



ORDINANCE NO. 3476

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AS THE IMAGINE LYNNWOOD PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature adopted the Growth Management Act (GMA) on April 1, 1990; and

WHEREAS, since the approval of Ordinance 2033 on April 10, 1995, the City of Lynnwood has maintained a Comprehensive Plan consistent with the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA) through the periodic amendment of the Plan in accordance with the GMA and the Lynnwood Municipal Code (LMC); and

WHEREAS, consistent with RCW 36.70A.130, the City has reviewed and revised Lynnwood's Comprehensive Plan to ensure compliance with the requirements of the GMA and prepared the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update (hereafter "Update" or "draft Update"); and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution 2021-05 approving the Lynnwood Housing Action Plan supporting implementation of housing supply and options; and

WHEREAS, distribution of information regarding the Update included public announcements in several fora that included: "Inside Lynnwood" newsletter; City of Lynnwood website; legal notices for public hearings; legal notice of the SEPA threshold determination; Planning Commission meeting agendas and packets; notification of interested agencies; and posting at municipal and related public locations; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 and 2023, the City conducted "Big Ideas Month" and "Imagine Lynnwood" outreach efforts to receive feedback from community members through surveys, engagement displays in different City locations, and informational booths at City events; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2023, the Washington State Legislature passed housing legislation requiring local jurisdictions to revise their development regulations within six months following adoption of their periodic updates to include Middle Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units; and

45 WHEREAS, the Update proposes the creation of the Residential Neighborhood zone to
46 permit Middle Housing, creation of the Alderwood Zone for transit oriented development near
47 the future West Alderwood Station, the creation of the Multi-Family 45 (MUR-45) zone to
48 consolidate multifamily zones, and creation Open Space & Parks (OSP) zone for land dedicated
49 as parks and open space; and

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51 WHEREAS, on September 13, 2024, the Development & Business Services Director, acting
52 as the SEPA Responsible Official, issued a notice of Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance
53 (MDNS) for the proposed non-project action adopting the Update; and

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55 WHEREAS, on September 13, 2024, the draft Update was provided to the Washington
56 State Department of Commerce (Commerce) and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC); and

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58 WHEREAS, over the course of 16 meetings open to the public, the Lynnwood Planning
59 Commission, a seven-member advisory committee, guided the preparation of the draft Update;
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62 WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on
63 the draft Update and all persons wishing to be heard were heard; and

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65 WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024, following the public testimony portion of the public
66 hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the draft Update as amended; and

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68 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the draft
69 Update and all persons wishing to be heard were heard; and

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71 WHEREAS, upon consideration of the Update, associated documents and public
72 testimony, the City Council determined that approval of the Update, is in the interest of the
73 public's health, safety and general welfare,

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75 NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO
76 ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

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78 Section 1: Findings of Fact. Findings of fact, set forth above as whereas clauses or recitals, are
79 incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.

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81 Section 2: Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to adopt the 2024 Comprehensive Plan
82 Update. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update, also known as Imagine Lynnwood, consists of
83 eight Elements and an Appendix attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated by this
84 reference, is hereby adopted. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update supersedes previously-
85 adopted comprehensive plans.

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87 Section 3: Future Land Use Map. The 2024 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map
88 attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated by this reference shall be effective on June
89 30, 2025.

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91 Section 4: Interim Zoning Map. The Lynnwood Zoning Map, most recently amended on
92 November 27, 2023 by Ordinance 3448, remains in effect until June 30, 2025 when the 2024
93 Zoning Map attached hereto as Attachment C and incorporated by this reference shall be
94 effective.

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96 Section 5: Interim Zoning Regulations. The Lynnwood Municipal Code Title 21 most
97 recently updated by Ordinance 3475 will remain in full effect until June 30, 2025 when Title 8:
98 Unified Development Code is adopted.

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100 Section 6: Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should
101 be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or
102 unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence,
103 clause or phrase or word of this ordinance.

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105 Section 7: Effective Date: This ordinance or an approved summary thereof consisting of its
106 title shall be published in the City’s official newspaper of record and shall take effect and
107 be in full force five days following its publication.

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109 PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 27th day of January, 2025.

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112 APPROVED:

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115 *Christine Frizzell* 1/30/2025
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117 Christine Frizzell, Mayor

118 ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

119 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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