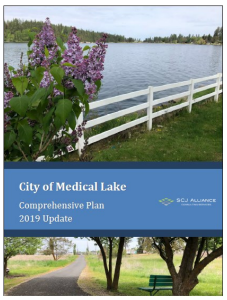
Conversations about Community

Updating Medical Lake's Comprehensive Plan

March 2024

Comprehensive Plan Update

The City of Medical Lake is embarking on a three year process to update its comprehensive plan and development codes.



Our last comprehensive plan update was initiated in 2019 and adopted in 2021. However, this update happened during the coronavirus pandemic and public participation was limited.

This time we are hoping to involve our citizens early and often to create a plan that truly represents the expectation of our community.

20 Year Forecast

Our Comprehensive Plan must demonstrate how the City will handle projected growth through the year 2046. The State and County provide population forecasts and the City will determine what housing, infrastructure, and services will be needed to support that increase in population.

Housing

The City will perform a housing needs analysis to determine if we have housing for all income levels. Housing type often translates to housing affordability, therefore, we will be looking at our supply of single family houses, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and apartments.

Growth Management Act

The Growth Management Act (GMA) was first adopted by Washington State in 1990. It contains 15 land use goals and requires most cities and counties to have comprehensive plan. It also mandates that the plans are periodically updated. Our update is due in June of 2026. You can find out more at https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/planning/gma/growth-management-act.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission will be discussing each chapter of the existing Comprehensive Plan during their monthly meetings.

- **Mar 28th: Land Use**
- **Apr 18th: Transportation**
- **May 23rd: Public Services & Facilities**
- **June 27th: Parks and Recreation**
- **July25th: Housing**
- **Aug 22nd: Economic Development**
- **Sept 26th: Natural Environment**

Meetings start at 5:30 and can be attended in person at City Hall or via Zoom. We encourage you to listen and give your opinion.

Access a copy of the existing plan at www.medical-lake.org