by all modes of travel. We have strengthened the agricultural and wine industries in Woodinville, the Sammamish Valley, and throughout the state by transforming locally sourced food, libations, and hospitality into an internationally renowned tourism experience.

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2009 Section 1.5.1.1 Summary of Community Values

Restore discussion and ranked list of community values, pulled from 2009 plan. Condensed here:

Citizens who commented during the [2002] visioning process represented a diverse population with a wide range of opinions about the Woodinville community past and future. Each visioning meeting was facilitated and attended by City Council and Planning Commission members, in addition to city staff. While discussions of many issues occurred, the facilitators focused citizens' comments on three questions:

- What do you value most about our community?
- What would you change about our community?
- What is your vision for the future of our community?

The types of comments repeated most often are summarized in Table 1-3 (Note: Table 1.3 is labeled 1994, but this section implies that it is a summary of 2002 comments).

In general, people expressed a belief that:

1. Woodinville's unique Northwest woodland character should be preserved,
2. The City should retain a viable, vital commercial downtown,
3. The small, locally owned stores are important to keep,
4. The downtown should be pedestrian friendly,
5. The existing retail nursery in downtown is a good example of desirable streetscape and commercial development for the future,
6. New commercial development should reflect the City's historical architecture, exemplified by the old school houses, and
7. The City should develop recreational opportunities of all types, including parks, trail systems, and activities for youths.

Table 1-3 Summary of Woodinville's 1994 Visioning Comments

Restore entire table from 2009 Comp Plan Chapter 1 Page 7.

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Guiding Principles (Eleven principles expanded from the ten in the Proposed Comp Plan. I split "Northwest Woodland Character" in two: a citywide aesthetic, and design standards for the built environment)

Current version (Planning Commission recommendation):

Ten Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles are an extension of Woodinville's vision further describing the key concepts of its vision statement to provide definition and meaning to the vision and to serve as a foundation for the goals and policies contained in Comprehensive Plan Elements.

Live, Work, Play, and Visit: Woodinville is a complete community providing residential neighborhoods with a variety of detached and attached housing

choices; retail, office and industrial centers; parks, trails, lakes, the Sammamish River, wineries, and tourist based businesses.

Sense of Community, Safe, and Friendly: Woodinville is a safe, friendly and cohesive community due to combination of several attributes: Pedestrian-friendly and human scaled community design, excellent schools, strong neighborhood leadership, organization, and involvement, frequent and popular neighborhood and civic events, low crime rate, and a healthy volunteerism community ethic.

Diverse & Family Oriented: Woodinville features an increasingly diverse population in terms of age, household composition, and ethnicity. The City's land uses and public facilities are designed to accommodate its diverse population. Woodinville has always been family friendly, with safe neighborhoods, great schools, and abundant park and recreational opportunities.

Balance of Neighborhoods: Woodinville features a healthy variety of neighborhoods, ranging from the vibrant downtown with mixture of pedestrian-oriented uses and housing types, heavily wooded low density residential neighborhoods, moderate density single family neighborhoods, the renowned tourist district, warehouse districts, and the riverfront mixed-use district.

Tourism & Business: Woodinville features a unique blend of tourism based business, professional office, warehouse/light industrial businesses, community-based retail commercial uses and some unique regional-based commercial uses that contribute to the economic health, character, and livability of the City.

Compact, Inviting Downtown, Tourist Business, and Riverfront Districts: Woodinville features three distinct and increasingly vibrant mixed-use districts that are compact, inviting, and pedestrian-friendly. Downtown is the focal point of the community and features the greatest mix and concentration of commercial and residential uses, while retaining a human sense of scale in newer development. The Tourist Business District is a premier destination for local, regional, and out-of-state visitors attracted to the wineries, distilleries, breweries, restaurants, and lodging in beautiful village setting. The Riverfront District is the newest of the three districts and contains a vibrant mix of housing, office, and festival retail mixed with warehouse and light industrial uses amongst a network of scenic trails that parallel and connect with the Sammamish River.

Northwest Woodland Character: Woodinville has protected and reinforced its Northwest Woodland Character by preserving its wooded hillsides, open spaces, and residential neighborhoods and emphasizing building design that reflects the Northwest Woodland Character. This includes architecture with simple three-dimensional forms, traditional Northwest woodland exterior finishes, forms that

express wood framing, an emphasis on human-scaled design, and finishes that reflect the early 1900s domestic agrarian vernacular of materials.

Healthy and Connected Community: Woodinville features an attractive network of non-motorized pathways (sidewalks, bike lanes/paths, and trails), a diversity of active and passive open spaces that effectively serves the community, and recreational programs and activities that promote active living and a strong sense of community.

Environmental Stewardship: Woodinville has maintained and strengthened its robust environmental stewardship by protecting/restoring sensitive natural areas, emphasizing sustainable design in new developments and public improvements, encouraging retrofits to existing development and infrastructure to reduce environmental impact, emphasizing a strong environmental ethic via civic actions and community activities, and making wise land use decisions about proper locations and strategies to accommodate growth.

Increased Multimodal Mobility: Woodinville continues to enhance multimodal mobility within the community, particularly in Downtown, mixed-use districts, and moderate density residential neighborhoods where it is most important. Key features include attractive and multi-modal streetscape design, strategic street & highway improvements, new roadway connections in Downtown and mixed-use districts, new multi-use pathway connections, transit facility enhancements, and compact development in transit accessible locations.

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Guiding Principles

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Northwest Woodland Character: Woodinville protects and reinforces its Northwest Woodland Character by preserving its wooded hillsides and open spaces, and by protecting and celebrating trees throughout the city.

Live, Work, Play, and Visit: Woodinville is a complete community providing residential neighborhoods with a variety of detached and attached housing choices; retail, office and industrial centers; parks, trails, lakes, the Sammamish River, wineries, and tourist-based businesses.

Safe and Friendly Community: Woodinville is a safe, friendly and cohesive community due to combination of several attributes: Pedestrian-friendly and human-scaled community design; excellent schools; strong neighborhood leadership, organization, and involvement; frequent and popular neighborhood and civic events; low crime rate; and a robust community ethic of volunteerism.

Diverse and Family Oriented: Woodinville features an increasingly diverse population in terms of age, household composition, and ethnicity. The City's land uses and public facilities accommodate its diverse population while continuing to provide families with safe neighborhoods, great schools, and abundant park and recreational opportunities.

Balance of Neighborhoods: Woodinville features a healthy variety of residential neighborhoods, including its iconic heavily wooded low-density residential neighborhoods, moderate density single-family neighborhoods, and multifamily housing.

Tourism & Business: Woodinville features a unique blend of tourism-based business; professional office, warehouse and light industrial businesses; community-based retail commercial businesses; and unique regional-based commercial businesses that contribute to the economic health, character, and livability of the City.

Compact, Inviting Downtown and Tourist Business Districts: Woodinville features two distinct and increasingly vibrant retail districts that are compact, inviting, and pedestrian-friendly. Downtown is the focal point of the community and features the greatest mix and concentration of commercial businesses, while retaining a human sense of scale in newer development. The Tourist Business District is a premier destination for local, regional, and out-of-state visitors attracted to the wineries, distilleries, breweries, restaurants, and lodging in a verdant agricultural setting with views of Mount Rainier.

Design Vernacular of the Built Environment: Woodinville protects and reinforces its unique sense of place by adopting a strong design code for the built environment in its retail, institutional, office, and industrial districts. Woodinville defines, adopts, and enforces standards for architectural exteriors and landscaping that emphasize traditional Northwest woodland exterior finishes, forms that express wood framing, articulated facades, and finishes that evoke the

agricultural and timber industries that were the basis of Woodinville's early economy.

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Current (Planning Commission recommendation):

Woodinville Planning Area & Neighborhoods

The Comprehensive Plan applies to the Woodinville city limits. However, the City wishes to consider how areas surrounding the City affect Woodinville, and also where the City may ultimately grow in the future. The study area for the Comprehensive Plan is depicted on Exhibit 1-3 and includes:

- The current incorporated City boundaries consisting of 6.13 square miles in 2014 (Washington State Office of Financial Management 2014);
- The City's assigned King County Potential Annexation Area (PAA) – a small residential subdivision (approximately 6.6 acres) located adjacent to the city's southeastern boundary;

- The City's locally-adopted Urban Growth Area (UGA) – This area consists of the City's locally adopted UGA adjacent to its northern boundary in Snohomish County addressing a portion of the Maltby area, not formally assigned to Woodinville by Snohomish County as of 2014;
- The City-King County Joint Study Area – Addressed to acknowledge the Sammamish River valley's importance to Woodinville's character and tourism economy.

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Woodinville and Neighboring Planning Areas

This Comprehensive Plan applies inside the Woodinville city limits. However, the City recognizes that planning decisions for areas surrounding the City affect Woodinville. The areas described below are depicted on Exhibit 1-3 and include:

- City of Woodinville – the current incorporated City boundaries consisting of 6.13 square miles in 2014 (Washington State Office of Financial Management 2014);
- The City's assigned King County Potential Annexation Area (PAA) – a small residential subdivision (approximately 6.6 acres) located adjacent to the city's southeastern boundary;
- The City's locally adopted Urban Growth Area (UGA) – This area consists of the City's locally adopted UGA adjacent to its northern boundary, known as Grace or as part of the Maltby annexation area. This area is not formally assigned to Woodinville by Snohomish County as of 2014;
- The Sammamish River Valley in unincorporated King County – Agricultural- and Rural-zoned land in the Sammamish River Valley outside Woodinville's city limits. These lands are particularly critical to Woodinville's character, wine industry, and tourism economy. Woodinville supports preserving zoning, particularly of agricultural parcels. We also support keeping King County's list of permitted uses consistent with agricultural and rural zoning. As the Washington Supreme Court stated in ___ v. ___, "[paraphrase: we will reject urban uses on agricultural land because that would drive up farmland prices, out of the reach of farmers.]"

1.6 A Demographic Profile of Woodinville and Its Neighbors

Restore and update demographic data.

Add a table that reinforces our standing as a small city, or quantifies the heavier burden we face compared to other Larger Cities. Possibly use this in place of 2009 Table 1-4 on Chapter 1, page 8.