

# Shaping Spokane

## Comprehensive Plan for the City of Spokane



## VISION STATEMENTS

### LAND USE

"Growth will be managed to allow a mix of land uses that fit, support, and enhance Spokane's neighborhoods, protect the environment, and sustain the downtown area and broaden the economic base of the community."

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### TRANSPORTATION

"Spokane will have a well-maintained multi-modal transportation system that provides safe and efficient mobility for all, supports economic and community vitality, and promotes a healthy, livable community."

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### CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES

"Public facilities and utilities will be provided concurrently with a growing population to meet safety, utility, transportation, educational and cultural needs of residents."

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### HOUSING

"Affordable housing of all types will be available to all community residents in an environment that is safe, clean, and healthy. Renewed emphasis will be placed on preserving existing homes and rehabilitating older neighborhoods."

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### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"Spokane will enjoy a quality of life for everyone that includes a diversified economic base that provides a livable wage, a healthy natural environment, and an economically vibrant downtown. Spokane's quality of life will be built on a partnership of diverse interests, including education, business, government, and neighborhoods."

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### URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

"The qualities that make Spokane unique, including the historic and cultural fabric, neighborhoods, downtown area, parks and green spaces, and tree-lined streets will be maintained and improved."

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### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

"Spokane will be responsible stewards of the environment to ensure clean air and water and healthy trees and parks. Residents will have convenient access to natural and recreational areas inside and outside the City."

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### SOCIAL HEALTH

"Spokane will be a safe and nurturing community that provides a diversity of social, recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities for all ages. A strong, positive identity for Spokane will be furthered by constructive community events and activities."

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### NEIGHBORHOODS

"Spokane's neighborhoods will be safe, inclusive, diverse, and livable with a variety of compatible services. Existing neighborhoods will be preserved or enhanced and new, distinctive neighborhoods, including the downtown area, will be established so that a sense of community is promoted."

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### PARKS AND RECREATION

"Spokane will acquire, operate, enhance, and protect a diverse system of parks, boulevards, parkways, urban forest, golf courses, and recreational, cultural, historical, and open space areas for the enjoyment and enrichment of all."

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### LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE, AND CITIZENSHIP

"Spokane will be an informed community that is visionary, respectful, tolerant, and inclusive. Spokane's leadership will be open, empowering, and responsible to planning for future generations within the city and the greater community."

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## LAND USE - Goals

### LAND USE

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#### LU 1

##### CITYWIDE LAND USE

Offer a harmonious blend of opportunities for living, working, recreation, education, shopping, and cultural activities by protecting natural amenities, providing coordinated, efficient, and cost effective public facilities and utility services, carefully managing both residential and non-residential development and design, and proactively reinforcing downtown Spokane’s role as a vibrant urban center.

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#### LU 2

##### PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT

Encourage the enhancement of the public realm.

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#### LU 3

##### EFFICIENT LAND USE

Promote the efficient use of land by the use of incentives, density and mixed-use development in proximity to retail businesses, public services, places of work, and transportation systems.

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#### LU 4

##### TRANSPORTATION

Promote a network of safe and cost effective transportation alternatives, including transit, carpooling, bicycling, pedestrian-oriented environments, and more efficient use of the automobile, to recognize the relationship between land use and transportation.

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#### LU 5

##### DEVELOPMENT CHARACTER

Promote development in a manner that is attractive, complementary, and compatible with other land uses.

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#### LU 6

##### ADEQUATE PUBLIC LANDS AND FACILITIES

Ensure the provision and distribution of adequate, well-located public lands and facilities throughout the city.

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#### LU 7

##### IMPLEMENTATION

Ensure that the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan are implemented.

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#### LU 8

##### URBAN GROWTH AREA

Maintain an Urban Growth Area that includes areas and densities sufficient to accommodate the city’s allocated population, housing and employment growth for the succeeding twenty-year period, including the accommodation of the medical, governmental, educational, institutional, commercial, and industrial facilities related to such growth, but that does not exceed the area necessary to accommodate such growth.

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#### LU 9

##### ANNEXATION

Support annexations that enhance effective and efficient government.

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#### LU 10

##### JOINT PLANNING

Support joint growth management planning and annexation requests, which best meet the Comprehensive Plan’s development goals and policies.

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## LAND USE – Policy LU 1

### LU 1

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#### LU 1.1

##### NEIGHBORHOODS

Utilize the neighborhood concept as a unit of Design for planning housing, transportation, services, and amenities.

#### LU 1.2

##### DISTRICTS

Identify districts as the framework for providing secondary schools, larger park and recreation facilities, and more varied shopping facilities.

#### LU 1.3

##### SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Identify districts as the framework for providing secondary schools, larger park and recreation facilities, and more varied shopping facilities.

#### LU 1.4

##### HIGHER DENSITY RESIDENTIAL USES

Direct new higher density residential uses to Centers and Corridors designated on the Land Use Plan Map.

#### LU 1.5

##### OFFICE USES

Direct new office uses to Centers and Corridors designated on the Land Use Plan Map.

#### LU 1.6

##### NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL USE

Direct new neighborhood retail use to Neighborhood Centers designated on the Land Use Plan Map.

#### LU 1.7

##### NEIGHBORHOOD MINI- CENTERS

Create a Neighborhood Mini-Center wherever an existing Neighborhood Retail area is larger than two acres.

#### LU 1.8

##### GENERAL COMMERCIAL USES

Contain General Commercial areas within the boundaries occupied by existing business designations and within the boundaries of designated Centers and Corridors.

#### LU 1.9

##### DOWNTOWN

Develop city wide plans and strategies that are designed to ensure a viable, economically strong downtown area.

#### LU 1.10

##### INDUSTRY

Provide a variety of industrial locations and site sizes for a variety of light and heavy industrial development and safeguard them from competing land uses.

#### LU 1.11

##### AGRICULTURE

Designate areas for Agriculture lands that are suited for long-term agricultural production.

#### LU 1.12

##### PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Ensure that public facilities and services systems are adequate to accommodate proposed development before permitting development to occur.

#### LU 1.13

##### PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Develop funding mechanisms, incentives, and other methods to procure land for formal parks and/or natural open space in existing and new neighborhoods based upon adopted standards of the Comprehensive Plan.

#### LU 1.14

##### NONCONFORMING USES

Avoid the creation of large areas of nonconforming uses at the time of adoption of new development regulations.

#### LU 1.15

##### AIRFIELD INFLUENCE AREAS

Prohibit the siting of land uses that are incompatible with aviation operations in the Airfield Influence Areas designated on Comprehensive Plan maps, and contain residential Comprehensive Plan designations and zoning in the Airfield Influence Areas to their existing locations not allowing for expansion or increases in residential density.

#### LU 1.16

##### MOBILE HOME PARKS

Designate appropriate areas for the preservation of mobile and manufactured home parks.

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## LAND USE – Policy LU 2

### LU 2

#### PUBLIC REALM ENHANCEMENT

Encourage the enhancement of the public realm.

#### LU 2.1

##### PUBLIC REALM FEATURES

Encourage features that improve the appearance of development, paying attention to how projects function to encourage social interaction and relate to and enhance the surrounding urban and natural environment.

#### LU 2.2

##### PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Employ performance and design standards with sufficient flexibility and appropriate incentives to ensure that development is compatible with surrounding land uses.

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## LAND USE – Policy LU 3

### LU 3

#### COORDINATED AND EFFICIENT LAND USE

Promote the efficient use of land by the use of incentives, density and mixed-use development in proximity to retail businesses, public services, places of work, and transportation systems.

#### LU 3.1

##### COORDINATED AND EFFICIENT LAND USE

Encourage coordinated and efficient growth and development through infrastructure financing and construction programs, tax and regulatory incentives, and by focusing growth in areas where adequate services and facilities exist or can be economically extended.

#### LU 3.2

##### CENTERS AND CORRIDORS

Designate Centers and Corridors (neighborhood scale, community or district scale, and regional scale) on the Land Use Plan Map that encourage a mix of uses and activities around which growth is focused.

#### LU 3.3

##### DESIGNATING CENTERS AND CORRIDORS

Designate new Centers or Corridors in appropriate locations on the Land Use Plan Map through a city-approved planning process.

#### LU 3.4

##### PLANNING FOR CENTERS AND CORRIDORS

Conduct a city-approved subarea planning process to determine the location, size, mix of land uses, and underlying zoning within designated Centers and Corridors. Prohibit any change to land use or zoning within suggested Centers or Corridors until a subarea planning process is completed.

#### LU 3.5

##### MIX OF USES IN CENTERS

Achieve a proportion of uses in Centers that will stimulate pedestrian activity and create mutually reinforcing land uses.

#### LU 3.6

##### COMPACT RESIDENTIAL PATTERNS

Allow more compact and affordable housing in all neighborhoods, in accordance with design guidelines.

#### LU 3.7

##### MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM LOT SIZES

Prescribe maximum, as well as minimum, lot size standards to achieve the desired residential density for all areas of the city.

#### LU 3.8

##### SHARED PARKING

Encourage shared parking Facilities for business and commercial establishments That have dissimilar peak use periods.

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## LAND USE – Policy LU 4

### **LU 4 TRANSPORTATION**

Promote a network of safe and cost effective transportation alternatives, including transit, carpooling, bicycling, pedestrian-oriented environments, and more efficient use of the automobile, to recognize the relationship between land use and transportation.

#### **LU 4.1**

##### **LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION**

Coordinate land use and transportation planning to result in an efficient pattern of development that supports alternative transportation modes consistent with the Transportation Chapter and makes significant progress toward reducing sprawl, traffic congestion, and air pollution.

#### **LU 4.2**

##### **LAND USES THAT SUPPORT TRAVEL OPTIONS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

Provide a compatible mix of housing and commercial uses in Neighborhood Centers, District Centers, Employment Centers, and Corridors.

#### **LU 4.3**

##### **NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH-TRAFFIC**

Create boundaries for new neighborhoods through which principal arterials should not pass.

#### **LU 4.4**

##### **CONNECTIONS**

Form a well-connected network which provides safe, direct and convenient access for all users, including pedestrians, bicycles, and automobiles, through site design for new development and redevelopment.

#### **LU 4.5**

##### **BLOCK LENGTH**

Create a network of streets that is generally laid out in a grid pattern that features more street intersections and shorter block lengths in order to increase street connectivity and access.

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## LAND USE – Policy LU 5

### LU 5

#### DEVELOPMENT CHARACTER

Promote development in a manner that is attractive, complementary, and compatible with other land uses.

#### LU 5.1

##### BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Ensure that developments are sensitive to the built and natural environment (for example, air and water quality, noise, traffic congestion, and public utilities and services), by providing adequate impact mitigation to maintain and enhance quality of life.

#### LU 5.2

##### ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENHANCEMENT

Encourage site locations and design features that enhance environmental quality and compatibility with surrounding land uses.

#### LU 5.3

##### OFF-SITE IMPACTS

Ensure that off-street parking, access, and loading facilities do not adversely impact the surrounding area.

#### LU 5.4

##### NATURAL FEATURES AND HABITAT PROTECTION

Ensure development is accomplished in a manner that protects significant natural features and wildlife habitat.

#### LU 5.5

##### COMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT

Ensure that infill and redevelopment projects are well-designed and compatible with surrounding uses and building types.



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## LAND USE – Policy LU 6

### LU 6

#### ADEQUATE PUBLIC LANDS AND FACILITIES

Ensure the provision and distribution of adequate, well-located public lands and facilities throughout the city.

#### LU 6.1

##### ADVANCE SITTING

Identify, in advance of development, sites for parks, open space, wildlife habitat, police stations, fire stations, major stormwater facilities, schools, and other lands useful for public purposes.

#### LU 6.2

##### OPEN SPACE

Identify, designate, prioritize, and seek funding for open space areas.

#### LU 6.3

##### SCHOOL LOCATIONS

Work with the local school districts to identify school sites that are well-located to serve the service area and that are readily accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists.

#### LU 6.4

##### CITY AND SCHOOL COOPERATION

Continue the cooperative relationship between the city and school officials.

#### LU 6.5

##### SCHOOLS AS A NEIGHBORHOOD FOCUS

Encourage school officials to retain existing neighborhood school sites and structures because of the importance of the school in maintaining a strong, healthy neighborhood.

#### LU 6.6

##### SHARED FACILITIES

Continue the sharing of city and school facilities for neighborhood parks, recreation, and open space uses.

#### LU 6.7

##### SHARING AND PROGRAMMING PLANNING

Develop a joint plan for the City and school districts serving Spokane for sharing and programming school sites for common activities.

#### LU 6.8

##### SITING ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES

Utilize a process for locating essential public facilities that incorporates different levels of public review depending on facility scale and location.

#### LU 6.9

##### FACILITY COMPATIBILITY WITH NEIGHBORHOOD

Ensure the utilization of architectural and site designs of essential public facilities that are compatible with the surrounding area.



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## LAND USE – Policy LU 7

### **LU 7 IMPLEMENTATION**

Ensure that the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan are implemented.

#### **LU 7.1**

##### **REGULATORY STRUCTURE**

Develop a land use regulatory structure that utilizes a variety of mechanisms to promote development that provides a public benefit.

#### **LU 7.2**

##### **CONTINUING REVIEW PROCESS**

Develop a broad, community-based process that periodically re-evaluates and directs city policies and regulations consistent with this chapter's Vision and Values.

#### **LU 7.3**

##### **HISTORIC REUSE**

Allow compatible residential or commercial use of historic properties when necessary to promote preservation of these resources.

#### **LU 7.4**

##### **SUB-AREA PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

Use the Comprehensive Plan for overall guidance and undertake more detailed sub-area and neighborhood planning in order to provide a forum for confronting and reconciling issues and empowering neighborhoods to solve problems collectively.

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## LAND USE – Policy LU 8

### **LU 8 URBAN GROWTH AREA**

Maintain an Urban Growth Area that includes areas and densities sufficient to accommodate the city's allocated population, housing and employment growth for the succeeding twenty-year period, including the accommodation of the medical, governmental, educational, institutional, commercial, and industrial facilities related to such growth, but that does not exceed the area necessary to accommodate such growth.

#### **LU 8.1 ROLE OF URBAN GROWTH AREAS**

Limit urban sprawl by encouraging development in urban areas where adequate public facilities already exist or where such facilities can be more efficiently provided.

#### **LU 8.2 JOINT PLANNING IN URBAN GROWTH AREA**

Plan with Spokane County for the unincorporated portions of the Urban Growth Area

#### **LU 8.3 REVIEW OF URBAN GROWTH AREA**

Review the Urban Growth Area boundary in accordance with the requirements of the Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies relative to the current Office of Financial Management's twenty-year population forecast and make adjustments, as warranted, to accommodate the projected growth.

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## LAND USE – Policy LU 9

### **LU 9 ANNEXATION**

Support annexations that enhance effective and efficient government.

#### **LU 9.1 ANNEXATION BOUNDARIES**

Encourage annexations that create logical boundaries and reasonable service areas within the adjacent Urban Growth Area, where the city has demonstrated the fiscal capacity to provide services.

#### **LU 9.2 PENINSULA ANNEXATION**

Encourage and assist property owners in existing unincorporated “peninsulas” in the adjacent Urban Growth Area to annex to the city.

#### **LU 9.3 CITY UTILITIES**

Require property owners requesting city utilities to annex or sign a binding agreement to annex when requested to do so by the city.

#### **LU 9.4 COMMUNITY IMPACTS**

Evaluate all annexations on the basis of their short and long-term community impacts and benefits.

#### **LU 9.5 FUNDING CAPITAL FACILITIES IN ANNEXED AREAS**

Ensure that annexations do not result in a negative fiscal impact on the city.

#### **LU 9.6 LAND USE AND ZONING DESIGNATIONS UPON ANNEXATION**

Recognize the interests of the residents of the annexing area and, in the absence of specific policies and standards adopted by the city, honor the intent of adopted county plans and ordinances for areas proposed to be annexed.

#### **LU 9.7 CITY BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**

Require property owners Within an annexing area to assume a share of the city’s bonded indebtedness.

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## LAND USE – Policy LU 10

### **LU 10 JOINT PLANNING**

Support joint growth management planning and annexation requests which best meet the Comprehensive Plan's development goals and policies.

#### **LU 10.1**

##### **LAND USE PLANS**

Prepare land use plans in cooperation with Spokane County for the Urban Growth Area to ensure that planned land uses are compatible with adopted city policies and development standards at the time of annexation.

#### **LU 10.2**

##### **CONSISTENT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Require utilities, roads, and services in the adjacent Urban Growth Area to be built to city standards.

#### **LU 10.3**

##### **SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS**

Confer with affected special purpose districts and other jurisdictions to assess the impact of annexation prior to any annexation.

#### **LU 10.4**

##### **LONG RANGE URBAN GROWTH AREA PLANNING**

Establish a forty-year planning horizon to address eventual expansion of UGAs beyond the twenty-year boundary required by the Growth Management Act.

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## TRANSPORTATION - Goals

### TRANSPORTATION

“Spokane will have a well-maintained multi-modal transportation system that provides safe and efficient mobility for all, supports economic and community vitality, and promotes a healthy, livable community.”

#### TR A

##### PROMOTE A SENSE OF PLACE

Promote a sense of community and identity through the provision of context-sensitive transportation choices and transportation design features, recognizing that both profoundly affect the way people interact and experience the city.

[Policy](#)

#### TR B

##### PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES

Meet mobility needs by providing facilities for transportation options – including walking, bicycling, public transportation, private vehicles, and other choices.

[Policy](#)

#### TR C

##### ACCOMMODATE ACCESS TO DAILY NEEDS AND PRIORITY DESTINATIONS

Promote land use patterns and construct transportation facilities and other urban features that advance Spokane’s quality of life.

[Policy](#)

#### TR D

##### PROMOTE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Implement projects that support and facilitate economic vitality and opportunity in support of the City’s land use plan objectives.

[Policy](#)

#### TR E

##### RESPECT NATURAL & COMMUNITY ASSETS

Protect natural, community, and neighborhood assets to create and connect places where people live their daily lives in a safe and healthy environment.

[Policy](#)

#### TR F

##### ENHANCE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

Promote healthy communities by providing and maintaining a safe transportation system with viable active mode options that provides for the needs of all travelers, particularly the most vulnerable users.

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#### TR G

##### MAXIMIZE PUBLIC BENEFITS AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH INTEGRATION

Design and maintain a fiscally accountable, environmentally responsible, and socially equitable transportation system that serves its users through coordinated planning and budgeting with other partners and utilities.

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## Transportation – Policies

### TRANSPORTATION GOALS

Goals are designated A through G and Policies are designated as TR 1 through TR 23 for convenience in referencing, but not to reflect any priority. All the goals B through G contribute toward meeting Goal A: "Promote a Sense of Place", and often the Policies contribute toward meeting more than one goal.

#### TR 1

##### TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR ALL USERS

Design the transportation system to provide a complete transportation network for all users, maximizing innovation, access, choice, and options throughout the four seasons.

#### TR 2

##### TRANSPORTATION SUPPORTING LAND USE

Maintain an interconnected system of facilities that allows travel on multiple routes by multiple modes, balancing access, mobility and place-making functions with consideration and alignment with the existing and planned land use context of each corridor and major street segment.

#### TR 3

##### TRANSPORTATION LEVEL-OF-SERVICE (LOS)

Set and maintain transportation level of service standards that align desired growth patterns with optimal choices of transportation modes.

#### TR 4

##### TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES (TDM)

Evaluate TDM strategies to optimize transportation options within the context of Complete Streets. Use TDM strategies to gain efficiencies in the transportation system.

#### TR 5

##### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Identify high-priority active transportation projects to carry on completion/upgrades to the active transportation network.

#### TR 6

##### COMMERCIAL CENTER ACCESS

Improve multi-modal transportation options to and within designated districts, neighborhood mini-centers, activity centers, corridors, and downtown.

#### TR 7

##### NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS

Require developments to have open, accessible, internal multi-modal transportation connections to adjacent properties and streets on all sides.

#### TR 8

##### MOVING FREIGHT

Identify a freight network that respects needs of businesses as well as neighborhoods. Maintain an appropriate arterial system map that designates a freight network that enhances freight mobility and operational efficiencies, and increases the City's economic health. The needs for delivery and collection of goods at businesses by truck should be incorporated in to the freight network, and the national trend of increased deliveries to residences anticipated.

#### TR 9

##### PROMOTE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Focus on providing efficient and affordable multi-modal access to jobs, education, and workforce training to promote economic opportunity in the City's designed growth areas, develop "Great Streets" that enhance commerce and attract jobs.

#### TR 10

##### TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM EFFICIENCY & INNOVATION

Develop and manage the transportation system to function as efficiently as possible while exploring innovative opportunities and technologies.

#### TR 11

##### TRANSIT OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Support efficient transit operations through street and transit stop designs on transit priority streets that comply with standards and include transit-supportive elements, such as shelters, lighting, and schedule information. Assist in implementing the STA Comprehensive Plan.

#### TR 12

##### PRIORITIZE & INTEGRATE INVESTMENTS

Prioritize investments based on the adopted goals and priorities outlined in the comprehensive plan.

#### TR 13

##### INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN

Maintain and follow design guidelines reflecting best practices that provide for a connected infrastructure designed for our climate and potential emergency management needs, and respecting the local context. Local context may guide signage and elements such as traffic calming, street furniture, bicycle parking, and community spaces. Accessibility guidelines and emergency management needs will be maintained.

#### TR 14

##### TRAFFIC CALMING

Use context-sensitive traffic calming measures in neighborhoods to maintain acceptable speeds, manage cut-through traffic, and improve neighborhood safety to reduce traffic impacts and improve quality of life.

#### TR 15

##### ACTIVATION

Build great streetscapes and activate public spaces in the right-of-way to promote economic vitality and a sense of place, with a focus on the designated Centers and Corridors identified in the Land Use chapter.

#### TR 16

##### RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

Keep facilities within the public rights-of-way well-maintained and clean year-round for the benefit of all while focusing on complete rehabilitation of streets on arterials, and maintenance work on both residential and arterial streets, using an integrated approach that incorporates all uses of the right of way to leverage dollars and gain greater community benefits.

#### TR 17

##### PAVING EXISTING UNPAVED STREETS

Identify and prioritize resources for paving existing dirt and gravel streets and alleyways .

#### TR 18

##### PARKING

Develop and administer vehicle parking policies that appropriately manage the demand for parking based upon the urban context desired.

#### TR 19

##### PLAN COLLABORATIVELY

Work with partner agencies to achieve a regional transportation plan that meets the goals and requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA) but also reflects the visions and values of the City of Spokane.

#### TR 20

##### BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATION

Coordinate bicycle and pedestrian planning to ensure that projects are developed to meet the safety and access needs of all users.

#### TR 21

##### SAFE & HEALTHY COMMUNITY EDUCATION & PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS

Promote healthy communities by providing a transportation system that protects and improves environmental quality and partner with other agencies to implement innovative and effective measures to improve safety that combine engineering, education, evaluation, and enforcement.

#### TR 22

##### LAW ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Partner with other agencies to bolster enforcement efforts to protect the safety of all users, particularly the most vulnerable, while identifying and addressing emergency management needs

#### TR 23

##### EFFECTIVE AND ENHANCED PUBLIC OUTREACH

Assess the effect of potential transportation projects on gathering places or destinations such as schools, community centers, businesses, neighborhoods, and other community bodies by consulting with stakeholders and leaders that represent them. These effects are to be mitigated as possible in collaboration with stakeholders.

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## CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES - Goals

### CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES

“Public facilities and utilities will be provided concurrently with a growing population to meet safety, utility, transportation, educational and cultural needs of residents.”

#### CFU 1

##### ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Provide and maintain adequate public facilities and utility services and reliable funding in order to protect investment in existing facilities and ensure appropriate levels of service.

*Policy*

#### CFU 2

##### CONCURRENCY

Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development are adequate to serve the development and available when the service demands of development occur without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

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#### CF 3

##### COORDINATION

Promote contiguous, orderly development and provision of urban services through the regional coordination of land use and public services related to capital facilities and utilities.

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#### CF 4

##### SERVICE PROVISION

Provide public services in a manner that facilitates efficient and effective delivery of services and meets current and future demand.

*Policy*

#### CFU 5

##### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Minimize impacts to the environment, public health, and safety through the timely and careful siting and use of capital facilities and utilities.

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#### CFU 6

##### MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES

Use capital facilities and utilities to support multiple interests and purposes.

*Policy*



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## CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES – Policy CFU 1

### CFU 1

#### ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Provide and maintain adequate public facilities and utility services and reliable funding in order to protect investment in existing facilities and ensure appropriate levels of service.

#### CFU 1.1 LEVEL OF SERVICE

Adopt written level of service standards for each type of public facility or utility service, and provide capital improvements to achieve and maintain such standards for existing and future development.

#### CFU 1.2 OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Require the development of capital improvement projects that either improve the city's operational efficiency or reduce costs by increasing the capacity, use, and/or life expectancy of existing facilities.

#### CFU 1.3 MAINTENANCE

Require the maintenance, rehabilitation, and renovation of existing capital facilities.

#### CFU 1.4 USE OF EXISTING STRUCTURES

Require the use and adaptive reuse of existing buildings before new community facilities are constructed.

#### CFU 1.5 UTILITY CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

Ensure that construction standards for public and private utilities are adequate to withstand the anticipated frequency and severity of natural and man-made hazards.

#### CFU 1.6 MANAGEMENT PLANS

Establish and maintain management plans for capital facilities whose level of service standards could be affected by future growth and development.

#### CFU 1.7 FUNDING

Identify and pursue all practical and equitable ways to fund the capital improvement projects necessary to serve existing and future development.

#### CFU 1.8 INTANGIBLE COSTS AND BENEFITS

Include intangible costs and benefits in any cost/benefit analysis when considering the development and life span of proposed capital facilities.

#### CFU 1.9 PUBLIC SAFETY CAPITAL FUNDING PLANS

Strive to establish separate capital funding plans for police and fire services to ensure that capital requirements will be met without negative impact upon staffing and level of service.



## CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES – Policy CFU 2

### CFU 2 CONCURRENCY

Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development are adequate to serve the development and available when the service demands of development occur without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

#### CFU 2.1

##### AVAILABLE PUBLIC FACILITIES

Consider that the requirement for concurrent availability of public facilities and utility services is met when adequate services and facilities are in existence at the time the development is ready for occupancy and use, in the case of water, wastewater and solid waste, and at least a financial commitment is in place at the time of development approval to provide all other public services within six years.

#### CFU 2.2

##### CONCURRENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Maintain a concurrency management system for all capital facilities.

#### CFU 2.3

##### PHASING OF SERVICES

Develop and implement a phasing schedule for the provision of services within the Urban Growth Area that is reflected in six-year capital improvement plans and strategically coordinates planned service levels with anticipated land use and development trends.

#### CFU 2.4

##### IMPACT FEES

Include impact fees as one possible mechanism to fund capital improvements, so new growth and development activity that has an impact upon public facilities pays a proportionate share of the cost of the relevant facilities.

#### CFU 2.5

##### EXEMPTIONS FROM IMPACT FEES

Exempt development activities with broad public purposes from growth-related impact fees.

#### CFU 2.6

##### FUNDING SHORTFALLS

Reassess the land use element whenever probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs in order to ensure that development patterns and level of service standards remain consistent with financing capabilities related to capital facilities plans.

#### CFU 2.7

##### UTILITY PERMITS

Consider utility permits simultaneously with the proposals requesting service and, when possible, approve utility permits when the project to be served is approved.

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### CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES – Policy CFU 3

#### **CFU 3 COORDINATION**

Promote contiguous, orderly development and provision of urban services through the regional coordination of land use and public services related to capital facilities and utilities.

##### **CFU 3.1 SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS**

Enter into agreements with special purpose districts within the City of Spokane's Urban Growth Area (UGA) to address the provision of urban governmental services and public facilities.

##### **CFU 3.2 UTILITY INSTALLATIONS**

Facilitate the coordination of public and private utility activities by giving interested utilities timely notification of road projects that would afford them an opportunity for utility installation and maintenance.

##### **CFU 3.3 UTILITIES COORDINATION**

Work with adjacent planning jurisdictions and private utility providers to develop a process that ensures consistency between each jurisdiction's utilities element and regional utility plans, as well as coordinated and timely siting of regional and countywide utility facilities.

##### **CFU 3.4 NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS**

Continue to participate in a coordinated regional plan for the provision of public services in the event of natural or man-made disasters.

##### **CFU 3.5 UNIFORMITY OF STANDARDS**

Collaborate with Spokane County to ensure that the City of Spokane's engineering, land use and related level of service standards are applied throughout the City of Spokane's designated Urban Growth Area (UGA).

##### **CFU 3.6 LIMITATION OF SERVICES OUTSIDE URBAN GROWTH AREA**

Limit the provision of water and sewer service by the City of Spokane outside Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) to areas where exceptions apply.

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## CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES – Policy CFU 4

### CFU 4

#### SERVICE PROVISION

Provide public services in a manner that facilitates efficient and effective delivery of services and meets current and future demand.

#### CFU 4.1

##### COMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Promote compact areas of concentrated development in designated centers to facilitate economical and efficient provision of utilities, public facilities, and services.

#### CFU 4.2

##### ACCESS TO UTILITY EASEMENTS

Require that subdivision and Building regulations protect and preserve access to utility easements.

#### CFU 4.3

##### UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

Require new utility lines to be installed underground and encourage the conversion of existing overhead distribution lines to underground lines unless it is not physically feasible.



## CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES – Policy CFU 5

### CFU 5

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Minimize impacts to the environment, public health, and safety through the timely and careful siting and use of capital facilities and utilities.

#### CFU 5.1 ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL

Prohibit on-site septic waste-Water disposal within the City of Spokane's Urban Growth Area.

#### CFU 5.2 WATER CONSERVATION

Encourage public and private efforts to conserve water.

#### CFU 5.3 STORMWATER

Implement a Stormwater Management Plan to reduce impacts from urban runoff.

#### CFU 5.4 GROUND WATER

Protect, preserve, and enhance ground water resources through proactive, aggressive measures.

#### CFU 5.5 WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING

Provide integrated, efficient, and economical solid waste management services in a manner that encourages and promotes waste reduction and recycling and minimizes environmental and public health impacts.

#### CFU 5.6 POWER-FREQUENCY MAGNETIC FIELDS

Encourage electrical utilities to Base their facility siting decisions on the most recent findings concerning the health impacts of power-frequency magnetic fields.

#### CFU 5.7 TELECOMMUNICATION STRUCTURES

Use existing structures to support telecommunication facilities before new towers or stand-alone facilities are constructed.

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## CAPITAL FACILITIES AND UTILITIES – Policy CFU 6

### CFU 6

#### MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES

Use capital facilities and utilities to support multiple interests and purposes.

#### CFU 6.1

##### COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Provide capital facilities and utility services strategically in order to Encourage and support the development of Centers and Corridors, especially in deteriorated areas of the city.

#### CFU 6.2

##### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Make capital improvements that stimulate employment opportunities, strengthen the city's tax base, and Attract private investment to target areas.

#### CFU 6.3

##### JOINT USE OF PUBLIC SITES

Encourage the acquisition of sites for public and quasi-public purposes that are of sufficient size to meet current And future needs and allow for joint use.

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## HOUSING - Goals

### HOUSING

**“Affordable housing of all types will be available to all community residents in an environment that is safe, clean, and healthy. Renewed emphasis will be placed on preserving existing homes and rehabilitating older neighborhoods.”**

#### H 1

##### HOUSING CHOICE AND DIVERSITY

Provide opportunities for a variety of housing types that is safe and affordable for all income levels to meet the diverse housing needs of current and future residents.

[Policy](#)

#### H 2

##### HOUSING QUALITY

Improve the overall quality of the City of Spokane’s housing.

[Policy](#)





## HOUSING – Policy H 1

### H 1

#### HOUSING CHOICE AND DIVERSITY

Provide opportunities for a variety of housing types that is safe and affordable for all income levels to meet the diverse housing needs of current and future residents.

##### H 1.1

###### REGIONAL COORDINATION

Coordinate the city’s comprehensive planning with other jurisdictions in the region to address housing-related needs and issues.

##### H 1.2

###### REGIONAL FAIR SHARE HOUSING

Participate in a process that monitors and adjusts the distribution of low-income housing throughout the region.

##### H 1.3

###### EMPLOYER-SPONSORED HOUSING

Provide incentives for Employers to sponsor or develop affordable housing in proximity to their place of employment.

##### H 1.4

###### USE OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Direct new residential development into areas where community and human public services and facilities are available.

##### H 1.5

###### HOUSING INFORMATION

Participate in and promote the development of educational resources and programs that assist low and moderate-income households in obtaining affordable and suitable housing.

##### H 1.6

###### FAIR HOUSING

Promote compliance with fair housing laws.

##### H 1.7

###### SOCIOECONOMIC INTEGRATION

Promote socioeconomic integration throughout the city.

##### H 1.8

###### AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENT

Include a percentage of affordable housing within all new developments that include housing.

##### H 1.9

###### MIXED-INCOME HOUSING

Encourage mixed-income developments throughout the city.

##### H 1.10

###### LOWER-INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES

Support and assist the public and private sectors to develop lower-income or subsidized housing for households that cannot compete in the market for housing by using federal, state, and local aid.

##### H 1.11

###### ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION

Encourage housing that provides easy access to public transit and other efficient modes of transportation.

##### H 1.12

###### AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING SOURCES

Support the development of affordable housing development funding sources.

##### H 1.13

###### SITING OF SUBSIDIZED LOW-INCOME HOUSING

Set clear site selection criteria for publicly subsidized housing to minimize geographic concentrations of publicly subsidized housing projects in neighborhoods with a high percent of minority or low-income households.

##### H 1.14

###### BUILDING, FIRE, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND LAND USE STANDARDS

Review periodically and, when needed, revise building, fire, infrastructure, and land use standards and requirements to ensure community standards are implemented and that new or rehabilitated housing remains affordable.

##### H 1.15

###### PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Create a flexible project review process that allows for the use of alternative standards, but only if their use results in a project that is equal or superior to using existing standards.

##### H 1.16

###### NEW MANUFACTURED HOUSING

Permit manufactured homes on individual lots in all areas where residential uses are allowed.

##### H 1.17

###### PARTNERSHIPS TO INCREASE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

Create partnerships with public and private lending institutions to find solutions that increase opportunities and reduce financial barriers for builders and consumers of affordable and lower-income housing.

##### H 1.18

###### DISTRIBUTION OF HOUSING OPTIONS

Promote a wide range of housing types and housing diversity to meet the needs of the diverse population and ensure that this housing is available throughout the community for people of all income levels and special needs.

##### H 1.19

###### SENIOR HOUSING

Encourage and support accessible design and housing strategies that provide seniors the opportunity to remain within their neighborhoods as their housing needs change.

##### H 1.20

###### ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

Allow one accessory dwelling unit as an ancillary use to single-family homes in all designated residential areas as an affordable housing option.

##### H 1.21

###### DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY HOUSING

Allow development of single-room occupancy units in downtown Spokane and in other areas where high-density housing is permitted.

##### H 1.22

###### SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Encourage the retention, inclusion, and development of special needs and assisted living housing.

##### H 1.23

###### DISTRIBUTION OF SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Include units that are affordable for low-income special needs families in all housing developments.

##### H 1.24

###### TAXES AND TAX STRUCTURE

Support state consideration of property tax reform measures that provide increased local options that contribute to housing choice and diversity.

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## HOUSING – Policy SH 2

### H 2

#### HOUSING QUALITY

Improve the overall quality of the City of Spokane's housing.

#### H 2.1

##### HOUSING REHABILITATION

Provide assistance for housing rehabilitation beyond housing maintenance code requirements if the assistance is supportive of general community development activity and is on a voluntary basis.

#### H 2.2

##### PROPERTY RESPONSIBILITY AND MAINTENANCE

Assist in and promote improved and increased public and private property maintenance and property responsibility throughout the city.

#### H 2.3

##### HOUSING PRESERVATION

Encourage preservation of viable housing.

#### H 2.4

##### LINKING HOUSING WITH OTHER USES

Ensure that plans provide increased physical connection between housing, employment, transportation, recreation, daily-needs services, and educational uses.

#### H 2.5

##### HOUSING GOAL MONITORING

Provide a report annually to the City Plan Commission that monitors progress toward achieving the housing goals and includes recommended policy change if positive direction toward achieving the housing goals is not occurring.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Goals

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**“Spokane will enjoy a quality of life for everyone that includes a diversified economic base that provides a livable wage, a healthy environment, and an economically vibrant downtown. Spokane’s quality of life will be built on a partnership of diverse interests, including education, business, government and neighborhoods.”**

#### ED 1

##### COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Encourage cooperative partnerships to address the economic expansion of the city and region.

[Policy](#)

#### ED 2

##### LAND AVAILABILITY FOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Ensure that an adequate supply of useable industrial and commercial property is available for economic development activities.

[Policy](#)

#### ED 3

##### STRONG, DIVERSE, AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

Foster a strong, diverse, and sustainable economy that provides a range of employment and business opportunities.

[Policy](#)

#### ED 4

##### INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Enhance the economic future of the community by encouraging the creation of jobs that provide a livable wage and reduce income disparity.

[Policy](#)

#### ED 5

##### EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Improve Spokane’s economy through a well-educated citizenry and a qualified labor force that is globally competitive and responds to the changing needs of the workplace.

[Policy](#)

#### ED 6

##### INFRASTRUCTURE

Implement infrastructure maintenance and improvement programs that support new and existing business and that reinforce Spokane’s position as a regional center.

[Policy](#)

#### ED 7

##### REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT AND TAX STRUCTURE

Create a regulatory environment and tax structure that encourage investment, nurture economic activity, and promote a good business climate.

[Policy](#)

#### ED 8

##### QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Improve and protect the natural and built environment as assets that attract economic development opportunities and enhance the City of Spokane’s quality of life.

[Policy](#)

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Policy ED 1

### ED 1

#### COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Encourage cooperative partnerships to address the economic expansion of the city and region.

#### ED 1.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Support and participate in regional economic development planning with the public and private sectors.

#### ED 1.2 SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Continue to support Greater Spokane Incorporated, Visit Spokane, Spokane Public Facilities District, Workforce Development, Business Improvement Districts, Public Development Authorities and others in their efforts to reinforce and strengthen the Spokane economy.

#### ED 1.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Work with regional jurisdictions, community economic development organizations, the educational community, the business sector, neighborhood organizations, and citizens to periodically review the city's economic vitality and revise plans as needed.

#### ED 1.4 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Continue to encourage public-private partnerships that advance economic development opportunities.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Policy ED 2

### ED 2

#### LAND AVAILABILITY FOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Ensure that an adequate supply of useable industrial and commercial property is available for economic development activities.

#### ED 2.1

##### LAND SUPPLY

Ensure opportunities for locating a variety of desirable, livable wage industries in Spokane that are environmentally compatible with adjacent land uses and support a range of employment types.

#### ED 2.2

##### REVITALIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

Provide incentives to Encourage the revitalization and utilization of historic and older commercial and industrial districts for redevelopment.

#### ED 2.3

##### REUSABLE BUILDINGS INVENTORY

Continue to maintain an inventory of historic and significant older buildings that could be redeveloped for economic activities rather than demolished.

#### ED 2.4

##### MIXED-USE

Support mixed-use development that brings employment, shopping, and residential activities into shared locations that stimulate opportunities for economic activity.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Policy ED 3

### ED 3

#### **STRONG, DIVERSE, AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY**

Foster a strong, diverse, and sustainable economy that provides a range of employment and business opportunities.

#### **ED 3.1**

##### **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Stimulate economic growth by supporting the formation, retention, expansion, and recruitment of businesses.

#### **ED 3.2**

##### **ECONOMIC DIVERSITY**

Encourage economic diversity through a mix of small and large businesses that provide a healthy balance of goods-producing and service-producing jobs.

#### **ED 3.3**

##### **ENTERPRISE OPPORTUNITIES**

Continue to create economic development opportunities utilizing tools available to the city which will foster the growth of Spokane's economy.

#### **ED 3.4**

##### **VALUE ADDED BUSINESS STRATEGY**

Promote value added business practices as an economic strategy.

#### **ED 3.5**

##### **LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES**

Support opportunities to expand and increase the number of locally-owned businesses in Spokane.

#### **ED 3.6**

##### **SMALL BUSINESSES**

Recognize the significant contributions of small businesses to the city's economy and seek to enhance small business opportunities.

#### **ED 3.7**

##### **HOME-BASED BUSINESSES**

Encourage opportunities for teleworking and home businesses that are compatible with residential neighborhoods.

#### **ED 3.8**

##### **TECHNOLOGY-BASED INDUSTRIES**

Encourage the development of advanced and emerging technology-based industries.

#### **ED 3.9**

##### **REGIONAL MARKETPLACE**

Support strategies to expand regional markets for local services and products.

#### **ED 3.10**

##### **DOWNTOWN SPOKANE**

Promote downtown Spokane as the economic and cultural center of the region.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Policy ED 4

### ED 4

#### INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Enhance the economic future of the community by encouraging the creation of jobs that provide a livable wage and reduce income disparity.

#### ED 4.1

##### LIVEABLE WAGE

Encourage the recruitment of businesses that pay wages at least commensurate with the cost of living and that provide health and retirement benefits.

#### ED 4.2

##### BENCHMARK INDICATORS

Work with the private sector to establish benchmark indicators for employment and income levels, monitor progress toward reaching those levels, and prepare an annual status report on progress.

#### ED 4.3

##### INCOME EQUITY

Cooperate with other community agencies and organizations to address income equity and employment opportunities within the Spokane economy.



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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Policy ED 5

### ED 5

#### EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Improve Spokane's economy through a well-educated citizenry and a qualified labor force that is globally competitive and responds to the changing needs of the workplace.

#### ED 5.1 K-12 EDUCATION

Work cooperatively with local schools to help maintain and enhance the quality of K-12 education in the city's schools.

#### ED 5.2 YOUTH PROGRAMS

Cooperate with educational institutions and businesses to provide young people with exposure to a wide variety of employment and business opportunities.

#### ED 5.3 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING

Support continued efforts of the educational community to contribute to the health of Spokane's economy through post-secondary plans, programs, and activities.

#### ED 5.4 PROGRAM EVALUATION

Support efforts to introduce new, high quality programs into the curricula of area technical schools, community colleges, colleges, and universities that address the changing needs of businesses and employees.

#### ED 5.5 COMMUNICATION LINKS

Encourage greater communication between the city, educational and training providers, businesses, employees, and residents to meet community educational and job-training needs.

#### ED 5.6 EMPLOYER TRAINING SUPPORT

Encourage employers to support continuing education and training for their employees.

#### ED 5.7 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS

Support efforts to provide training and employment opportunities for special needs populations.

#### ED 5.8 LIBRARY AS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Fund the library system at a level adequate to improve the educational level of Spokane's workforce.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Policy ED 6

### **ED 6 INFRASTRUCTURE**

Implement infrastructure maintenance and improvement programs that support new and existing business and that reinforce Spokane's position as a regional center.

#### **ED 6.1 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

Promote infrastructure projects that enhance the city's quality of life and business climate.

#### **ED 6.2 PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN DESIGNATED AREAS**

Use capital facility funds to promote economic vitality in those areas designated for economic development or mixed-use.

#### **ED 6.3 COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND NETWORKS**

Support the expansion and development of sophisticated communication facilities and networks required by industries that use advanced technology.

#### **ED 6.4 INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE**

Maintain infrastructure at safe and efficient levels.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Policy ED 7

### ED 7

#### REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT AND TAX STRUCTURE

Create a regulatory environment and tax structure that encourage investment, nurture economic activity, and promote a good business climate.

#### ED 7.1 COLLABORATIVE NURTURING OF THE BUSINESS CLIMATE

Work with the business community, labor, economic development organizations and residents to maintain a good business climate.

#### ED 7.2 REVENUE SOURCES

Ensure that tax revenue sources are stable, allocate costs equitably within the community, do not penalize certain types of businesses, and attract and retain businesses.

#### ED 7.3 STATE TAX CHANGES

Lobby the state legislature for changes in state tax laws to allow more options or mechanisms to be available as incentives to business investment.

#### ED 7.4 TAX INCENTIVES FOR LAND IMPROVEMENT

Support a tax structure that encourages business investment and construction where infrastructure exists, especially in centers or other target areas for development.

#### ED 7.5 TAX INCENTIVES FOR RENOVATION

Use tax incentives and investments to encourage revitalization, modernization, or rehabilitation of deteriorated residential and commercial properties and buildings for new economic activity.

#### ED 7.6 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND PERMITTING PROCESS

Periodically evaluate and improve the City of Spokane's development standards and permitting process to ensure that they are equitable, cost-effective, timely, and meet community needs and goals.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Policy ED 8

### ED 8

#### QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Improve and protect the natural and built environment as assets that attract economic development opportunities and enhance the City of Spokane's quality of life.

#### ED 8.1

##### QUALITY OF LIFE PROTECTION

Protect the natural and built environment as a primary quality of life feature that allows existing businesses to expand and that attracts new businesses, residents, and visitors.

#### ED 8.2

##### SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC STRATEGIES

Promote sustainable economic strategies.

#### ED 8.3

##### RECREATION AND TOURISM PROMOTION

Promote the region's outdoor amenities, recreational opportunities and tourism.

#### ED 8.4

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Encourage businesses that specialize in environmental protection.

#### ED 8.5

##### CONTAMINATED SITE CLEAN-UP RESPONSIBILITIES

Facilitate the targeted clean-up of contaminated sites.

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## URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION - Goals

### URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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#### DP 1

##### PRIDE AND IDENTITY

Enhance and improve Spokane’s visual identity and community pride.

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#### DP 2

##### URBAN DESIGN

Design new construction to support desirable behaviors and create a positive perception of Spokane.

*Policy*

#### DP 3

##### PRESERVATION

Preserve and protect Spokane’s historic districts, sites, structures, and objects.

*Policy*

#### DP 4

##### DOWNTOWN CENTER VIABILITY

Create a vital, livable downtown by maintaining it as the region’s economic and cultural center and preserving and reinforcing its historic and distinctly urban character.

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#### DP 5

##### LOCAL DETERMINATION

Make neighborhoods attractive, safe places by encouraging residents to express their design and development values.

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## Comprehensive Plan for the City of Spokane



### URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Policy DP 1

#### **DP 1**

#### **PRIDE AND IDENTITY**

Enhance and improve Spokane's visual identity and community pride.

#### **DP 1.1**

#### **LANDMARK STRUCTURES, BUILDINGS AND SITES**

Recognize and preserve unique or outstanding landmark structures, buildings, and sites.

#### **DP 1.2**

#### **NEW DEVELOPMENT IN ESTABLISHED NEIGHBORHOODS**

Encourage new development that is of a type, scale, orientation, and design that maintains or improves the character, aesthetic quality, and livability of the neighborhood.

#### **DP 1.3**

#### **SIGNIFICANT VIEWS AND VISTAS**

Identify and maintain significant views, vistas, and viewpoints, and protect them by establishing appropriate development regulations for nearby undeveloped properties.

#### **DP 1.4**

#### **GATEWAY IDENTIFICATION**

Establish and maintain gateways to Spokane and individual neighborhoods consisting of physical elements and landscaping that create a sense of place, identity, and belonging.

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## Comprehensive Plan for the City of Spokane



### URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Policy DP 2

#### DP 2

#### URBAN DESIGN

Design new construction to support desirable behaviors and create a positive perception of Spokane.

##### DP 2.1

##### DEFINITION OF URBAN DESIGN

Recognize current research that defines urban design and identifies elements of a well-designed urban environment.

##### DP 2.2

##### DESIGN GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

Adopt regulations and design guidelines consistent with current definitions of good urban design.

##### DP 2.3

##### DESIGN STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS AND STRUCTURES

Design all public projects and structures to uphold the highest design standards and neighborhood compatibility.

##### DP 2.4

##### DESIGN FLEXIBILITY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES

Incorporate flexibility into building design and zoning codes to enable neighborhood facilities to be used for multiple uses.

##### DP 2.5

##### CHARACTER OF PUBLIC REALM

Enhance the livability of Spokane by preserving the city's historic character and building a legacy of quality new public and private development that further enriches the public realm.

##### DP 2.6

##### BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN

Ensure that a particular development is thoughtful in design, improves the quality and characteristics of the immediate neighborhood, responds to the site's unique features - including topography, hydrology, and microclimate - and considers intensity of use.

##### DP 2.7

##### HISTORIC DISTRICT AND SUB-AREA DESIGN GUIDELINES

Utilize design guidelines and criteria for sub-areas and historic districts that are based on local community participation and the particular character and development issues of each sub-area or historic district.

##### DP 2.8

##### DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS

Apply design guidelines through a review process that relies on the expertise of design professionals and other community representatives to achieve design performance that meets or exceeds citizens' quality of life expectations.

##### DP 2.9

##### PERMIT PROCESS

Integrate the design review process with other permitting processes to increase efficiency and create a better outcome.

##### DP 2.10

##### BUSINESS ENTRANCE ORIENTATION

Orient commercial building entrances and building facades toward the pedestrian sidewalks and pathways that lead to adjoining residential neighborhoods.

##### DP 2.11

##### IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Facilitate improvements such as sidewalks, street improvements, street trees, sewers, and parks in neighborhoods and commercial areas designated for higher density development.

##### DP 2.12

##### INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Encourage infill construction and area redevelopment that complement and reinforce positive commercial and residential character.

##### DP 2.13

##### PARKING FACILITIES DESIGN

Minimize the impacts of surface parking on the neighborhood fabric by encouraging the use of structured parking with active commercial storefronts containing retail, service, or office uses, and improve the pedestrian experience in less intensive areas through the use of street trees, screen walls, and landscaping.

##### DP 2.14

##### TOWN SQUARES AND PLAZAS

Require redevelopment areas and new development to provide appropriately scaled open space such as town squares, plazas, or other public or private spaces that can be used as the focus of commercial and civic buildings.

##### DP 2.15

##### URBAN TREES AND LANDSCAPE AREAS

Maintain, improve, and increase the number of street trees and planted areas in the urban environment.

##### DP 2.16

##### ON-PREMISES ADVERTISING

Ensure that on-premises business signs are of a size, number, quality, and style to provide identification of the business they support while contributing a positive visual character to the community.

##### DP 2.17

##### BILLBOARDS

Prohibit new construction of billboards and eliminate existing billboards over time.

##### DP 2.18

##### BUS BENCHES AND SHELTERS ADVERTISING

Continue to identify and implement ways to provide bus benches and control transit stop advertising.

##### DP 2.19

##### OFF-PREMISES ADVERTISING

Identify and implement ways to control various forms of off-premises advertising.

##### DP 2.20

##### TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES

Control the visual impact of telecommunication facilities.

##### DP 2.21

##### LIGHTING

Maximize the potential for lighting to create the desired character in individual areas while controlling display, flood and direct lighting installations so as to not directly and unintentionally illuminate, or create glare visible from adjacent properties, residential zones or public right-of-way.



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### URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Policy DP 3

#### **DP 3 PRESERVATION**

Preserve and protect Spokane's historic districts, sites, structures, and objects.

##### **DP 3.1**

##### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Establish historic preservation as a high priority within city programs.

##### **DP 3.2**

##### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN**

Encourage public understanding and support of Spokane's historic heritage by educating the public of the goals of the Historic Preservation Plan.

##### **DP 3.3**

##### **IDENTIFICATION AND PROTECTION OF RESOURCES**

Identify historic resources to guide decision making in planning.

##### **DP 3.4**

##### **REFLECT SPOKANE'S DIVERSITY**

Encourage awareness and recognition of the many cultures that are an important and integral aspect of Spokane's heritage.

##### **DP 3.5**

##### **LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

Maintain and utilize the expertise of the Landmarks Commission in decision making by the City Council, City Plan Commission, City Parks Board, and other city agencies in matters of historic preservation.

##### **DP 3.6**

##### **PUBLICLY-OWNED HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Require a critical review of a project prior to the removal or destruction of any publicly-owned building, structure, or site that is listed on, or is eligible for listing on the local, state, or national historic registers.

##### **DP 3.7**

##### **PROTECTION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SITES**

Ensure that archaeological and historic sites are identified and protected.

##### **DP 3.8**

##### **LEGISLATIVE REFORM**

Support city legislative priorities that promote historic preservation wherever possible.

##### **DP 3.9**

##### **REDEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES**

Provide incentives to property owners to encourage historic preservation.

##### **DP 3.10**

##### **ZONING PROVISIONS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS**

Utilize zoning provisions, building regulations, and design standards that are appropriate for historic districts, sites, and structures.

##### **DP 3.11**

##### **REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Assist and cooperate with owners of historic properties to identify, recognize, and plan for the use of their property to ensure compatibility with preservation objectives.

##### **DP 3.12**

##### **REUSE OF HISTORIC MATERIALS AND FEATURES**

Encourage the deconstruction and reuse of historic materials and features when historic buildings are demolished.

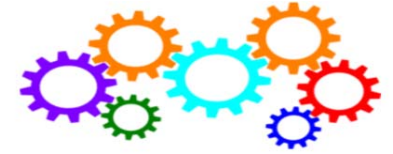
##### **DP 3.13**

##### **HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND NEIGHBORHOODS**

Assist neighborhoods and other potential historic districts to identify, recognize, and highlight their social and economic origins and promote the preservation of their historic heritage and cultural resources.

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## URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Policy DP 4

### **DP 4**

#### **DOWNTOWN CENTER VIABILITY**

Create a vital, livable downtown by maintaining it as the region's economic and cultural center and preserving and reinforcing its historic and distinctly urban character.

#### **DP 4.1**

##### **DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS AND WORKERS**

Encourage investments and create opportunities that increase the number of residents and workers in downtown Spokane.

#### **DP 4.2**

##### **STREET LIFE**

Promote actions designed to increase pedestrian use of streets, especially downtown, thereby creating a healthy street life in commercial areas.

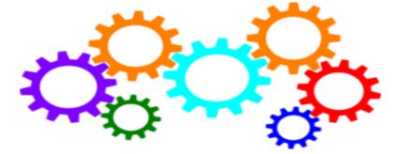
#### **DP 4.3**

##### **DOWNTOWN SERVICES**

Support development efforts that increase the availability of daily needed services in downtown Spokane.

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## URBAN DESIGN AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Policy DP 5

### **DP 5**

#### **LOCAL DETERMINATION**

Make neighborhoods attractive, safe places by encouraging residents to express their design and development values.

#### **DP 5.1**

##### **NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION**

Encourage resident participation in planning and development processes that will shape or re-shape the physical character of their neighborhood.

#### **DP 5.2**

##### **NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT IN THE CITY DESIGN REVIEW PROCESS**

Encourage neighborhoods to participate in the city's design review process.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT - Goals

### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

**“Spokane will be responsible stewards of the environment to ensure clean air and water and healthy trees and parks. Residents will have convenient access to natural and recreational areas inside and outside the City.”**

#### NE 1

##### **WATER QUALITY**

Protect the Spokane Valley – Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer and other water sources so they provide clean, pure water.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 2

##### **SUSTAINABLE WATER QUANTITY**

Ensure all aquifers and water sources are not diminished below sustainable recharge or flow levels.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 3

##### **SHORELINES**

Protect the natural state of shorelines while providing community access that does not negatively impact riparian habitats, fragile soils, and native vegetation.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 4

##### **SURFACE WATER**

Provide for clean rivers that support native fish and aquatic life and that are healthy for human recreation.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 5

##### **CLEAN AIR**

Work consistently for cleaner air that nurtures the health of current residents, children and future generations.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 6

##### **NATIVE SPECIES PROTECTION**

Protect and enhance diverse and healthy native species, such as plants, trees, animals, and fungi, for present and future generations and respect the ecological necessity of bio-diversity.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 7

##### **NATURAL LAND FORM**

Preserve natural land forms that identify and typify our region.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 8

##### **AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

Preserve land and provide opportunities for farming that generates produce for local markets and supports the farming economy.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 9

##### **SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY**

Enhance the natural environment to support a thriving sustainable economy.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 10

##### **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND EMPLOYMENT**

Create employment that enhances the natural environment.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 11

##### **NATURAL AREAS**

Designate a network of natural areas (natural areas and connecting corridors) throughout Spokane that supports native habitats and natural land forms.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 12

##### **URBAN FOREST**

Maintain and enhance the urban forest to provide good air quality, reduce urban warming, and increase habitat.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 13

##### **CONNECTIVITY**

Create a citywide network of paved trails, designated sidewalks, and soft pathways that link regional trails, natural areas, parks, sacred and historical sites, schools, and urban centers.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 14

##### **PLAZA DESIGN WITH NATURAL ELEMENTS**

Develop or revitalize plazas using local nature elements, including water, vegetation, wildlife, and land forms.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 15

##### **NATURAL AESTHETICS**

Retain and enhance nature views, natural aesthetics, sacred areas, and historic sites that define the Spokane region.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 16

##### **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Compile social, natural environment, and economic indicators of a healthy Spokane community on an annual basis, and compare them to prior years in order to assess Spokane's progress.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 17

##### **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION**

Educate children and the community on how improve Spokane's natural environment.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 18

##### **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

Promote the conservation of energy in the location and design of residential, service, and workplaces.

[Policy](#)

#### NE 19

##### **FLOOD HAZARDS MANAGEMENT**

Protect life and property from flooding and erosion by directing development away from flood hazard areas.

[Policy](#)

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 1

### NE 1

#### WATER QUALITY

Protect the Spokane Valley - Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer and other water sources so they provide clean, pure water.

#### NE 1.1

##### AQUIFER STUDY

Continue to study the aquifer and utilize strategies to remedy all sources or activities of contamination.

#### NE 1.2

##### STORMWATER TECHNIQUES

Encourage the use of Innovative storm water techniques that protect ground and surface water from contamination and pollution.

#### NE 1.3

##### REGIONAL WATER BOARD

Continue to support the regional watershed group in their efforts to conduct aquifer planning, allocating, monitoring, and study responsibilities for the entire watershed.

#### NE 1.4

##### WATER QUALITY REPORT

Prepare an annual water quality report that identifies the year's water quality and quantity and compares these to prior years

#### NE 1.5

##### MINING ACTIVITIES

Prohibit open pit mining that exposes the aquifer or ground water to potential contamination.

#### NE 1.6

##### NATURAL WATER DRAINAGE

Identify and preserve areas that have traditionally provided natural water drainage.

#### NE 1.7

##### WELLHEAD PROTECTION

Allow only non-polluting land uses within the water recharge zones of the public water wells.

#### NE 1.8

##### TOXIC DUMPING RESTRICTIONS

Retain and enforce laws against dumping toxic fluids where they may reach the aquifer.

#### NE 1.9

##### SEWER REQUIREMENT

Ensure that every developed property in the city and its urban growth area is served by sewer to minimize aquifer contamination.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 2

### NE2

#### SUSTAINABLE WATER QUALITY

Ensure all aquifers and water sources are not diminished below sustainable recharge or flow levels.

#### NE 2.1

##### WATER CONSERVATION

Support a water conservation program that decreases household, commercial, industrial, and agricultural water use.

#### NE 2.2

##### LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

Use incentives in landscape requirements that encourage application of drought tolerant native trees and plants.

#### NE 2.3

##### NATIVE TREE AND PLANT PROTECTION

Preserve native vegetation in parks and other publicly owned lands in the design and construction of new public facilities.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 3

### NE 3

#### SHORELINES

Protect the natural state of shorelines while providing community access that does not negatively impact riparian habitats, fragile soils, and native vegetation.

*Policies pertaining to shoreline management are located in Chapter 14, Shoreline Master Program*

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 4

### **NE 4 SURFACE WATER**

Provide for clean rivers that support native fish and aquatic life and that are healthy for human recreation.

#### **NE 4.1**

##### **WATERSHED PLAN**

Continue to support and further develop watershed plans for all watersheds that are associated with the geographic boundaries of the city.

#### **NE 4.2**

##### **ZERO POLLUTION INDUSTRIAL PARKS**

Develop zero pollution industrial parks that focus on manufacturing activities that recycle wastes within their facilities or through adjoining industries in the park.

#### **NE 4.3**

##### **IMPERVIOUS SURFACE REDUCTION**

Continue efforts to reduce the rate of impervious surface expansion in the community.



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### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 5

#### **NE 5 CLEAN AIR**

Work consistently for cleaner air that nurtures the health of current residents, children and future generations.

##### **NE 5.1**

##### **CLEAN HEATING SOURCES**

Encourage the use of heating sources that do not negatively affect Spokane's air quality.

##### **NE 5.2**

##### **FACILITY REVIEW**

Review and determine public benefits in comparison to the environmental impacts of new and existing public or private facilities that negatively impact the region's air quality and health of its citizens.

##### **NE 5.3**

##### **PACKAGING REDUCTION**

Create and support legislation, education, and other means that reduce product packaging so that waste disposal is decreased.

##### **NE 5.4**

##### **PROFIT FROM WASTE**

Recruit industries that can Make use of and profit from Spokane's solid waste in a manner that minimizes or mitigates environmental impacts.

##### **NE 5.5**

##### **VEGETATION**

Plant and preserve vegetation that benefits local air quality.



## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 6

### NE 6

#### NATIVE SPECIES PROTECTION

Protect and enhance diverse and healthy native species, such as plants, trees, animals, and fungi, for present and future generations and respect the ecological necessity of bio-diversity.

##### NE 6.1

#### NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE ADAPTIVE PLANTS AND TREES

Encourage the use of and development of standards for using native and non-native adaptive plants and trees in landscape designs for public and private projects.

##### NE 6.2

#### CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Recognize citizens who use native plantings in their yards.

##### NE 6.3

#### HABITAT NETWORK

Identify, preserve or purchase, and maintain existing and potential links between wildlife habitat areas in order to form a network of wildlife habitats.

##### NE 6.4

#### FISH AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Continue to identify and protect those fish and wildlife and their habitats which are identified as a priority by citizens and scientific experts.

##### NE 6.5

#### PROTECTION OF ADJACENT WILDLIFE HABITATS

Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions and agencies to designate, protect, and acquire wildlife habitats that abut or straddle the city limits or urban growth boundary.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 7

### **NE 7 NATURAL LAND FORM**

Preserve natural land forms that identify and typify our region.

#### **NE 7.1**

##### **LAND FORM IDENTIFICATION**

Define, identify, and map natural land forms that typify our region and warrant protection.

#### **NE 7.2**

##### **LAND FORM PROTECTION**

Purchase lands that contain natural land forms or protect them with incentives, clustering, or transfer of development rights.

#### **NE 7.3**

##### **ROCK FORMATION PROTECTION**

Identify and protect basalt rock formations that give understanding to the area's geological history, add visual interest to the landscape, and contribute to a system of connected conservation lands.

#### **NE 7.4**

##### **UNSTABLE SLOPE PROTECTION**

Continue to designate unstable slopes as not suitable for development.

#### **NE 7.5**

##### **SLOPE PROTECTION**

Integrate the protection of slopes with wildlife corridor and natural area designations and acquisitions.

#### **NE 7.6**

##### **GEOLOGICALLY HAZARDOUS AREAS**

Continue to classify, designate, and protect Geologically Hazardous Areas as identified in the Critical Areas Ordinance.

#### **NE 7.7**

##### **WETLANDS**

Enforce regulations that achieve no overall net loss in acreage and functions of the remaining wetland base and, over the long term, increase the quantity and quality of wetlands in the city.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 8

### **NE 8 AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

Preserve land and provide opportunities for farming that generates produce for local markets and supports the farming economy.

#### **NE 8.1 AGRICULTURAL LANDS OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE**

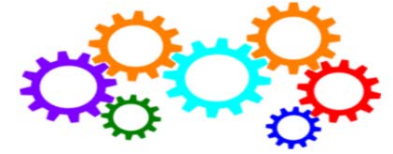
Designate areas of the city that have been used traditionally for agricultural purposes, have at least Soils Conservation Services Class II soils or are designated prime agriculture lands, and are at least one acre in size as agricultural lands of local importance.

#### **NE 8.2 COMPATIBLE AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

Allow agricultural activities adjacent to urban uses without compromising farmers' rights to farm their land.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 9

### **NE 9**

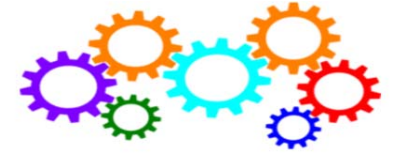
#### **SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY**

Preserve land and provide opportunities for farming that generates produce for local markets and supports the farming economy.

#### **NE 9.1**

##### **ENVIRONMENT AND THE ECONOMY**

Enhance the natural environment to support a thriving sustainable economy.



## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 10

### NE 10

#### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

Create employment that enhances the natural environment.

#### NE 10.1

##### ENVIRONMENT SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Provide incentives for businesses that restore and benefit the natural environment while providing jobs for local residents.

#### NE 10.2

##### LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Support and provide incentives for businesses that employ local people, use local materials, and sell their products and/or services locally.

#### NE 10.3

##### ECONOMIC ACTIVITY INCENTIVES

Identify and provide incentives for economic activities that combine the goals and principles of economy, ecology, and social equity.



## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 11

### **NE 11 NATURAL AREAS**

Designate a network of natural areas (natural areas and connecting corridors) throughout Spokane that supports native habitats and natural land forms.

#### **NE 11.1 IDENTIFICATION OF NATURAL AREAS**

Identify natural areas throughout the city, based on neighborhood input, existing city-owned conservation lands, wildlife habitats, steep slopes, wetlands, riparian areas, adjacency to county natural areas, and proximity to state parks.

#### **NE 11.2 CORRIDOR LINKS**

Identify corridors that link natural areas.

#### **NE 11.3 ACQUISITION TECHNIQUES**

Acquire natural areas and connecting corridors using acquisition techniques to Create a network of natural areas.

#### **NE 11.4 NATURAL AREA PATHS**

Develop soft, permeable, low impact paths in natural areas.

#### **NE 11.5 SPOKANE RIVER GORGE**

Pursue the Spokane River Gorge as a natural area and maintain this place as one of our region's greatest resources.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 12

### NE 12

#### URBAN FOREST

Maintain and enhance the urban forest to provide good air quality, reduce urban warming, and increase habitat.

#### NE 12.1

##### STREET TREES

Plant trees along all streets.

#### NE 12.2

##### URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAMS

Participate in the Spokane County Conservation District for urban forestry programs, protection, and maintenance.

#### NE 12.3

##### PROTECTION TECHNIQUES

Use incentives and acquisition to protect forested areas both on publicly and privately-owned land.

#### NE 12.4

##### FOREST INVENTORY DATABASE

Maintain an inventory of the urban forest in the city's Geographic Information System.

#### NE 12.5

##### TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Do not allow tree removal in the public right-of-way without a program for tree replacement.



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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 13

### **NE 13 CONNECTIVITY**

Create a citywide network of paved trails, designated sidewalks, and soft pathways that link regional trails, natural areas, parks, sacred and historical sites, schools, and urban centers.

#### **NE 13.1 WALKWAY AND BICYCLE PATH SYSTEM**

Identify, prioritize, and connect places in the city with a walkway or bicycle path system.

#### **NE 13.2 WALKWAY AND BICYCLE PATH DESIGN**

Design walkways and bicycle paths based on qualities that make them safe, functional, and separated from automobile traffic where possible.

#### **NE 13.3 YEAR-ROUND USE**

Build and maintain portions of the walkway and bicycle path systems that can be used year-round.

#### **NE 13.4 WINTER TRAIL NETWORK**

Link soft trails, parks, and golf courses with the walkway and bicycle path system to develop a winter trail network.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 14

### NE 14

#### PLAZA DESIGN WITH NATURAL ELEMENTS

Develop or revitalize plazas using local nature elements, including water, vegetation, wildlife, and land forms.

#### NE 14.1

##### PLAZA INVENTORY AND IMPROVEMENTS

Inventory existing plazas that lack nature Elements and that are not used actively and identify natural element features that will improve them.

#### NE 14.2

##### NEW PLAZA DESIGN

Develop plazas with native natural elements And formations, such as basalt, Missoula flood stones, stream patterns, river character, native trees, and plants that attract native birds.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 15

### **NE 15 NATURAL AESTHETICS**

Retain and enhance nature views, natural aesthetics, sacred areas, and historic sites that define the Spokane region.

#### **NE 15.1 PROTECTION OF NATURAL AESTHETICS**

Protect and enhance nature views, natural aesthetics, sacred areas, and historic sites within the growing urban setting.

#### **NE 15.2 NATURAL AESTHETIC LINKS**

Link local nature views, natural aesthetics, sacred areas, and historic sites with the trail and path system of the city.

#### **NE 15.3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

Educate the community on the meaning of sacred and Historic sites that they value their protection and enhancement.

#### **NE 15.4 NAMING CULTURALLY HISTORIC SITES**

Identify local nature views, natural aesthetics, sacred areas, and historic sites that define the Spokane region with the original names local historic cultures gave to them.

#### **NE 15.5 NATURE THEMES**

Identify and use nature themes in large scale public and private landscape projects that reflect the natural character of the Spokane region.



## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 16

### NE 16

#### QUALITY OF LIFE

Compile social, natural environment, and economic indicators of a healthy Spokane community on an annual basis, and compare them to prior years in order to assess Spokane's progress.

#### NE 16.1

##### QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATORS

Coordinate with other groups and agencies to develop quality of life indicators based upon What others have previously identified.

#### NE 16.2

##### BENCHMARK ADOPTION

Develop quality of life benchmarks based on identified indicators that the community wants to obtain over time.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 17

### NE 17

#### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

Educate children and the community on how to improve Spokane's natural environment.

#### NE 17.1

##### PROTECTION AND RECOGNITION

Develop a program that formally recognizes activities, development, businesses, groups, and people that contribute to the protection and improvement of Spokane's natural environment.

#### NE 17.2

##### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SOURCES

Create a central source within city government to disseminate information on anything affecting the city's natural environment, programs to enhance the natural environment, and environmental education opportunities.

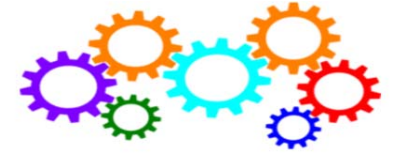
#### NE 17.3

##### ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Educate children about the interrelationship between people and nature so that an understanding and respect for human impacts and the benefits of nature is developed.

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## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 18

### **NE 18**

#### **ENERGY CONSERVATION**

Promote the conservation of energy in the location and design of residential, service, and workplaces.

#### **NE 18.1**

##### **INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

Encourage innovative residential development techniques that produce low energy consumption per housing unit.



## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT – Policy NE 19

### NE 19

#### FLOOD HAZARDS MANAGEMENT

Protect life and property from flooding and erosion by directing development away from flood hazard areas.

#### NE 19.1

##### CHANNEL MIGRATION ZONE MANAGEMENT

Determine the channel migration zone of streams and rivers in the city that have a history of flooding.

#### NE 19.2

##### 100-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN REASSESSMENT

Conduct a reassessment of the 100-year flood plain in areas with a history of flooding.

#### NE 19.3

##### LAND ACQUISITION/HOME RELOCATION PROGRAM

Consider the purchase of homes and Lands that are in the 100-year flood plain and maintain those areas as natural area corridors.

#### NE 19.4

##### DISCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT IN 100-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN

Discourage development and redevelopment of habitable structures that are within the 100-year flood plain.

#### NE 19.5

##### PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

Develop a public awareness and education program for residents living within flood plains.

#### NE 19.6

##### DOWNSTREAM IMPACTS CONSIDERATION

Consider the downstream impacts Created by development, erosion control devices, and public works projects within or adjacent to rivers and streams.

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## SOCIAL HEALTH - Goals

### SOCIAL HEALTH

“Spokane will be a safe and nurturing community that provides a diversity of social, recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities for all ages. A strong, positive identity for Spokane will be furthered by constructive community events and activities.”

#### SH 1

##### FUNDING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT SOCIAL HEALTH

Utilize all funding mechanisms that will help to develop the infrastructure, support, and staffing necessary to provide affordable, accessible opportunities for arts, culture, recreation, education, and health and human services to all citizens, with particular attention to the needs of youth, the elderly and those with special needs.

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#### SH 2

##### FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS

Enable and encourage development patterns and uses of public and private property that are responsive to the facility requirements of special needs populations.

*Policy*

#### SH 3

##### ARTS AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Support community image and identity through the arts and accessible art activities.

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#### SH 4

##### DIVERSITY

Develop and implement programs that attract and retain city residents from a diverse range of backgrounds and life circumstances so that all people feel welcome and accepted, regardless of their race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation, economic status, disability, or other protected classes.

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#### SH 5

##### PUBLIC BENEFIT USES

Create policy framework, laws, and regulations that expand and develop wellness programs, affordable and accessible health and human services, child and adult day care, and other public benefit uses.

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#### SH 6

##### SAFETY

Create and maintain a safe community through the cooperative efforts of citizens and city departments, such as Planning and Development, Police, Fire, Community, Housing and Human Services, Parks and Recreation, and Neighborhood Services.

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#### SH 7

##### FOOD ACCESS AND SECURITY

Ensure that all citizens have convenient access to healthy food.

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## SOCIAL HEALTH – Policy SH 1

### SH 1

#### FUNDING MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT SOCIAL HEALTH

Utilize all funding mechanisms that will help to develop the infrastructure, support, and staffing necessary to provide affordable, accessible opportunities for arts, culture, recreation, education, and health and human services to all citizens, with particular attention to the needs of youth, the elderly and those with special needs.

#### SH 1.1

##### INVEST IN SOCIAL HEALTH

Allocate funds to arts and human services in sufficient amounts to guarantee ongoing support for these programs to achieve their full potential.

#### SH 1.2

##### COMMITMENT TO YOUTH

Allocate resources at a consistent and meaningful level to provide access to youth-related programs

#### SH 1.3

##### EQUITABLE FUNDING

Coordinate with public and private agencies at the local, state, and federal level and with recipients to design a structure for funding and decision-making that recognizes the significant presence of social services of a regional nature within the City of Spokane.

#### SH 1.4

##### ACCESSIBILITY

Improve communication with and access to public recreational, cultural, and educational facilities or programs.

#### SH 1.5

##### PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Encourage public/private partnerships that complement each other as a means to provide coordinated, centrally located services.

#### SH 1.6

##### VACANT BUILDINGS

Promote and assist non-profit organizations in purchasing and renovating vacant properties in order to provide sites for additional community-related facilities.

#### SH 1.7

##### SURPLUS CITY REAL PROPERTY

Establish a dedicated reserve fund within the City of Spokane's general fund to cover the cost of leasing any unused city-owned building and/or property that has been determined surplus to non-profit organizations.

#### SH 1.8

##### VOLUNTEERISM

Enable and encourage development patterns and uses of public and private property that are responsive to the facility requirements of special needs populations.



## SOCIAL HEALTH – Policy SH 2

### SH 2

#### FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS

Enable and encourage development patterns and uses of public and private property that are responsive to the facility requirements of special needs populations.

#### SH 2.1

##### CARE FACILITIES

Distribute care facilities fairly and equitably throughout all neighborhoods.

#### SH 2.2

##### SPECIAL NEEDS TEMPORARY HOUSING

Disperse special needs temporary housing evenly throughout all neighborhoods.

#### SH 2.3

##### COMPATIBLE DESIGN OF SPECIAL NEEDS FACILITIES

Ensure that facilities that accommodate special needs populations blend in with the existing visual character of the neighborhood in which they are located.

#### SH 2.4

##### CO-LOCATION OF FACILITIES

Encourage a land use pattern that allows convenient access to daily goods and services, especially for those persons with mobility limitations.

#### SH 2.5

##### FAMILY DAY-CARE PROVIDERS' HOME FACILITIES

Allow use of a residential dwelling as a family day care provider's home facility in all areas where housing exists or is permitted.

#### SH 2.6

##### JOINT-USE FACILITIES

Provide for the joint use of facilities that cluster services for child or adult day care, health care, human services, libraries, schools, and cultural, recreational, and educational programs, as needed.

#### SH 2.7

##### EXCEPTIONS TO FAIR HOUSING

Regulate residential structures occupied by persons who pose a direct threat to the health or safety of other individuals or whose tenancy would result in substantial physical damage to the property of others through appropriate and necessary means to protect the public health, safety and welfare.



## SOCIAL HEALTH – Policy SH 3

### SH 3

#### ARTS AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Support community image and identity through the arts and accessible art activities.

#### SH 3.1

##### SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS

Encourage public and private participation in and support of arts and cultural events in recognition of their contribution to the physical, mental, social, and economic wellbeing of the community.

#### SH 3.2

##### NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS PRESENCE

Provide the regulatory flexibility necessary to support and encourage an arts presence at the neighborhood level.

#### SH 3.3

##### PUBLIC ART INCENTIVES

Provide incentives such as bonus densities or increases in floor-area ratio and lot coverage to encourage the use of public art in commercial, industrial, and mixed-use developments.

#### SH 3.4

##### ONE PERCENT FOR ARTS

Encourage private developers to incorporate an arts presence into buildings and other permanent structures with a value of over \$25,000 by allocating one percent of their project's budget for this purpose.

#### SH 3.5

##### TAX INCREMENT FINANCING

Support the use of tax increment financing for the arts.

#### SH 3.6

##### LIFE-LONG LEARNING

Work in partnership with artists, arts organizations, ethnic, cultural, musical and community associations, and education institutions to foster opportunities for life-long cultural exploration for all citizens.

#### SH 3.7

##### SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS

Solicit local artists to design or produce functional and decorative elements for the public realm, whenever possible.

#### SH 3.8

##### COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

Support celebrations that enhance the community's identity and sense of place.

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## SOCIAL HEALTH – Policy SH 4

### **SH 4 DIVERSITY**

Develop and implement programs that attract and retain city residents from a diverse range of backgrounds and life circumstances so that all people feel welcome and accepted, regardless of their race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation, economic status, disability, or other protected classes, consistent with SMC Title 18.

#### **SH 4.1**

##### **UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY**

Ensure that neighborhood facilities and programs are universally accessible.

#### **SH 4.2**

##### **CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND EDUCATION**

Encourage programs and events that foster understanding and appreciation of the diversity of the community and region.

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## SOCIAL HEALTH – Policy SH 5

### SH 5

#### PUBLIC BENEFIT USES

Create policy framework, laws, and regulations that expand and develop wellness programs, affordable and accessible health and human services, child and adult day care, and other public benefit uses.

#### SH 5.1

##### COORDINATION OF HUMAN SERVICES

Coordinate with public and private agencies and other appropriate entities to evaluate existing needs, facilities, and programs relative to health and human services, and develop regionally equitable and comprehensive programs and service delivery systems.

#### SH 5.2

##### NEIGHBORHOODS-LEVEL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Provide financial, regulatory, and tax incentives for business and property owners, service providers, and developers in order to increase the number of neighborhood and district centers where health and dental clinics, and human services are available.

#### SH 5.3

##### SPACE FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT USES

Provide regulatory and tax incentives and flexibility that encourage builders, developers, and businesses to make space available in their project for public benefit uses.

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## SOCIAL HEALTH – Policy SH 6

### SH 6 SAFETY

Create and maintain a safe community through the cooperative efforts of citizens and city departments, such as Planning and Development, Police, Fire, Community, Housing and Human Services, Parks and Recreation, and Neighborhood Services.

#### SH 6.1

##### **CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN THEMES**

Include the themes commonly associated with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in the normal review process for development proposals.

#### SH 6.2

##### **NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL**

Use design elements to define space physically or symbolically to control access to property.

#### SH 6.3

##### **NATURAL SURVEILLANCE**

Design activities and spaces so that users of the space are visible rather than concealed.

#### SH 6.4

##### **TERRITORIAL REINFORCEMENT**

Employ certain elements to convey a sense of arrival and ownership and guide the public through clearly delineated public, semi-public, and private spaces.

#### SH 6.5

##### **PROJECT DESIGN REVIEW**

Include the crime prevention principles of CPTED in any analysis of projects that come before the Design Review Board.

#### SH 6.6

##### **NEIGHBORHOOD ROLE**

Encourage neighborhood residents to apply CPTED principles in their consideration of development issues within their own particular neighborhood.

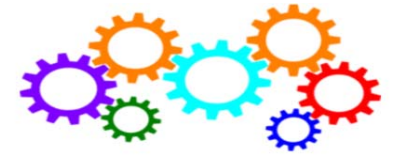
#### SH 6.7

##### **COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES**

Continue to support the operation and administration of neighborhood-based Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.).

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## SOCIAL HEALTH – Policy SH 7

### SH 7

#### FOOD ACCESS AND SECURITY

Ensure that all citizens have convenient access to healthy food.

#### SH 7.1

##### LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION

Promote the development of home and community gardens, farmers' or public markets, and other small-scale collaborative initiatives in order to provide citizens with a diverse choice of locally-based food products.

#### SH 7.2

##### COMMUNITY GARDENS

Enable the establishment and maintenance of community gardens on city property, as appropriate.

#### SH 7.3

##### ACCESS TO FRESH PRODUCE

Develop incentive programs to encourage convenience stores – especially those located in areas with limited access to full-service grocery stores, to carry fresh produce.

#### SH 7.4

##### URBAN AGRICULTURE

Recognize urban agriculture as a strategic asset for community development, neighborhood beautification, and public health.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS - Goals

### NEIGHBORHOODS

“Spokane’s neighborhoods will be safe, inclusive, diverse, and livable with a variety of compatible services. Existing neighborhoods will be preserved or enhanced and new, distinctive neighborhoods, including the downtown area, will be established so that a sense of community is promoted.”

#### N 1

##### THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD

Recognize downtown Spokane as the primary economic and cultural center of the region and improve its viability as a desirable neighborhood in which to live and conduct business.

[Policy](#)

#### N 2

##### NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Reinforce the stability and diversity of the city’s neighborhoods in order to attract long-term residents and businesses and to ensure the city’s residential quality, cultural opportunities, and economic vitality.

[Policy](#)

#### N 3

##### NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES

Maximize the usefulness of existing neighborhood facilities and services while minimizing the impacts of major facilities located within neighborhoods.

[Policy](#)

#### N 4

##### TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

Provide Spokane residents with clean air, safe streets, and quiet, peaceful living environments by reducing the volume of automobile traffic passing through neighborhoods and promoting alternative modes of circulation.

[Policy](#)

#### N 5

##### OPEN SPACE

Increase the number of open gathering spaces, greenbelts, trails, and pedestrian bridges within and/or between neighborhoods.

[Policy](#)

#### N 6

##### THE ENVIRONMENT

Protect and enhance the natural and built environment within neighborhoods.

[Policy](#)

#### N 7

##### SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Promote efforts that provide neighborhoods with social amenities and interaction and a sense of community.

[Policy](#)

#### N 8

##### NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS

Ensure a sense of identity and belonging for each neighborhood throughout the city and the adjacent Urban Growth Area through a neighborhood planning process that is all-inclusive, maintains the integrity of neighborhoods, implements the comprehensive plan, and empowers neighborhoods in their decision-making.

[Policy](#)



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## NEIGHBORHOODS – Policy N 1

### **N 1**

#### **THE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD**

Recognize downtown Spokane as the primary economic and cultural center of the region and improve its viability as a desirable neighborhood in which to live and conduct business.

### **N 1.1**

#### **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**

Develop downtown Spokane as the primary economic and cultural center of the region and provide a variety of housing, recreation, and daily service opportunities that attract and retain neighborhood residents.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS – Policy N 2

### N 2

#### NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Reinforce the stability and diversity of the city's neighborhoods in order to attract long-term residents and businesses and to ensure the city's residential quality, cultural opportunities, and economic vitality.

#### N 2.1

##### NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE

Ensure that neighborhoods continue to offer residents transportation and living options, safe streets, quality schools, public services, and cultural, social, and recreational opportunities in order to sustain and enhance the vitality, diversity, and quality of life within neighborhoods.

#### N 2.2

##### NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

Develop neighborhoods that enable citizens to live, work, shop, socialize, and receive other essential services within their neighborhood.

#### N 2.3

##### SPECIAL NEEDS

Ensure that neighborhood-based services are available for special needs and located in proximity to public transit routes in order to be accessible to local residents.

#### N 2.4

##### NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

Encourage revitalization and improvement programs to conserve and upgrade existing properties and buildings.

#### N 2.5

##### NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS

Devote space in all Neighborhoods for public art, including sculptures, murals, special sites, and facilities.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS – Policy N 3

### **N 3**

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES**

Maximize the usefulness of existing neighborhood facilities and services while minimizing the impacts of major facilities located within neighborhoods.

#### **N 3.1**

##### **MULTI-PURPOSE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDINGS**

Work with neighborhoods to develop a strategy for the multipurpose use of existing structures and the extension of services within neighborhoods for neighborhood activities.

#### **N 3.2**

##### **MAJOR FACILITIES**

Use the siting process outlined under “Adequate Public Lands and Facilities” (LU 6) as a guide when evaluating potential locations for facilities within city neighborhoods, working with neighborhood councils and/or interest-specific committees to explore mitigation measures, public amenity enhancements, and alternative locations.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS – Policy N 4

### N 4

#### TRAFFIC AND CIRCULATION

Provide Spokane residents with clean air, safe streets, and quiet, peaceful living environments by reducing the volume of automobile traffic passing through neighborhoods and promoting alternative modes of circulation.

#### N 4.1

##### NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC IMPACT

Consider impacts to neighborhoods when planning the city transportation network.

#### N 4.2

##### NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

Refrain, when possible, from constructing new arterials that bisect neighborhoods and from widening streets within neighborhoods for the purpose of accommodating additional automobiles.

#### N 4.3

##### TRAFFIC PATTERNS

Alter traffic patterns and redesign neighborhood streets in order to reduce non-neighborhood traffic, discourage speeding, and improve neighborhood safety.

#### N 4.4

##### NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS TRAFFIC

Ensure that the size of a neighborhood business is appropriate for the size of the neighborhood it serves so that trips generated by non-local traffic through the neighborhood are minimized.

#### N 4.5

##### MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION

Promote a variety of transportation options to reduce automobile dependency and neighborhood traffic.

#### N 4.6

##### PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CONNECTIONS

Establish a continuous pedestrian and bicycle network within and between all neighborhoods.

#### N 4.7

##### PEDESTRIAN DESIGN

Design neighborhoods for pedestrians.

#### N 4.8

##### SIDEWALK PROGRAM

Develop a sidewalk program to maintain, repair, or build new sidewalks in existing neighborhoods, and require sidewalks in new neighborhoods, concurrent with development.

#### N 4.9

##### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Design neighborhoods for pedestrian safety.

#### N 4.10

##### SCHOOL WALKING AND BUS ROUTES

Coordinate with local school districts, private schools, and colleges to determine which bus and walking routes to and from neighborhood schools provide the highest degree of pedestrian safety.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS – Policy N 5

### **N 5 OPEN SPACE**

Increase the number of open gathering spaces, greenbelts, trails, and pedestrian bridges within and/or between neighborhoods.

#### **N 5.1**

##### **FUTURE PARKS PLANNING**

Utilize neighborhood groups to work with the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department to locate land and develop financing strategies that meet the level of service standards for neighborhood parks and/or open space.

#### **N 5.2**

##### **PARKS AND SQUARES IN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS**

Include a park and/or square in each neighborhood center.

#### **N 5.3**

##### **LINKAGES**

Link neighborhoods with an open space greenbelt system or pedestrian and bicycle paths.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS – Policy N 6

### **N 6**

#### **THE ENVIRONMENT**

Protect and enhance the natural and built environment within neighborhoods.

#### **N 6.1**

##### **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING**

Protect the natural and built environment within neighborhoods.

#### **N 6.2**

##### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Enforce the city codes for public nuisances impacting neighborhood properties.

#### **N 6.3**

##### **OPEN SPACE AND NATURE CORRIDORS**

Identify and protect nature and wildlife corridors within and between neighborhoods.

#### **N 6.4**

##### **MAINTENANCE OF CITY PROPERTY**

Ensure that city land, property, and infrastructure within neighborhoods are adequately maintained to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS – Policy N 7

### **N 7**

#### **SOCIAL CONDITIONS**

Promote efforts that provide neighborhoods with social amenities and interaction and a sense of community.

#### **N 7.1**

##### **GATHERING PLACES**

Increase the number of public gathering places within neighborhoods.

#### **N 7.2**

##### **CITY HALL OUTREACH**

Encourage City Hall outreach efforts in neighborhoods.

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## NEIGHBORHOODS – Policy N 8

### N 8

#### NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS

Ensure a sense of identity and belonging for each neighborhood throughout the city and the adjacent Urban Growth Area through a neighborhood planning process that is all-inclusive, maintains the integrity of neighborhoods, implements the comprehensive plan, and empowers neighborhoods in their decision-making.

#### N 8.1

##### INCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

Ensure that neighborhood planning is conducted through the cooperation and contributions of all interested parties, including institutions, organizations, and individuals of all ages, whether resident, property owner, business owner, or employee.

#### N 8.2

##### NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS

Ensure that the neighborhood planning process carries out the city's firm commitment to neighborhood planning, involves simultaneous consideration of city and neighborhood goals and strategies, and includes representatives of both the city and neighborhood working together.

#### N 8.3

##### CITY PARTICIPATION IN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

Require neighborhoods to coordinate and consult with the City of Spokane Planning and Development Services when conducting neighborhood planning.

#### N 8.4

##### CONSISTENCY OF PLANS

Maintain consistency between neighborhood planning documents and the comprehensive plan.

#### N 8.5

##### NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COORDINATION

Require neighborhoods to coordinate planning and review of individual neighborhood plans so that neighborhood projects have minimal negative impacts on other neighborhoods.

#### N 8.6

##### NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

Consider recommendations from neighborhood planning in the context of the city as a whole.

#### N 8.7

##### AGREEMENT FOR JOINT PLANNING

Agree with the county, affected neighborhoods, and interested stakeholders on a consistent process for developing neighborhood plans within the city's unincorporated Urban Growth Area.

#### N 8.8

##### NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING OUTSIDE THE CITY

Use the City of Spokane and Spokane County planning processes when conducting planning in neighborhoods within the city's unincorporated UGA.

#### N 8.9

##### CONSISTENCY OF PLANS OUTSIDE THE CITY

Maintain consistency between the city's unincorporated UGA neighborhood plans and the City of Spokane and Spokane County Comprehensive Plans.



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## PARKS AND RECREATION - Goals

### PARKS AND RECREATION

“Spokane will acquire, operate, enhance, and protect a diverse system of parks, boulevards, parkways, urban forest, golf courses, and recreational, cultural, historical, and open space areas for the enjoyment and enrichment of all.”

#### PRS 1

##### **PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION**

Assure the preservation and conservation of unique, fragile, and scenic natural resources, and especially non-renewable resources.

[Policy](#)

#### PRS 2

##### **PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM**

Provide a park system that is an integral and vital part of the open space system and that takes advantage of the opportunities for passive and active recreation that a comprehensive open space system provides.

[Policy](#)

#### PRS 3

##### **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION**

Work with other agencies to provide a convenient and pleasant open space-related network for pedestrian and bicyclist circulation throughout the City of Spokane.

[Policy](#)

#### PRS 4

##### **MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Recognize and update Spokane's existing park resources by continuing the park preventative maintenance program.

[Policy](#)

#### PRS 5

##### **RECREATION PROGRAM**

Assure an indoor and outdoor recreation program, which provides well-rounded recreational opportunities for citizens of all ages and abilities.

[Policy](#)

#### PRS 6

##### **COORDINATION AND COOPERATION**

Encourage and pursue a climate of cooperation between government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private business in providing open space, parks facilities, and recreational services that are beneficial for the public.

[Policy](#)

#### PRS 7

##### **PARKS SERVICE QUALITY**

Provide a parks and recreation system that is enjoyable, efficient, financially responsible, and a source of civic pride.

[Policy](#)



## PARKS AND RECREATION – Policy PRS 1

### PRS 1

#### PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION

Assure the preservation and conservation of unique, fragile, and scenic natural resources, and especially non-renewable resources.

#### PRS 1.1

##### OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

Provide an open space system  
Within the urban growth boundary  
that connects with regional open  
space and maintains habitat for  
wildlife corridors.

#### PRS 1.2

##### RIVER CORRIDORS

Protect river and stream corridors  
as crucial natural resources that need  
to be preserved for the health,  
enjoyment and responsible use and  
access of the community, consistent  
with the Shoreline Master Program.

#### PRS 1.3

##### FUNDING FOR OPEN SPACE AND SHORELINE LAND ACQUISITION

Purchase open space and shoreline  
land when they become available  
using funding sources available.

#### PRS 1.4

##### PROPERTY OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS

Work cooperatively with property  
owners and developers to preserve  
Open space areas within or between  
developments, especially those that  
provide visual or physical linkages to  
the open space network.

#### PRS 1.5

##### OPEN SPACE BUFFERS

Preserve and/or establish areas of  
open space buffer to provide  
separation between conflicting land  
uses.

#### PRS 1.6

##### OPPORTUNITY FUND

Create an “Opportunity Fund” to  
protect open space or acquire  
parkland, which would be lost if  
not immediately purchased.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION – Policy PRS 2

### PRS 2

#### PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM

Provide a park system that is an integral and vital part of the open space system and that takes advantage of the opportunities for passive and active recreation that a comprehensive open space system provides.

#### PRS 2.1

##### AMENITIES WITHIN CITY BOUNDARIES

Provide open space and park amenities that serve all residents, as determined by the level of service standards.

#### PRS 2.2

##### ACCESS TO OPEN SPACE AND PARK AMENITIES

Provide for linkages and connectivity of open space and park amenities.

#### PRS 2.3

##### PARKS AND RECREATION AMENITIES

Continue to develop parks and recreation amenities that enhance the local economy.

#### PRS 2.4

##### URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM

Support a comprehensive urban forestry program.

#### PRS 2.5

##### PARK FUNDING

Consider all potential funding sources to maintain the adopted level of service standards for parks.

#### PRS 2.6

##### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Prepare and update annually a six-year capital improvement program for implementation of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Plan.

#### PRS 2.7

##### CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PARKS

Encourage the preservation of and showcase the cultural and historic character of the parks and the park system.



## PARKS AND RECREATION – Policy PRS 3

### **PRS 3**

#### **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION**

Work with other agencies to provide a convenient and pleasant open space-related network for pedestrian and bicyclist circulation throughout the City of Spokane.

#### **PRS 3.1**

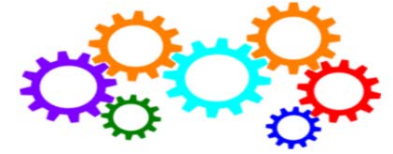
##### **TRAILS AND LINKAGES**

Provide trails and linkages to parks in accordance with city adopted plans.

#### **PRS 3.2**

##### **TRAIL CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT**

Include landscaping, revegetation, and reforestation in trail corridor development where appropriate and Desirable to provide a pleasant trail experience, compatible with adjacent uses.



## PARKS AND RECREATION – Policy PRS 4

### **PRS 4**

#### **MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

Recognize and update Spokane's existing park resources by continuing the park preventative maintenance program.

#### **PRS 4.1**

##### **MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Implement a maintenance management program that will project maintenance, facility, and replacement costs.

#### **PRS 4.2**

##### **PARK CIRCULATION PATTERNS**

Improve park circulation patterns for motorists, bicyclists, equestrians, and pedestrians.

#### **PRS 4.3**

##### **PARK SIGN PLAN**

Implement and maintain a park sign plan that standardizes all park signs, including entrance, direction, and rules signs.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION – Policy PRS 5

### PRS 5

Assure an indoor and outdoor recreation program, which provides well-rounded recreational opportunities for citizens of all ages and abilities.

#### PRS 5.1

##### RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Provide and improve recreational opportunities that are easily accessible to all citizens of Spokane.

#### PRS 5.2

##### PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Create public-private partnerships and develop incentives for community-oriented programs that are responsive to needs and foster participant support of all ages and abilities.

#### PRS 5.3

##### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Support special population participants in Spokane Parks and Recreation Department programs.

#### PRS 5.4

##### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Promote parks and recreation programs, services, and facilities through an effective community outreach program, utilizing a variety of communication methods.

#### PRS 5.5

##### INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

Provide facilities and programs that afford the public the opportunity to participate in a broad range of indoor recreational activities.

#### PRS 5.6

##### OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Provide facilities and programs that allow the public the opportunity to participate in a broad range of outdoor recreational activities.

#### PRS 5.7

##### CITY GOLF COURSES

Continue to provide for and maintain the public golf courses in Spokane.



## PARKS AND RECREATION – Policy PRS 6

### PRS 6

#### COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

Encourage and pursue a climate of cooperation between government agencies, non-profit organizations, and private business in providing open space, parks facilities, and recreational services that are beneficial for the public.

#### PRS 6.1

##### DUPLICATION OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Facilitate cooperation and communication among government agencies, non-profit organizations, school districts, and private Businesses to avoid duplication in providing recreational opportunities within the community.

#### PRS 6.2

##### COOPERATION PLANNING AND USE OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Conduct cooperative planning and use of recreational facilities with public and private groups in the community.

#### PRS 6.3

##### JOINT PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLANNING

Ensure that parks, open space, and trails are planned and funded in coordination with Spokane County prior to allowing urban development within the city's Urban Growth Area (UGA), yet outside city limits.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION – Policy PRS 7

### PRS 7

#### PARKS SERVICE QUALITY

Provide a parks and recreation system that is enjoyable, efficient, financially responsible, and a source of civic pride.

#### PRS 7.1

##### QUALITY OF SERVICE

Provide high quality service to the community in all parks and recreation programs, services, and facilities.

#### PRS 7.2

##### MODERN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Employ state-of-the-art techniques in the park and recreation profession by providing staff training, labor-saving equipment, automatic systems, durable materials, effective facility design, and responsive leisure services.

#### PRS 7.3

##### STANDARDS AND POLICIES

Maintain open communication and collaborative planning processes that help define service levels based on good management practices while providing quality service to the public.

#### PRS 7.4

##### VOLUNTEERS

Encourage and recruit volunteers to serve on advisory boards for program and facility design, leadership in program offering, and community service labor.

#### PRS 7.5

##### EVALUATIONS

Conduct periodic monitoring of the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department services, facilities, and programs through staff, participant, and public evaluations.

#### PRS 7.6

##### ACTION PLAN

Develop an action plan to ensure elements of the Roadmap to the Future master plan are implemented.

#### PRS 7.7

##### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ensure that decisions regarding the city's park and open space system encourage the full participation of Spokane's citizenry.



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## LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE, AND CITIZENSHIP - Goals

### LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE, AND CITIZENSHIP

“Spokane will be an informed community that is visionary, respectful, tolerant, and inclusive. Spokane’s leadership will be open, empowering, and responsible to planning for future generations within the city and the greater community.”

#### LGC 1

##### DECISION PROCESS

Make substantive planning decisions through an open public process in which the outcome of that process is expressed in the decision of elected officials.

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#### LGC 2

##### CITIZEN-DIRECTED DECISIONS

Encourage citizens to become engaged in public process opportunities.

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#### LGC 3

##### PLANNING THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Utilize the neighborhood councils and the Community Assembly as a way for the public to participate in planning activities and bring proposals through the City Plan Commission to the City Council.

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#### LGC 4

##### CITIZEN AND GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION

Maintain open two-way communication between the city and its citizens through a variety of avenues.

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#### LGC 5

##### YOUTH CITIZENSHIP

Value youth citizenship as the foundation of the community’s future and ensure that young citizens are informed about the community, invited into community-building processes, and given the opportunity to contribute their insights and diversity to the community dialogue.

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#### LGC 6

##### RESPONSIVE CITY GOVERNMENT

Increase public confidence in the city’s responsiveness to the pursuit of community values through the day-to-day administration of land use and development codes.

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## LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND CITIZENSHIP – Policy LGC 1

### LGC 1

#### DECISION PROCESS

Make substantive planning decisions through an open public process in which the outcome of that process is expressed in the decision of elected officials.

#### LGC 1.1

##### CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION

Begin each planning activity with formal Spokane City Council direction and a commitment to the process's outcome.

#### LGC 1.2

##### RESOURCE ALLOCATION

Commit sufficient resources to planning activities in order to ensure that those activities engage the public and produce sound results.

#### LGC 1.3

##### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Employ a variety of techniques and venues to ensure a broad representation of the citizenry in planning activities.

#### LGC 1.4

##### DOCUMENTATION TRAIL

Incorporate a documentation trail into the public record of Each planning activity, tracing the public input to its ultimate expression in the final decision.

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### LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND CITIZENSHIP – Policy LGC 2

#### LGC 2

##### CITIZEN-DIRECTED DECISIONS

Encourage citizens to become engaged in public process opportunities.

#### LGC 2.1

##### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Pursue and support a variety of public and private leadership training programs for the general public, elected officials and city staff.

#### LGC 2.2

##### CIVICS EDUCATION THROUGHOUT LIFE

Encourage the development of responsible citizenship and a knowledge of civics.

#### LGC 2.3

##### BROAD COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

Strengthen the connection between city residents and city government by maintaining geographic diversity, cultural variety, and a wide range of community philosophies on boards and commissions.

#### LGC 2.4

##### BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Recognize the credibility and value of City of Spokane boards and commissions by emphasizing the value of recommendations that are forwarded to decision-making bodies.

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### LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND CITIZENSHIP – Policy LGC 3

#### LGC 3

##### PLANNING THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

Utilize the neighborhood councils and the Community Assembly as a way for the public to participate in planning activities and bring proposals through the City Plan Commission to the City Council.

#### LGC 3.1

##### FORUM FOR CITIZENS

Use neighborhood councils as one of many forums for citizens to bring issues and/or problems to the City of Spokane for debate And to express their preferences for resolution.

#### LGC 3.2

##### ROLES, RELATIONSHIPS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Maintain the role, relationship, and responsibility of the neighborhood councils relative to City of Spokane activities as expressed in the City of Spokane Charter.

#### LGC 3.3

##### COLLABORATION AND PROBLEM SOLVING

Create opportunities that foster successful collaboration among the neighborhoods.

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## LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND CITIZENSHIP – Policy LGC 4

### LGC 4

#### **CITIZEN AND GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATION**

Maintain open two-way communication between the city and its citizens through a variety of avenues.

#### **LGC 4.1**

##### **DISSEMINATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Use city cable television, websites, email, and other current technologies for dissemination of information on city and neighborhood activities.

#### **LGC 4.2**

##### **RESPECT FOR SERVICE CUSTOMERS**

Treat all citizens with respect in order to reinforce public trust.

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## LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND CITIZENSHIP – Policy LGC 5

### LGC 5

#### YOUTH CITIZENSHIP

Value youth citizenship as the foundation of the community's future and ensure that young citizens are informed about the community, invited into community-building processes, and given the opportunity to contribute their insights and diversity to the community dialogue.

#### LGC 5.1

##### YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Support and promote participation strategies that provide opportunities for young people to engage in decision-making.

#### LGC 5.2

##### YOUNG PEOPLE AS CITIZENS

Share community resources, including public space and facilities, with young citizens.

#### LGC 5.3

##### STRATEGIC NETWORKING

Create effective advocacy in the interests of young people by building and maintaining alliances with a broad range of human resources, community interests, local government and the private sector.

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## LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND CITIZENSHIP – Policy LGC 6

### **LGC 6**

#### **RESPONSIVE CITY GOVERNMENT**

Increase public confidence in the city's responsiveness to the pursuit of community values through the day-to-day administration of land use and development codes.

#### **LGC 6.1**

##### **ENFORCEMENT OF LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODES**

Utilize a violation-driven code enforcement system rather than a complaint-driven system to achieve compliance with land use and development codes.