

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ACKNOWLEDGING THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL'S CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF COVINGTON'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015-2035 AND STATING THE CITY'S INTENT TO ADDRESS THE COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL AND PROVIDE A RESPONSE BY DECEMBER 31, 2017.**

WHEREAS, the City of Covington (the "City") completed a major periodic comprehensive plan update as required by the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) by adopting Covington's Comprehensive Plan 2015-2035 (the "Comprehensive Plan") on January 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the periodic update of Covington's Comprehensive Plan was reviewed by state and regional agencies pursuant to applicable state and local laws and policies; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2016, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) issued a Plan Review Report and Certification Recommendation for Covington's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2016, PSRC's Executive Board conditionally certified Covington's Comprehensive Plan with the requirement that the City address the inconsistency between the projected housing and employment growth numbers incorporated within the Comprehensive Plan, based upon a market demand study conducted by the city in 2014, and the housing and employment growth targets for Covington adopted by King County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of aligning the City's growth with the Regional Growth Strategy adopted by VISION 2040;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Covington, King County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council directs staff to work with the State Office of Financial Management (OFM), PSRC, King County and other cities within King County to accelerate the expected update of King County's growth targets after OFM issues their next five-year update cycle for GMA population projections for King County in 2017.

Section 2. The City Council directs staff to coordinate with King County, other cities within King County, and PSRC, as appropriate for Covington, to address the conditions listed for Covington in the conditional certification as described in PSRC's February 25, 2016, Certification Report.

Section 3. The City council directs staff to work with PSRC on the update of VISION 2040 policies and amend Covington's city designation in VISION 2040 to that of a Larger City.

Section 4. The City Council directs staff to review the Comprehensive Plan with the Planning Commission during the next twelve months and, if appropriate, bring back to the council recommended amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to more fully address PSRC's Regional Growth Strategy; adjust the anticipated housing and employment targets within the Comprehensive Plan to more closely align with adopted countywide targets; and identify and prioritize strategies the City will take to manage projected growth in Covington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City is committed to considering these conditions and responding back to the PSRC by Dec 31, 2017.

ADOPTED in open and regular session on this 24th day of May 2016 and signed in authentication thereof.

  
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Jeff Wagner, Mayor

ATTESTED:

  
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Sharon Scott, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

  
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Sara Springer, City Attorney