

**CITY OF FORKS  
ORDINANCE NO. 689**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORKS,  
WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2025-2045 UPDATE OF  
THE FORKS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON'S GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT ACT, CHAPTER 36.70A RCW,  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CORRECTIONS,  
AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, with the passage of the Washington State Growth Management Act in 1990 (GMA), Chapter 36.70A RCW, local governments are required to adopt a comprehensive plan that outlines strategies to accommodate the needs of a growing population; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forks (City), Washington is a fully planning city under the state Growth Management Act (GMA), Chapter 36.70A Revised Code of Washington (RCW); and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Growth Management Act (under RCW 36.70A.130) requires that all cities and counties periodically take legislative action to review and, if needed, revise its comprehensive land use plan and development regulations, including critical areas ordinance, to ensure the plan and regulations comply with the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is a part of the periodic update process required under RCW 36.70A.130, and adoption of this Ordinance evidences completion of that process; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 1993, the City Council adopted a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Forks and its urban growth area, pursuant to the requirements set forth in the GMA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forks completed a periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forks completed its most recent periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forks has made Comprehensive Plan amendments since 2018 through the annual amendment process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forks seeks to be in compliance with the goals, policies, and procedures of the Growth Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forks has actively sought citizen input, utilizing several forms of public informational media and outreach, in addition to the regularly noticed public meetings and

public hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council adopted a public participation program for the 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update on December 11, 2023, via Resolution No. 515, after holding a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, on throughout 2024 and 2025, the City of Forks Planning Commission held monthly public meetings to review and discuss the draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan, and solicit public comment on the draft; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2025, the City of Forks Planning Commission held a public meeting to review and discuss the updated draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan, and solicit public comment on the draft; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2025, the City of Forks Planning Commission held another public meeting to review and discuss the updated draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan, and solicit public comment on the draft; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 26, 2025, the updated draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update was published on the City's website, reflecting edits made in response to comments from the preceding meetings, requesting public comment via email; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 17, 2025, the City of Forks Planning Commission held a duly-noticed public hearing to review, discuss, and receive public comment on the draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan, including modifications made in response to comments during the September and October public hearings; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2025, notice of the proposed adoption of the 2026 Forks Comprehensive Plan Update was sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce at least sixty days before the amendments were adopted, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.106; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Commerce acknowledged completion of their review of the Comprehensive Plan on January 16, 2026, and requisite time has now passed to allow this ordinance to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2025, the City of Forks Planning Commission held a public meeting to review and discuss the draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan, and solicit public comment on the draft; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 9, 2026, the City Planner issued a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance based on an Environmental Checklist prepared for the adoption of the 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, and distributed it to Washington Department of Community, Trade, & Economic Development, Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Washington Department of Ecology, Suquamish Tribe, the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Washington State Dept. of Transportation,

Clallam County, and other stakeholders, and published the Determination in the newspaper and on the City website; and

**WHEREAS**, as of the end of the SEPA comment on April 27, 2026, no SEPA appeals had been filed; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2026, a Notice of Hearing was published for a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission on the complete draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update, and email notice of the hearing and availability of the draft plan was sent to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Washington Department of Ecology, the Washington Department of Transportation, the Quileute and Hoh Tribes, Clallam County, and other stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2026, the City of Forks Planning Commission held a public hearing to review, discuss, and receive public comment on the draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission issued a recommendation for approval of the draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan at its April 29, 2026, meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2026, a Notice of Hearing was published for a public hearing to be held by the City Council on the complete draft 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 8, 2026, the City Council held a public hearing and met to discuss the proposed 2026 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update at their regular meeting to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation, the public record including public and agency comments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it in the public interest to adopt the amendments to the Forks Comprehensive Plan as set forth in this Ordinance; **now, therefore,**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORKS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The City Council finds as follows: The amendments adopted by this ordinance have been developed through a rigorous public process, have been reviewed under the State Environmental Policy Act, have the recommendation of the Forks Planning Commission made after holding a public hearing, and are consistent with Clallam Countywide Planning Policies, and that Forks has fulfilled requirements for the Periodic Update process as required by the Growth Management Act pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130. The City Council adopts the recitals as additional findings in support of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. Extension of Critical Areas Update Deadline.** The City Council finds that the Department of Community Development has made substantial progress on the required Critical Areas Code Update and as such, as documented by the Department of Commerce, is afforded an additional year to complete an its update to the Critical Areas Code.

**SECTION 3. Adoption of Comprehensive Plan Amendments.** In accordance with the above-described Findings and Conclusions, the City Council hereby amends the text and maps of the Forks Comprehensive Plan by approving and adopting the following:

The 2025-2045 Draft Forks Comprehensive Plan Update dated January 2026 including the revised Comprehensive Plan Map (Future Urban Growth Area) and Zoning Map therein, and the wording changes incorporated into the draft plan by the City Council on that date.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** If any sentence, section, provision, or clause of this ordinance or its application to any person, entity or circumstance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the ordinance, or the application of the provision to other persons, entities, or circumstances is not affected.

**SECTION 6. Corrections.** Upon approval of the city attorney, the city clerk, and/or the code publisher is authorized to make any necessary technical corrections to this ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any reference thereto.

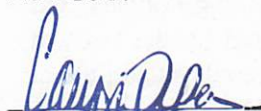
**SECTION 7. Publication.** This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

**SECTION 8. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after posting and publication as required by law. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire ordinance, as authorized by State Law.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Forks, **APPROVED** by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk in authentication of such passage this 8 day of June, 2026.

  
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Tim, Fletcher Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Caryn Depew, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Charlotte Archer, Special Legal Counsel