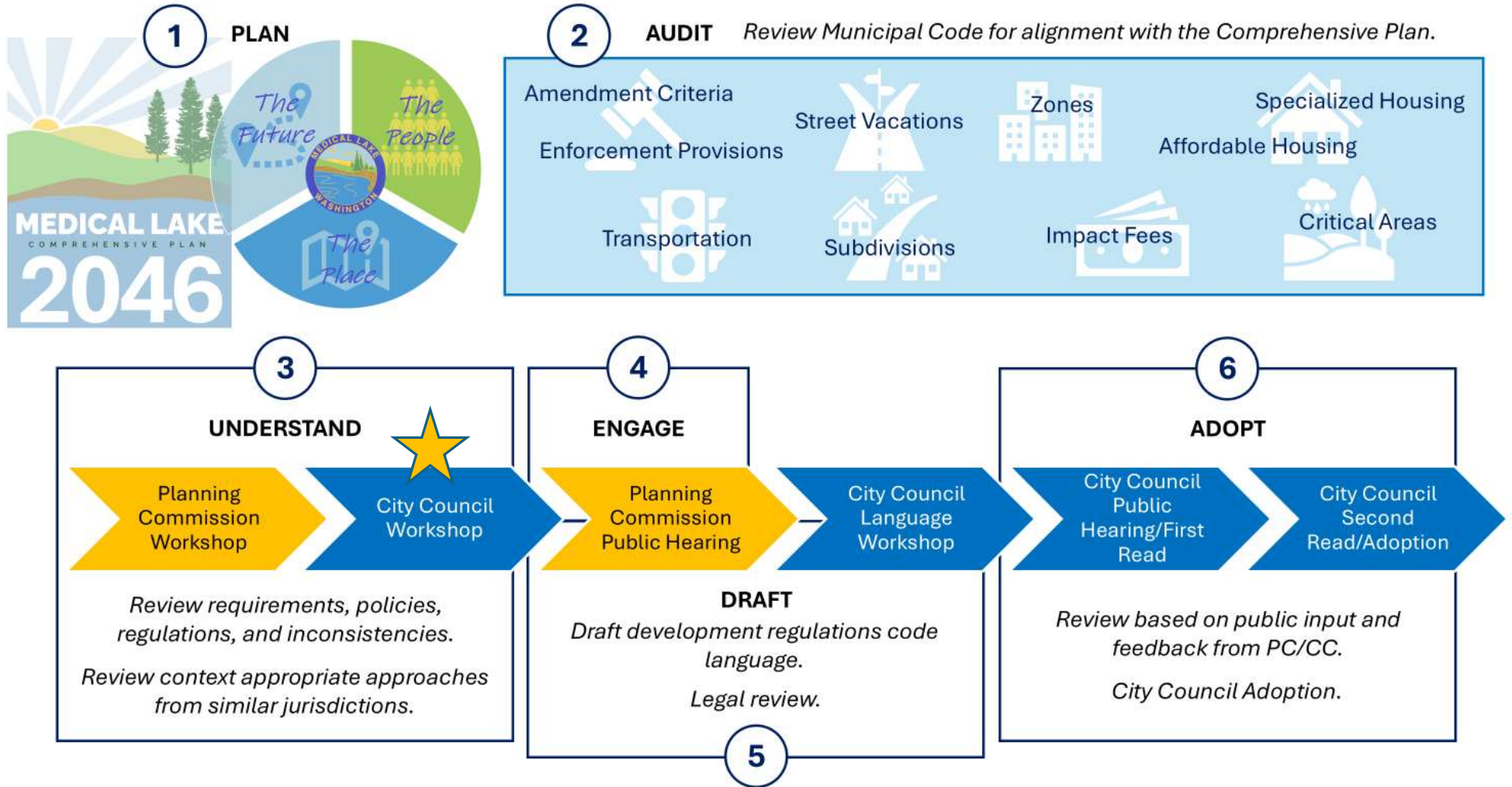


# DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ORDINANCE UPDATE PROCESS



Meeting Date	Comprehensive Plan	Development Regulation Subject Groups									
		Amendment Criteria	Enforcement	Street Vacations	Zones	Affordable Housing	Specialized Housing	Transportation	Subdivisions	Impact Fees	Critical Areas
Nov 20, 2025		PC Workshop	PC Workshop								
Dec 2, 2025		CC Idea Workshop									
Dec 16, 2025											
Dec 18, 2025		PC Hearing		PC Workshop							
Jan 6, 2026		CC Language Workshop	CC Language Workshop								
Jan 20, 2026											
Jan 29, 2026					PC Workshop						
Feb 3, 2026		CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Idea Workshop							
Feb 17, 2026		CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC 2nd Read / Adoption		CC Idea Workshop						
Feb 26, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Intro/Part 1				PC Hearing	PC Workshop					
Mar 3, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Intro/Part 1			CC Language Workshop							
Mar 17, 2026				CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop					
Mar 26, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 2					PC Hearing	PC Workshop				
Apr 7, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 2			CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Hearing / 1st Read		CC Idea Workshop				
Apr 16, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 3						PC Hearing	PC Workshop			
Apr 21, 2026					CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Language Workshop					
May 5, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 3						CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop			
May 19, 2026					CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Hearing / 1st Read					
May 28, 2026	PC Hearing: Comprehensive Plan						PC Hearing	PC Workshop			
Jun 2, 2026					CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC 2nd Read / Adoption					
Jun 16, 2026	CC Hearing / 1st Read: Comprehensive Plan						CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop			
Jun 25, 2026								PC Hearing	PC Workshop		
Jul 7, 2026	CC 2nd Read/Adoption: Comprehensive Plan						CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop		
Jul 21, 2026							CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Hearing / 1st Read			
Jul 23, 2026									PC Hearing	PC Workshop	
Aug 4, 2026								CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop	
Aug 18, 2026									CC Hearing / 1st Read		
Aug 27, 2026										PC Hearing	
Sep 1, 2026									CC 2nd Read / Adoption		
Sep 15, 2026											CC Language Workshop
Sep 24, 2026											
Oct 6, 2026											CC Hearing / 1st Read
Oct 20, 2026											CC 2nd Read / Adoption



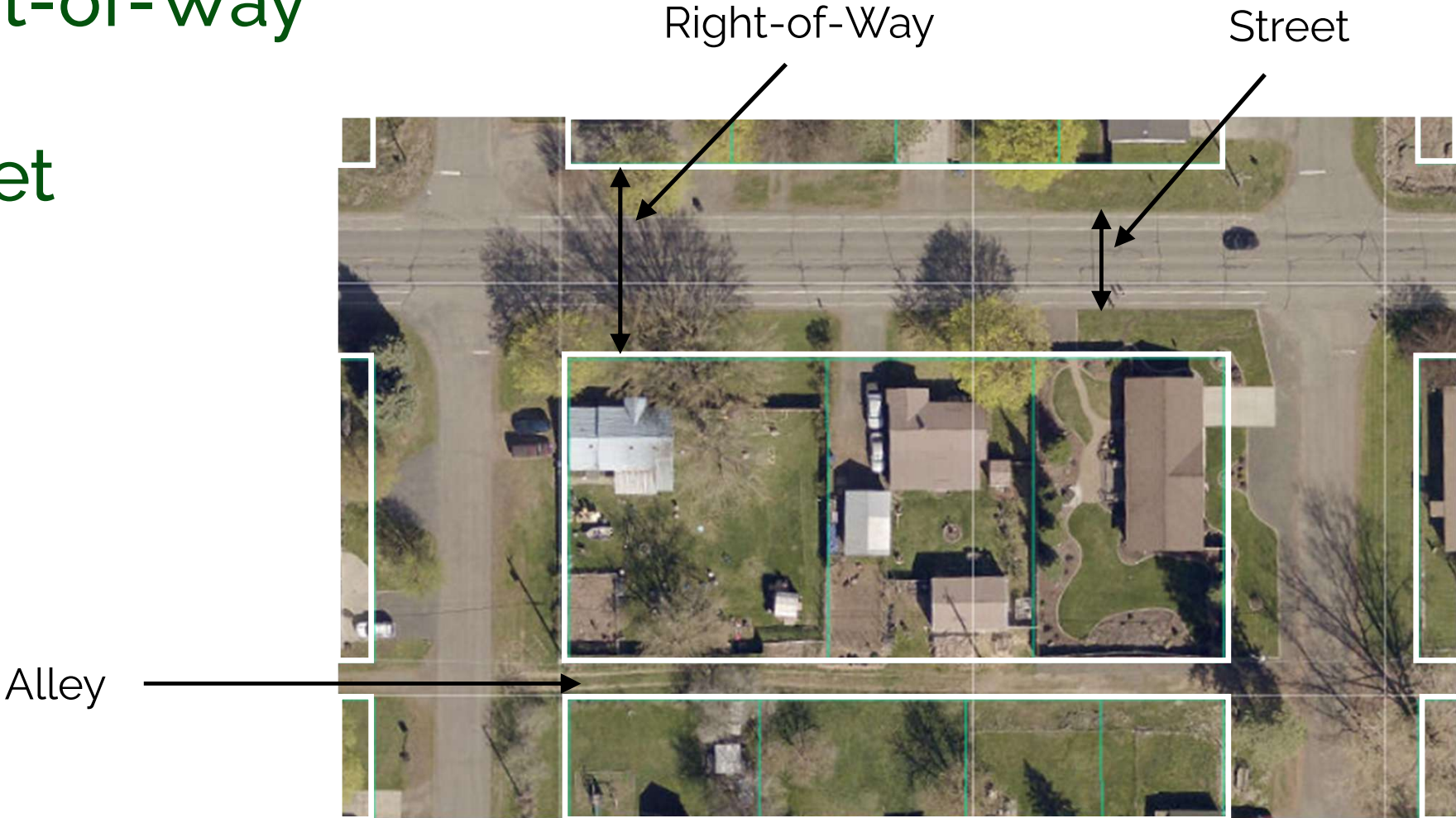
STREET VACATIONS

# What is a Street Vacation?

A street vacation is the formal legal process by which a city, county, or town relinquishes its public interest in a street, alley, or road (the right-of way).

The government terminates its easement for public travel, effectively closing the street or alley from public use.

# Right-of-Way vs Street





## Current Code

Street Vacations are not addressed in the  
Medical Lake Municipal Code

RCW 35.79 outlines process

## RCW 35.79 – Vacation of Streets

Initiation – Petition by 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the adjacent owners or City Council

City Council sets a date for a public hearing via resolution

Public notice in the newspaper, 3 public locations, and on site

Public hearing is held

City can require compensation

City can reserve easements

# What's Missing from State Law

Policy regarding best practices for the City

Criteria to evaluate a request

Policy regarding easements

Policy regarding compensation

## RCW 35.79.035

A city or town cannot vacate any street or alley abutting water unless one of the following conditions is met:

The vacation enables the city to acquire the property for:

- port development
- beach or water access
- boat moorage or launching sites
- park, recreational, public viewing, or educational purposes or other designated public uses