

ORDINANCE NO. 26-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROYAL CITY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2025 ANNUAL CYCLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS PURSUANT TO THE WASHINGTON STATE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT, CHAPTER 36.70A RCW; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY PROVISION; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of ROYAL CITY (“City”), Washington is a fully planning city under the state Growth Management Act (“GMA”), Chapter 36.70A of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”); and

WHEREAS, the GMA requires the City to develop and adopt a comprehensive plan containing elements that sets forth the goals and policies to guide the future development of the City for the succeeding 20-year period; the last update completed in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the GMA establishes procedures for the periodic review and amendment of Comprehensive Plans governing counties and cities planning under the GMA; and

WHEREAS, the Royal City City Council has established a process and criteria for making modifications to the City's Comprehensive Plan in Chapter 18.15 of the Royal City Municipal Code (“RCMC”), including text and map amendments in accordance with the GMA and state law, whereby proposed amendments or revisions of the Comprehensive Plan are considered by the governing body of the City no more frequently than once every year; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan have been summarized in the matrix attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the City's capital improvement plan and maps within the Comprehensive Plan were outdated and needed amending to keep it consistent with the GMA and maintain eligibility for state grants; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendment, a continuous and broad effort has been made to engage the public and encourage their participation in the project, including providing public notices published in the local paper, sharing meeting dates on City utility bills, posting notices on the City website and on the City Hall notice board , contacting staff and state agencies, and making public presentations and hearings at City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a SEPA Determination of Non- Significance for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments on August 5, 2025, and provided a 30-day comment period; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted by the Planning Agency on September 4, 2025, to hear staff recommendations and take public testimony on each of the proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan and proposed land use changes; making recommendations and listing findings of fact on each amendment and land use change, and;

WHEREAS, as required by RCW 36.70A.106, the City provided notice of its intent to adopt the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Washington State Department of

Commerce on October 9, 2025 for a 60-day comment period, received comments were responded to by the planning agency; and

WHEREAS, the Royal City City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments on February 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Ordinance completes the City's annual amendment of its comprehensive plan in accordance with RCW Chapter 36.70A; and

WHEREAS, after considering the staff and Planning Agency recommendations and all public testimony received in the public hearing, the Royal City City Council determined to approve certain modifications and edits and to adopt the final plan by the passage of this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROYAL CITY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings and Conclusions. In support of the actions taken by this ordinance, the Royal City City Council hereby adopts the following as findings and conclusions:

- A. The recitals set forth above;
- B. The findings, conclusions, and analysis contained in the Planning Agency Findings of Fact and Recommendation dated October 7, 2025; and
- C. The findings, conclusions and analysis contained in the City Council Public Hearing Staff Report, dated November 18, 2025.

Section 2. 2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Adopted. The Royal City Comprehensive Plan is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached to this ordinance and incorporated by this reference as if set forth in full.

Section 3. Administrative Update Permitted. The City Council authorizes the Public Works Director to make corrections to the Water, Sewer, and Transportation Plans referenced in the Comprehensive Plan, to reflect current system conditions following review by the appropriate regional and state agencies

Section 4. Directing Submission to Department of Commerce. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, the Planning Agency or designee shall transmit a complete and accurate copy of this Ordinance and attachments to the Washington State Department of Commerce within ten (10) calendar days of the date of passage.

Section 5. Severability. If any Section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other Section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after this Ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title is published.

APPROVED:

MAYOR RYAN PIERCY

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

JANICE FLYNN, FINANCE DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

KATHERINE KENISON

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: _____
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: _____
PUBLISHED: _____
EFFECTIVE DATE: _____
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-02
of the City of Royal City, Washington

On the _____ day of _____, 2026, the City Council of the City of Royal City, Washington, passed Ordinance No. _____. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

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The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Janice Flynn, Finance Director

EXHIBIT A
2025 Amended 2018-2038 Comprehensive Plan

EXHIBIT B

Scope of changes to the Comprehensive Plan