



Planning Commission Resolution No. 21-06

A RESOLUTION recommending approval of amendments to the comprehensive plan and development regulations regarding planning for parks and establishment of a parks impact fee

WHEREAS, THE PLANNING COMMISSION FINDS THE FOLLOWING:

1. The City of Everett parks system provides recreational and environmental benefits, supports a well-designed community with amenities for residents, employees, and visitors; and
2. An analysis of the community demographics and location and access to parks, as well as public engagement for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update underway, has identified a need for parks and trails to meet the community's recreation needs; and
3. The updated level of service standard identifies the type of investments needed to meet future growth, and companion policies will help guide the size, location, and maintenance of the investments to expand the system to meet demand and promote equity and inclusion; and
4. An updated Parks Capital Facilities Plan will match the level of service in the Parks and Recreation Element; and
5. A parks impact fee is a funding tool identified in the City of Everett Comprehensive Plan and authorized under RCW 82.02 to fund new capital improvements that provide capacity for growth, and relies on the parks level of service standard and capital facility program; and
6. The Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing and has considered the recommendations by staff concerning the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Parks and Recreation Element and Capital Facilities Element, and a new chapter of the Unified Development Code to establish a Parks Impact Fee; and
7. The proposed amendments are consistent with the applicable provisions of the comprehensive plan; and
8. The proposed amendments bear a substantial relation to public health, safety or welfare; and
9. The proposed amendments promote the best long-term interests of the Everett community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The planning commission recommends that the city council approve proposed amendments to the City of Everett Comprehensive Plan, attached hereto as Exhibits A-1 Parks and Recreation Element Amendments and A-2 Capital Facilities Element Amendments
2. The planning commission recommends that the city council approve amendments to Everett Municipal Code, including new Chapter 19.53 EMC (Parks Impact Fees) and amendments to EMC 19.09.050 (Multifamily Development Standards-Required Outdoor and Common Areas)