



City Council Agenda Bill

20371

Bill Number

Subject: A multi-jurisdictional resolution regarding 2036 population and employment allocations

Summary Statement: The Growth Management Act requires the County and the cities to work together to adopt population and employment growth forecasts to be used to update comprehensive plans. In November 2013, the City Council approved preliminary population and employment growth allocations and those recommendations were forwarded to Whatcom County. The County Council approved by resolution the requested allocations in March. The attached resolution memorializes the allocations.

Previous Council Action: Approved population and employment allocation recommendations on Nov. 18, 2013.

Fiscal Impact: The City contributed \$60,000 in 2013 towards this work and the upcoming environmental review.

Funding Source: PCDD 2013 professional services

Attachments: Resolution

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Staff Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing Vote Requested	4/7/2014	Pass Resolution	Greg Aucutt, Assistant Director	5 minutes

Recommended Motion: .

Council Committee:
Committee Of The Whole

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Reviewed By	Department	Date
<i>Gregory R. Aucutt</i>	Planning	03/25/2014
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<i>Alan A. Marriner</i>	Legal	03/26/2014
<i>Kelli J. Linville</i>	Executive	04/01/2014

**NON-BINDING MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL RESOLUTION REGARDING
POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT ALLOCATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act (GMA) requires Bellingham, Whatcom County and the other cities to review and, if needed, update their respective comprehensive plans by June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the GMA requires county and city comprehensive plans to be coordinated and consistent; and

WHEREAS, the GMA states that urban growth areas (UGAs) must be revised to accommodate the urban growth projected to occur in the succeeding 20-year planning period by June 30, 2016 (RCW 36.70A.130); and

WHEREAS, the GMA, county-wide planning policies and inter-local agreements indicate that review of UGAs should be coordinated between the County and the cities; and

WHEREAS, population and employment allocations are a critical component in the comprehensive plan update and UGA review process; and

WHEREAS, while final decisions on population and employment allocations will not be made until the comprehensive plan is adopted in 2016, it is important for the County and cities to agree upon preliminary allocations in order to coordinate transportation modeling, capital facility planning, environmental review, and UGA recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has requested staff to work with the cities to develop an effective, robust Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program as part of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update; and

WHEREAS, it's the County's intention that any request to expand an urban growth area will include a proposed interlocal agreement to transfer or purchase development rights (from rural or resource lands) when annexation occurs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

The City of Bellingham hereby agrees to utilize the population and employment growth allocations shown on Exhibit A as the preliminary allocations for initial review of urban its growth areas. The City acknowledges that a range of population and employment

allocations will be studied in the UGA review process and that the formal city proposal and the final UGA growth allocation may be different than set forth in this Resolution.

PASSED by the Council this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Council President

APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Office of the City Attorney

Exhibit A

UGA	Population Growth Allocation	Employment Growth Allocation
Bellingham	35,918	22,641
Birch Bay	5,500	545
Blaine	4,414	2,097
Cherry Point	0	890
Columbia Valley	1,345	359
Everson	1,242	602
Ferndale	6,833	2,802
Lynden	6,403	2,157
Nooksack	1,035	290
Sumas	874	445
Non-UGA	11,217	3,201
TOTAL	74,781	36,029

Notes:

1. *The population allocation represents, for preliminary planning purposes, the additional population growth anticipated between 2013 and 2036.*
2. *The employment allocation represents, for preliminary planning purposes, the additional employment growth anticipated between 2013 and 2036.*