

RESOLUTION NO. 3205

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN TO ACCEPT  
APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LAND USE DESIGNATION MAP  
CONTAINED WITHIN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City is required to adopt a Public Participation Plan when the City contemplates potential changes to the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, City staff believes it is in the best interest of the City to accept applications for changes to the Land Use Designation Map (within the Comprehensive Plan) between May 15 and 23, 2025, in advance of the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update that is scheduled for completion in 2026; and

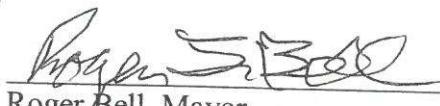
WHEREAS, City staff further believes it is in the best interest of the City to engage the public in a variety of ways, in hopes of encouraging residents and interested parties to participate; and

WHEREAS, City staff has drafted a proposed Public Participation Plan, which adequately addresses the requirements of public notification and participation contained within the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that good cause exists to adopt the Public Participation Plan in the form proposed by City staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON that the attached Public Participation Plan (marked as "Attachment A") shall be and is adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELAH, WASHINGTON this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

  
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Roger Bell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Courtney McGarity  
Courtney McGarity, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. A. C.  
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Rob Case, City Attorney

# **“Attachment A”**

## **Selah Public Participation Plan**

### **2025 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map Update**

#### **Introduction and background**

The City of Selah is preparing to accept applications for potential changes to the Land Use Designation Map that is contained within the City’s Comprehensive Plan. This process requires the adoption of a public participation plan detailing the efforts to engage the community during the process. The City is currently engaged in the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update process, which is anticipated to be complete in mid-2026. The periodic update will follow a similar but separate process.

#### **Intended outcomes**

- Make changes to the Land Use Designation Map
- Create and adopt an official Land Use Designation Map
- Accept Applications between May 15 and 23, 2025

#### **Early and continuous public involvement**

The City is committed to encouraging early and continuous public involvement. The City will make reasonable effort to provide the public information regarding the process and outcome.

A Public Hearing will be conducted by the City’s Planning Commission to solicit public comments, prior to the Planning Commission forwarding a recommendation to the City Council.

#### **Participation methods**

Several recommendations for meeting the Growth Management Act public participation requirements are included in WAC 365-196-600(3.a), which emphasizes the importance of involving the broadest cross-section of the community into the planning process. Moreover, the WAC encourages jurisdictions to involve groups not previously involved in planning to become involved in land use and comprehensive planning.

**1. Public Hearings** – Provide notice of Public Hearings and allow participation at

the open public hearing before the Planning Commission.

**2. Written comment** – Allow written comments. Written comments may be in the form of letters or email and other correspondence to the City regarding the proposed changes to the Land Use Designation Map.

### **Broad and effective noticing**

The public participation requirements of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) include notice procedures that are reasonably calculated to provide notice to property owners and other affected and interested individuals of proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Examples of notice provisions include:

1. Posting notice at City Hall.
2. Publishing a notice in the Yakima Herald-Republic, the City's designated newspaper of general circulation.
3. Notifying public or private groups with known interest in a certain proposal or in the type of proposal being considered.
4. Press release notifying local papers/publications/ news and media outlets such as the Yakima Herald-Republic and Selah Journal newspapers.
5. Sending notice to agency mailing lists, including general lists or lists for specific proposals or subject areas.

In addition to the noticing techniques listed above, the City will maintain this information on its official website and will also post notices on approved social media platforms.

### **Legal**

The Public Participation Plan is not intended to modify any notification requirements contained within the Selah Municipal Code, Revised Code of Washington, or Washington Administrative Code. Site specific changes will require notification to all persons within 600 feet, per SMC 10.40.050.