

RESOLUTION NO. 1510

A RESOLUTION OF THE EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AS IT PERTAINS TO LAND USE, ZONING, BUILDING CODES AND ORDINANCES AND TO URGE COUNTY AND STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO NOT TAKE THESE RIGHTS AWAY THROUGH LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

WHEREAS, Edmonds is a code city within the State of Washington as encoded by Title 35A RCW; and

WHEREAS, code cities were created by the State Legislature in order to grant the greatest degree of local control to municipalities possible under the state constitution and general law; and

WHEREAS, code cities are authorized to perform any function not specifically denied them in the State Constitution or by state law and may perform any function granted to any other city classification under Title 35 RCW; and

WHEREAS, Edmonds' Comprehensive Plan recognizes and adheres to Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements and contains a wide variety of housing options in addition to specific sub-area plans and Edmonds is comfortably exceeding current and projected GMA targets for housing capacity; and

WHEREAS, Edmonds has an engaged volunteer Planning Board of citizens to guide growth; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, a 23-volunteer Citizens' Housing Commission met for 18 months and provided 15 recommendations to the City Council that included robust and flexible zoning and building codes to meet a changing environment; and

WHEREAS, Edmonds has a land area of 8.9 square miles and has consistently met GMA growth targets with 2035 population projected to be 45,550; and

WHEREAS, Edmonds is a waterfront community with a built-out city that has a unique topography with large watersheds and public spaces which limits our land capacity for new structures; and

WHEREAS, our buildable lands report reflected 23 years of constant growth and current permitting projections are exceeding all prior forecasts; and

WHEREAS, residents have clearly spoken that we value neighborhood character and are increasingly protective of watersheds, critical areas and our environment and;

WHEREAS, a survey conducted by our Citizens' Housing Commission, showed 78% of respondents strongly desire to retain single family zoning as currently codified; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Edmonds City Council adopts this resolution to express its official position in support of retaining local control of our zoning and building codes without modification by County or State legislation.

Section 2. The Edmonds City Council opposes legislation, or other outside mandates, which changes or attempts to influence local zoning or building codes or any definitions associated with them.

Section 3. The Edmonds City Council further resolves that, by its legislative policy, single family zoning will continue to be a component of our zoning codes.

Section 4. The City of Edmonds accepts responsibility for our land use and zoning codes to be in compliance with all current federal, state and county laws.

Section 5. The Edmonds City Council directs that copies of this Resolution shall be sent to our Snohomish County representatives, Governor Inslee, and our State representatives as a means of affirming our City’s support of our right to self-determination of our land use, zoning and building codes and ordinances.

Section 6. The Edmonds City Council reaffirms our commitment to our citizens to reject any intervention by County and State Legislators to dilute any of City Council’s authority in all land use matters.

RESOLVED this 6th day of December 2022.

CITY OF EDMONDS


MAYOR, MIKE NELSON

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK, SCOTT PASSEY

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: December 2, 2022
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: December 6, 2022
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