



**Date:** April 26, 2023  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Planning Division Staff, Department of Community & Economic Development  
**Subject:** PZ 23-26 – Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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MEMORANDUM

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**Summary:** The Planning Commission is considering proposed amendments to the Port Angeles Comprehensive Plan intended to integrate policies from the Climate Resiliency Plan and ensure consistency of the Land Use Element with the recently adopted amendments to Title 17 of the Port Angeles Municipal Code.

**Background**

The Port Angeles Comprehensive Plan was last amended in 2019. The City has made considerable progress in planning for climate resiliency and attainable housing since 2019. The Port Angeles Climate Resiliency Plan (CRP) was adopted in June of 2022, followed by the adoption of a CRP Implementation Plan in November of 2022. The City participated in a pilot program with the Washington State Department of Commerce, intended to identify climate resiliency goals and policies for integration into the Comprehensive Plan to ensure consistency between the CRP and the City’s future. The culmination of the pilot program in March of 2023 resulted in identifying goals and policies to integrate into the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments include climate resiliency and updated descriptions of land use categories in the Land Use element to reflect the amendments to Title 17 of the Port Angeles Municipal Code approved in March of 2023.

**Methodology**

Department of Community & Economic Development staff added the draft climate resiliency goals and policies identified during the pilot program to appropriate elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff developed a typology to evaluate the purpose of the proposed goal/policy additions and edits, as follows:

**Type 1** – An existing goal/policy identified as applicable to an additional plan element. These goals/policies have been added to one or more elements to promote consistency, acknowledging that some goals/policies apply to multiple elements.

**Type 2** – A new goal/policy facilitates the implementation of the Climate Resiliency Plan. These goals/policies will help fulfill one or more actions identified in the CRP Implementation Plan.

**Type 3** – A new or amended goal/policy elaborates on existing goals/policies within the plan elements. Staff edited some existing items to reflect climate resiliency.

**Type 4** – Staff added a new or amended goal/policy based on direction received from the Planning Commission and the public. During the public input opportunities for the CRP

Implementation Plan and pilot program, the City received feedback on goal/policy language that promotes climate resiliency.

**Type 5** – A new or amended goal/policy promotes consistency between multiple elements within the Comprehensive Plan.

**Type 6** - A new or amended goal/policy promotes plan consistency with one or more other City plans (e.g., Housing Action Plan) or regulations (e.g., SEPA regulations). Sometimes, the City plan or policy is mentioned explicitly in the amended goal/policy. In other cases, the amended goal/policy would help facilitate the implementation of other City plans or policies not directly named in the amendment.

Staff used this typology to classify each change included in Appendix A so it is apparent what each amended goal/policy accomplishes. Staff categorized most of the proposed amendments under several types. The Planning Commission is encouraged to analyze the language of each amended or new goal/policy and its proposed location within the Comprehensive Plan.

### **Next Steps**

The Planning Commission must conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment in May. The Planning Commission shall provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding whether to adopt the proposed amendment. The City Council will make the final decision in June. The Growth Management Act requires the adoption of annual Comprehensive Plan amendments by the end of June.

### **Appendices**

[Appendix A: Draft 2023 Port Angeles Comprehensive Plan Amendments](#)

[Appendix B: Comprehensive Plan Appendices](#)

[Appendix C: Port Angeles Climate Resiliency Plan](#)

[Appendix D: Port Angeles Climate Resiliency Implementation Plan](#)

[Appendix E: Port Angeles Climate Resilience Discussion Guide](#)

[Appendix F: Resilience Planning Spreadsheet](#)

[Appendix G: February 8, 2023 Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes](#)