

ORDINANCE NO. 3387

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON adopting by reference a revised Transportation Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, the requisite public hearing before the Planning Commission on December 18, 2007 was preceded with appropriate notice, published on November 5, 2007; and, the requisite City Council hearing of January 9, 2008 was preceded with appropriate notice also published on December 24, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the requisite notice of adoption of the proposed amendments has been duly transmitted in compliance with RCW 36.70A.106 (1); and,

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Transportation Element provide for consistency with State and County development regulations; and,

WHEREAS, a SEPA Threshold Determination of Non-significance, non-project action, was published on December 6, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has been briefed on significant elements of the update to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan to authorize staff to move forward since August 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan has consistently been maintained in compliance with the Growth Management Act as amended since the initial adoption in 1995. The revisions and analysis in the updated Transportation Element are also consistent with the requirements of the Growth Management Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon City Council has reviewed the proposed update to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan as contained in Exhibit A and the recommendation and findings of the Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS the City Council finds that the attached revised Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan reflects the best interests of the citizens of the City of Mount Vernon, Washington, and reflects the desires of the public; and,

WHEREAS, the requirements for public participation in the development of this amendment as required by the State Growth Management Act (GMA) and by the provisions of City of Mount Vernon Resolution No. 491 have all been met; and,

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings of Fact.

The Mount Vernon City Council makes the following findings:

- A. The City has followed SEPA requirements and those requirements for public participation required by the Growth Management Act (GMA) and adopted by the City of Mount Vernon Resolution No. 491.
- B. The amendments comply with the GMA and are consistent with the State's planning goals.
- C. The proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan ensure that the City's Comprehensive Plan is internally consistent and is also consistent with the City's development regulations.

SECTION 2. The City Council adopts the Planning Commission's findings of fact and conclusions of law in their entirety.

SECTION 3. Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference is hereby adopted as the 2007 update to the Transportation Element of the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan and shall be included as Chapter 6 within the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Mount Vernon.

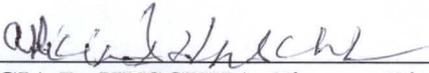
SECTION 4. In the event any term or condition of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other terms, conditions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid term, condition, or application. To this end, the terms and conditions of this ordinance are declared severable.

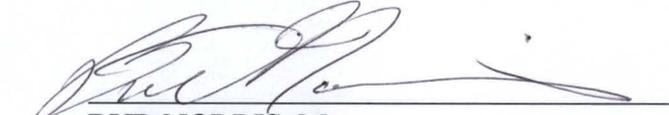
SECTION 5. City staff are hereby directed to complete preparation of the final 2007 Update to the Transportation Element, including correction of any typographical or editorial edits.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2008.

SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS 9th day of January, 2008


ALICIA D. HUSCHKA, Finance Director


BUD NORRIS, Mayor

Approved as to form:


KEVIN ROGERSON, City Attorney

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