

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF FORT WORTH 2021 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ANALYZING POPULATION, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL TRENDS; DESCRIBING IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS; DIVIDING THE CITY INTO 16 PLANNING SECTORS; PROVIDING MAPS DESCRIBING PROPOSED FUTURE LAND USES AND RECOMMENDED LAND USE POLICIES FOR EACH SECTOR; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 24071-03-2020 adopting the Fort Worth 2020 Comprehensive Plan on March 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan is the City of Fort Worth’s general guide for making decisions about growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan includes, without limitation, provisions on land use, housing, parks and community services, libraries, human services, neighborhood capacity building, economic development, transportation, education, historic preservation, urban design, arts and culture, police services, fire and emergency services, environmental quality, public health, and municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is the City Council’s intent to update elements of the Comprehensive Plan annually; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2021, the City Plan Commission conducted a public hearing on the 2021 Comprehensive Plan and recommended that the City Council adopt the plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the 2021 Comprehensive Plan on March 2, 2021, at which the public was given the opportunity to give testimony and present written evidence; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan is on file in the City Secretary's Office and is available from the Planning and Data Analytics Department and includes the following revisions to the 2020 Comprehensive Plan:

1. The *Population Trends, Economic Trends, and Financial Trends* chapters have been updated to reflect the latest statistical information available for these chapters.
2. The following chapters have been redesigned and updated for the first time since 2012 to include updated data, new project and program information, new policy direction from recently adopted plans, and graphic enhancements intended to improve the user experience:
 - a. *Chapter 6: Parks, Recreation, and Open Space*
 - b. *Chapter 7: Libraries*
 - c. *Chapter 13: Historic Preservation*
 - d. *Chapter 14: Urban Design*
 - e. *Chapter 16: Police Services*
 - f. *Chapter 17: Fire and Emergency Services*
 - g. *Chapter 18: Water Supply and Environmental Quality*
 - h. *Chapter 23: Financial Incentives*
 - i. *Chapter 24: Annexations*
3. Additional updates and new information have been added to recently updated *Chapter 5: Housing*.
4. *Appendix A: Existing Plans and Studies* has been updated to reflect the City Council's adoption of a) Library Strategic Services Plan, b) Library Facilities Master Plan, and c) Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, 2020 Update.
5. *Appendix C: Future Land Use by Sector* has been updated to reflect approved zoning changes, previously adopted City plans, new development plans and opportunities, and existing development patterns unlikely to change.
6. *Appendix D: Proposed Capital Improvements* has been updated to include the adopted FY2021-2025 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, along with a graphic summary of major expenditures described in the plan.
7. A new appendix has been added, *Appendix E: 20-Year Planned Service Areas*, which includes maps of ETJ areas where the City anticipates being able to provide City water and other services within the next 20 years.
8. *Appendix F: Annexation Plan, Policy, and Program* has been updated to reflect changes to the annexation program.
9. *Appendix G: Special Districts* has been reduced to one page with description and map. A link is included to the full policy.
10. *Appendix H: Reserved*. The full Tax Abatement Policy has been removed from the appendices and a description and link to the full policy has been included in *Chapter 23: Financial Incentives*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

The 2021 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Fort Worth is adopted as set out in Exhibit A attached and incorporated as if contained herein, specifically including existing plans and studies described in Appendix A to the Plan, which are incorporated by reference. A copy of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Fort Worth is on file in the City Secretary’s Office and in the Planning and Data Analytics Department.

SECTION 2.

The City of Fort Worth 2021 Comprehensive Plan supersedes and replaces the 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of the City of Fort Worth, Texas (2015), as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 5.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Melinda Ramos, Sr. Assistant City Attorney

Mary Kayser, City Secretary

ADOPTED: _____

EFFECTIVE: _____

EXHIBIT A

- Compact discs containing 2021 Comprehensive Plan to be attached and on file in the City Secretary's Office.
- 2021 Comprehensive Plan URL:
<https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/planning-data-analytics/comprehensive-planning/comprehensiveplan/adopted>