

Periodic Update Checklist for Fully-Planning Cities

Notice: This checklist has been updated with the new 2024 GMA legislation. Rows that include new 2023 and 2024 legislative changes or updated Commerce guidance are shown in light orange , and all statutory changes adopted since 2015 are emphasized in **highlighted** text to help identify new GMA requirements that may not have been addressed during the last periodic update or through other amendments outside of the required periodic update process. Additionally, amendments to the GMA are summarized in [this document](#) on Commerce's [GMA Laws and Rules webpage](#).

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Overview: This checklist is intended to help cities that are fully planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) conduct the “periodic review and update” of **comprehensive plans** and **development regulations** required under [RCW 36.70A.130 \(5\)](#). This checklist identifies components of comprehensive plans and development regulations that may need updating to reflect the latest local conditions or to comply with GMA changes since the last periodic update cycle (2015-2018).

Local governments should review local comprehensive plan policies, countywide planning policies and multicounty planning policies (where applicable) to be consistent with the new requirements.

Checklist Instructions

Please use the most recent versions of your comprehensive plan and development regulations to fill out each item in the checklist and answer the following questions:

Is this item addressed in your current plan or development regulations? If YES, fill in the form with citation(s) to where in the plan or regulation the item is addressed. Where possible, we recommend citing policy or goal numbers by element rather than page numbers, since these can change. If you have questions about the requirement, follow the hyperlinks to the relevant statutory provision or rules. If you still have questions, visit the Commerce [Periodic Update webpage](#) or contact the [Commerce planner assigned to your region](#).

Is amendment needed to meet current statute? Check YES to indicate a change to your plan will be needed. Check NO to indicate that the GMA requirement has already been met. Local updates may not be needed if the statute hasn't changed since your previous update, if your jurisdiction has kept current with required inventories, or if there haven't been many changes in local circumstances.

Use the "Notes" column to add additional information to note where your city may elect to work on or amend sections of your plan or development regulations, to call out sections that are not strictly required by the GMA, or to indicate if the item is not applicable to your jurisdiction.

Submit your checklist! This will be the first deliverable under your [periodic update grant](#).

PlanView system and instructions: Completed checklists can be submitted through Commerce's PlanView portal. The PlanView system allows cities and counties to submit and track amendments to comprehensive plans or development regulations online, with or without a user account. You can also submit via email: reviewteam@commerce.wa.gov Fill out and attach a [cover sheet](#), a copy of your submittal and this checklist. *Please be advised that Commerce is no longer accepting paper submittals.*

For further information about the submittal process, please visit Commerce's [Growth Management Act Laws and Rules webpage](#).

Need help?

Please visit Commerce's [periodic update webpage](#) for additional resources.

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Land Use Element

Consistent with countywide planning policies (CWPPs) and [RCW 36.70A.070\(1\)](#), amended in 2023

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
Notice: 2021-2022 legislation ESSB 5593 includes changes to RCW 36.70A.130 regarding UGA size, patterns of development, suitability and infrastructure. Coordinate these efforts with your county.	YES Chapter 1, Policies 1.1.7.	YES	Review Clark County 2023 Vacant Buildable Lands Model (VBLM) and population, housing, and employment allocations. Analyze development patterns to determine if the City's Urban Growth Area needs revision, including areas for rezone and/or UGA expansion.	Completed: ☐ Date:
a. The element integrates relevant county-wide planning policies into the local planning process, and ensures local goals and policies are consistent. For jurisdictions in the central Puget Sound region, the plan is consistent with applicable multicounty planning policies. RCW 36.70A.210 WAC 365-196-305 Coordinate these efforts with your county.	YES Chapter 8, County-Wide Planning Policies and Appendix B.	NO	City needs to incorporate any updated County-wide planning policies that Clark County adopts by December 31, 2025, and review any conflicting policies.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. A future land use map showing city limits and UGA boundaries. RCW 36.70A.070(1) amended in 2023 and RCW 36.70A.110(6) , WAC 365-196-400(2)(d) , WAC 365-196-405(2)(i)(ii) .	YES Chapter 1, Map 1 (Page 14).	YES	The existing La Center Comprehensive Plan has a future land use map with required elements. However, upon analysis and review of the 2023 VBLM and County allocations, the future land use map and UGA may need amending. Further discuss industrial and employment campus zoning districts in the City with the update, as these are zones currently not used. The UGA shall be reviewed for the needs of housing, commerce, industry, recreation, open spaces and green spaces, urban and community forests, public facilities, and other land uses.	Completed: ☐ Date:
c. Consideration of urban planning approaches that increase physical activity and reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled within the jurisdiction, but without increasing greenhouse gas emissions elsewhere in the state. RCW 36.70A.070(1)	YES Chapter 1, Policies 1.1.2 and 1.1.7; Chapter 2, Policies 2.1.13 and 2.1.14; Chapter 4, Policy	YES	Chapter 1, Land Use and its policies regarding urban planning approaches increasing physical activity shall also incorporate reducing per capital vehicle miles traveled within La Center and doing so without increasing greenhouse gas emissions elsewhere in the State. Other policies	Completed: ☐ Date:

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(amended in 2023) and WAC 365-196-405(2)(i). Additional resources: Commerce's Climate guidance, Transportation Efficient Communities' guidance, and the WA Department of Health Washington State Plan for Healthy Communities and Active Community Environment Toolkit	4.1.4; Chapter 6, Policies 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.5, 6.1.6, and 6.1.9; Chapter 9, Policy 9.1.7.		outside of Chapter 1, Land Use as referenced shall also incorporate this requirement (e.g. Transportation). The land use element must give consideration to achieving environmental justice in its goals and policies, including efforts to avoid creating or worsening environmental health disparities.	
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d. A consistent population projection throughout the plan which should be consistent with the jurisdiction's allocation of countywide population and housing needs. RCW 36.70A.115, RCW 43.62.035 and WAC 365-196-405(f)	YES Chapter 1, Policies 1.1.7, 1.1.8 and 1.2.1; Chapter 3, Policies 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, and 3.1.4; Chapter 5, Policy 5.1.6; Chapter 8, Policies 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 8.1.4, 8.1.5, and 8.1.6	YES	The City's population projection will need updating from the population allocations received by Clark County in late 2023. A population projection analysis will be necessary, which was completed with the 2024 La Center Housing Needs Analysis & Strategy (HNAS).	Completed: ☐ Date:
e. Estimates of population densities and building intensities based on future land uses and housing needs. RCW 36.70A.070(1) (amended in 2023), WAC 365-196-405(2)(i) For cities required to plan under the Buildable Lands Program, RCW 36.70A.215 amended in 2017, some jurisdictions may need to identify reasonable measures to reconcile inconsistencies. See Commerce's Buildable Lands Program page.	YES Chapter 1, Population & Demographics (Pages 9 – 10), Land Use Planning Assumptions (Page 15), and Vacant Buildable Lands (Page 16).	YES	City to utilize updated VBLM and County assigned allocations to assess capacity, densities based on future land uses and housing types needed. This includes identifying capacity for varying income strata and accommodating with strategic rezone and/or UGA expansion.	Completed: ☐ Date:

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f. Provisions for protection of the quality and quantity of groundwater used for public water supplies. RCW 36.70A.070(1) (amended in 2023), WAC 365-196-405(1)€ ; WAC 365-196-485(1)(d)	YES Chapter 9, Policies 9.1.7 and 9.6.1	NO		Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
g. Identification of lands useful for public purposes such as utility corridors, transportation corridors, landfills, sewage treatment facilities, storm water management facilities, recreation, schools and other public uses. RCW 36.70A.150 and WAC 365-196-340	YES Chapter 1, Policies 1.1.3, 1.1.4 and 1.1.7, 1.1.19; Chapter 2, Policies 2.1.6, 2.1.11, 2.1.17, 2.1.18, and 2.1.19; Chapter 6, Policies 6.1.1, 6.1.3, 6.1.5, 6.1.6, 6.1.9; Chapter 9, Policy 9.3.1. See also the Comprehensive Plan Map (Page 15) designating public facility and open space areas.	NO	Need to discuss removing second river crossing in policy 2.1.18.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

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h. Identification of open space corridors and green spaces within and between urban growth areas, including lands useful for recreation, wildlife habitat, trails and connection of critical areas, and urban and community forests within the UGA. RCW 36.70A.070(1) amended in 2023, RCW 36.70A.160 and WAC 365-196-335	YES Chapter 1, Policies 1.1.7 and 1.1.9; Chapter 6, Open Space Inventory (Page 55); Chapter 9, Policies 9.1.2 and 9.1.4. See also the Comprehensive Plan Map (Page 15) designating public facility and open space areas.	YES	The City should identify, designate, and include any green spaces and urban and community forests within the UGA. Chapter 6, Parks, Recreation, and Open Space and Chapter 9, Environment, should also be reviewed and accommodate for urban and community forests for consistency across Comprehensive Plan chapters.	Completed: ☐ Date:
i. If there is an airport within or adjacent to the city: policies, land use designations (and zoning) to discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to general aviation airports. RCW 36.70A.510 , RCW 36.70.547 Note: The plan (and associated regulations) must be filed with the Aviation Division of WSDOT . WAC 365-196-455	NO	NO	Not applicable, as there are no airports within, adjacent, or near the City of La Center.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
j. Where applicable, a review of drainage, flooding and stormwater run-off in the area and nearby jurisdictions and provide guidance for corrective actions to mitigate or cleanse those discharges that pollute waters of the state. RCW 36.70A.070(1) (amended in 2023) and WAC 365-196-405(2) € Note: RCW 90.56.010(27) defines waters of the state. Additional resources: Commerce's climate guidance , Protect Puget Sound Watersheds , Building Cities in the Rain , Ecology Stormwater Manuals , Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda	YES Chapter 4, Policy 4.2.6; Chapter 9, 9.3.1, 9.3.2, 9.3.3, and 9.3.4, 9.6.1, and 9.7.1.	YES	Drainage, flooding, and stormwater run-off comprehensive plan policies may need to be updated to include any state water quality impairments and corrective actions applicable to the East Fork of the Lewis River. These policies should consider climate and resiliency per Commerce's guidance where applicable.	Completed: ☐ Date:

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k. Policies to designate and protect critical areas including wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat protection areas, frequently flooded areas, critical aquifer recharge areas and geologically hazardous areas. In developing these policies, the city must have included the best available science (BAS) to protect the functions and values of critical areas, and give "special consideration" to conservation or protection measures necessary to preserve or enhance anadromous fisheries. RCW 36.70A.030(6) , RCW 36.70A.172 , WAC 365-190-080 . Best Available Science: see WAC 365-195-900 through -925	YES Chapter 1, Policy 1.1.7; Chapter 6, Policy 6.1.2; Chapter 9, Growth Management Act, Policies 9.1.1, 9.1.2, 9.1.3, 9.2.1 9.1.4, 9.1.6, 9.1.8 9.3.3, 9.6.1, and 9.7.1.	YES	A critical areas checklist is a sub-checklist of the overall periodic review. Comprehensive plan policies shall be amended for critical areas upon checklist review and identified out of compliance items.	Completed: ☐ Date:
l. If forest or agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance are designated inside a city: a program authorizing Transfer (or Purchase) of Development Rights. RCW 36.70A.060(4) , RCW 36.70A.170	NO	NO	Not applicable. No forest or agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance are designated inside the City.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
m. If there is a Military Base within or adjacent to the jurisdiction employing 100 or more personnel: policies, land use designations, (and consistent zoning) to discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to military bases. RCW 36.70A.530(3) , WAC 365-196-475	NO	NO	Not applicable. There is no military base within, adjacent, or near the City of La Center.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
n. New section RCW 36.70A.142 (2022), HB 1799: Development regulations newly developed, updated, or amended <i>after January 1, 2025</i> allow for the siting of organic materials (OM) management facilities as identified in local solid waste management plans (SWMP) to meet OM reduction and diversion goals. Siting must meet criteria described in RCW 70A.205.040(3) . See also RCW 36.70.330 . For applicability, see RCW 70A.205.540 .	NO	YES	See development regulation response below.	Completed: ☐ Date:

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o. Give special consideration to achieving environmental justice in goals and policies, including efforts to avoid creating or worsening environmental health disparities. RCW 36.70A.070(1) amended in 2023.	NO	YES	Chapter 1, Land Use, should be updated to give special consideration to achieving environmental justice in goals and policies, including efforts to avoid creating or worsening environmental health disparities. Disparities data should be reviewed for updating the policies as necessary. Review and apply such goals and policies as applicable in other Comprehensive Plan chapters for consistency across the plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
p. The land use element must reduce and mitigate the risk to lives and property posed by wildfires by using land use planning tools and through wildfire preparedness and fire adaptation measures. RCW 36.70A.070(1) amended in 2023. See also: International Wildland-Urban Interface Code	NO	YES	Chapter 1, Land Use, should be updated to reduce and mitigate the risk of lives and property posed by wildfires. Review for risks and apply such goals and policies as applicable in other Comprehensive Plan chapters for consistency across the plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Housing Element

New legislation substantially amended the housing-related provisions of the Growth Management Act (GMA), [RCW 36.70A.070 \(2\)](#). Local governments should review local comprehensive plan policies and countywide planning policies to be consistent with the updated requirements. Please refer to [Commerce's housing webpage](#) for further information. See also [Appendix A](#) of this checklist for the new 2023 minimum housing unit requirements per city population.

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Notice: For more information about what these housing element requirements involve and what Commerce staff will be reviewing for, please see the Expanded Housing Checklist located on the Updating GMA Housing Elements webpage .				
a. Goals, policies and objectives for: - the preservation, improvement and development of housing RCW 36.70A.070(2)(b); - moderate density housing options including, but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes, within an urban growth area boundary, RCW 36.70A.070(2)(b) and WAC 365-196-410(2)(a); and - Consideration of housing locations in relation to employment locations and the role of ADUs. RCW 36.70A.070(2)(d) new in 2021 Notice: These items were separately listed in the previous version of the checklist. No content was changed.	YES Chapter 1, Policies 1.1.1 and 1.1.2, 1.2.3(b), 1.2.3(c), 1.3.2(b), and 1.3.2(d); Residential Development Policies; Chapter 3, Housing Goal and Policies 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.4, 3.1.5, 3.1.7, 3.1.12, and 3.1.13 and 3.1.15.	YES	The current Comprehensive Plan does not explicitly discuss duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes but discusses low density attached housing. Chapter 3, Housing of the Plan will need to be amended to accommodate. A capacity analysis needs to be completed for these and other housing types. Chapter 3, Housing will be amended to add the role of ADUs in relation to housing and employment locations. A capacity analysis needs to be completed for these along with other housing types. Note that policy 3.1.4 requires reassessment of medium density housing if density goals not met.	Completed: ☐ Date:
b. An inventory and analysis of existing and projected housing needs over the planning period, by income band, consistent with the jurisdiction's share of countywide housing need, as provided by Commerce. RCW 36.70A.070(2)(a) amended in 2021, WAC 365-196-410(2)(b) and (c)	YES Chapter 3, Housing Inventory & Analysis (Pages 29 – 30), Statement of	YES	Analysis needs to be completed for existing and projected housing needs by income band and consistent with the City's housing need. Chapter 3, Housing, is to also be amended to include the inventory analysis of existing and projected housing needs based upon: units for moderate,	Completed: ☒ Date: HNAS, August 2024 Element, XYZ

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	Policies that Encourage Affordable Housing (Pages 30 – 31), Growth Management Act (Page 33), and Policy 3.1.2.		low, very low, and extremely low-income households; emergency housing and shelters; and permanent supportive housing. Chapter 3 may need additional review and updates to meet all RCW and WAC requirements. The City has completed its 2024 HNAS to analyze existing and projected housing needs by income bands as required and have included in Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Plan.	
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c. Identification of capacity of land for housing including, but not limited to, government-assisted housing, housing for moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income households, manufactured housing, multifamily housing, group homes, foster care facilities, emergency housing, emergency shelters and permanent supportive housing. RCW 36.70A.070(2) amended in 2021 , WAC 365-196-410 and (f)	YES Chapter 3, Housing Inventory & Analysis (Pages 29 – 30), Statement of Policies that Encourage Affordable Housing (Pages 30 – 31), Growth Management Act (Page 33), Policies 3.1.2, 3.1.6, and 3.1.13.	YES	A housing capacity analysis needs to be completed to include provisions for government-assisted housing; housing for moderate, low, very low and extremely low-income households; emergency housing; or permanent supportive housing. Chapter 3, Housing is to be amended to accommodate the capacity and inventory analysis. The City has completed its 2024 HNAS to analyze existing and projected housing needs by income bands as required and have included in policies Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Plan.	Completed: ☒ Date: HNAS, August 2024 Element, XYZ
d. Adequate provisions for existing and projected housing needs for all economic segments of the community, including documenting barriers and actions needed to achieve housing availability. RCW 36.70A.070(2)(d) amended in 2021 , WAC 365-196-010(g)(ii) , WAC 365-196-300(f) , WAC 365-196-410 and see Commerce’s Housing Action Plan (HAP) guidance: Guidance for Developing a Housing Action Plan .	YES Chapter 3, Housing Inventory & Analysis (Pages 29 – 30), Statement of Policies that Encourage Affordable Housing (Pages 30 – 31), Growth Management Act (Page 33), Policies 3.1.2, 3.1.6, and 3.1.13	YES	Different income levels, identifying gaps in local funding, development barriers, and policies are not provided and considered in Chapter 3, Housing. Amendment to Chapter 3 is required to accommodate these provisions. The City has completed its 2024 HNAS to analyze existing and projected housing needs by income bands as required and have included in policies for Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Plan.	Completed: ☒ Date: HNAS, August 2024 Element, XYZ
e. Identify local policies and regulations that result in racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing, including: • Zoning that may have a discriminatory effect; • Disinvestment; and • Infrastructure availability	NO	YES	Analysis is to be completed to identify City policies and regulations that result in racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing. The City has completed its 2024 HNAS to analyze existing and projected housing needs by	Completed: ☐ Date: HNAS, August 2024 Element, XYZ

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
<u>RCW 36.70A.070 (2)</u> new in 2021			income bands as required and have included in policies for Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Plan.	
f. Establish policies and regulations to address and begin to undo racially disparate impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing caused by local policies, plans, and actions. <u>RCW 36.70A.070(2)(f)</u> new in 2021	NO	YES	Chapter 3, Housing is to be amended to include these policies and regulations. The City has completed its 2024 HNAS to analyze existing and projected housing needs by income bands as required and have included in policies for Chapter 3 of the Comprehensive Plan.	Completed: ☐ Date: HNAS, August 2024 Element, Chapters 1 & 2
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g. Identification of areas that may be at higher risk of displacement from market forces that occur with changes to zoning development regulations and capital investments. <u>RCW 36.70A.070(2)(g)</u> new in 2021 Establish anti-displacement policies, with consideration given to the preservation of historical and cultural communities as well as investments in low, very low, extremely low, and moderate-income housing; equitable development initiatives; inclusionary zoning; community planning requirements; tenant protections; land disposition policies; and consideration of land that may be used for affordable housing. <u>RCW 36.70A.070(2)(h)</u> new in 2021	NO	YES	Areas with higher risk of displacement are to be identified throughout housing capacity analysis. Anti-displacement policies are to be evaluated in implemented as part of the amendment to Chapter 3, Housing.	Completed: ☐ Date:

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See also: Support Materials for Racially Disparate Impacts, Exclusion and Displacement Work				

Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) Element

To serve as a check on the practicality of achieving other elements of the plan, covering all capital facilities planned, provided and paid for by public entities including local government and special districts, etc. including water systems, sanitary sewer systems, storm water facilities, schools, parks and recreational facilities, police and fire protection facilities. Capital expenditures from park and recreation elements, if separate, should be included in the CFP Element. The CFP Element must be consistent with CWPPs, and [RCW 36.70A.070\(3\)](#) amended in 2023. Changes made to this element through [HB 1181](#) (climate change and resiliency) are not required, although jurisdictions should make a good faith effort to incorporate these items to be consistent with the new legislation.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Policies or procedures to ensure capital budget decisions are in conformity with the comprehensive plan. RCW 36.70A.120	YES Chapter 4, Policies 4.1.1, 4.1.7, and 4.1.8.	YES	Amend Chapter 4 policies and procedures so they are consistent with all elements of the updated comprehensive plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
b. An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by public entities, including green infrastructure. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(a) amended in 2023 and WAC 365-196-415(1)(a)	YES Chapter 4, Existing Conditions, Policy 4.1.9.	YES	Analysis and update to the inventory of existing capital facilities may need to be completed with the periodic update to the comprehensive plan. Updated inventory is to be included in Chapter 4 of the comprehensive plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
c. A forecast of needed capital facilities. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(b) and WAC 365-196-415(1)(b) Note: The forecast of future need should be based on projected population and adopted levels of service (LOS) over the planning period.	YES Chapter 4, Policy 4.1.4	YES	The City's existing capital plans for transportation, sewer, water, parks and recreation, and stormwater may need to be updated to forecast capital facilities accounting for LOS through 2045 and to be included in Chapter 4 of the comprehensive plan. Need to review and adopt police, schools, and fire plans from other providers.	Completed: ☐ Date:
d. Proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(c) and WAC 365-196-415 (1)(c) and (3)(c) Infrastructure investments should consider equity and plan for any potential displacement impacts.	YES Chapter 4, Policy 4.1.3.	YES	The City's existing capital plans for transportation, sewer, water, parks and recreation, and stormwater may need to be updated to identify proposed locations of expanded or new capital facilities and to be included in Chapter 4 of the comprehensive plan. Need to review and adopt police, schools, and fire plans from other providers. Any infrastructure investments will consider equity and plan for potential displacement.	Completed: ☐ Date:
e. A six-year plan (at minimum) that will finance such capital facilities within projected funding	YES Chapter 4, Policy	YES	The current six-year plan was for the 2015 – 2021 planning period and is now out of date. A	Completed: ☐ Date:

capacities and identify sources of public money to finance planned capital facilities. RCW 36.70A.070(3)(d) , RCW 36.70A.120 , WAC 365-196-415(1)(d)	4.1.1.		funding analysis must be completed to identify financial sources for the projected capital facilities. This is to be updated concurrent with the comprehensive plan.	
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f. A policy or procedure to reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of meeting existing needs. RCW 36.70A.070(3)€ , WAC 365-196-415(2)(d) Note: park and recreation facilities shall be included in the capital facilities plan element.	YES Chapter 4, Policy 4.1.4.	NO		Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
g. If impact fees are collected: identification of public facilities on which money is to be spent. RCW 82.02.050(5) and WAC 365-196-850(3)	NO Chapter 1, Policy 1.1.6; Chapter 2, Policy 2.1.10; Chapter 4, Policy 4.1.7; Chapter 6, Policy 6.1.4.	YES	The City's capital facilities plan needs to be updated to reflect population projections and facility capacities needed to serve 20-year growth. The capital facilities plan project list needs to be referenced or included in the Comprehensive Plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
h. Identify and include information about all public entities, including special purpose districts that own capital facilities. RCW 36.70A.070 (3) amended in 2023	Yes Chapter 1, Policy 1.1.7, Chapter 4, Existing Conditions, Policy 4.1.9.	YES	The City's capital facilities and utilities element should be updated to identify and include information about all public entities, including special purpose districts that own capital facilities within the City.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Utilities Element

Consistent with relevant CWPPs and [RCW 36.70A.070 \(4\)](#) amended in 2023. Utilities include, but are not limited to: sanitary sewer systems, water lines, fire suppression, electrical lines, telecommunication lines, and natural gas lines. Changes made to this element through [HB 1181](#) (climate change and resiliency) are not required, although jurisdictions should make a good faith effort to incorporate these items to be consistent with the new legislation.

a. The general location, proposed location and capacity of all existing and proposed utilities, to include telecommunications. RCW 36.70A.070(4)(a) amended in 2023 and WAC 365-196-420	YES Chapter 1, Policy 1.1.7; Chapter 4, Existing Conditions, Policy 4.1.9; Chapter 8, Policy 8.2.4.	YES	Electric (Clark PUD), natural gas (Northwest Natural), and telecommunications are provided by franchise operators within the City who conduct their own planning process financed by user fees. The City needs to contact these provides and include their existing and proposed facility information and refer to their plan documents in the comprehensive plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
b. Identify and include information and contact information about all public entities, including	Yes Chapter 1, Policy 1.1.7, Chapter 4,	YES	The City's capital facilities and utilities element should be updated to identify and include information about all public entities, including	Completed: ☐ Date:

special purpose districts that own utility systems. RCW 36.70A.070 (4)(b) new in 2023	Existing Conditions, Policy 4.1.9.		special purpose districts that own capital facilities within the City.	
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Transportation Element

Consistent with relevant CWPPs and [RCW 36.70A.070 \(6\)](#) amended in 2023 by HB 1181. See also the new [climate element](#) below for jurisdictional requirements.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. An inventory of air, water and ground transportation facilities and services, including transit alignments, active transportation facilities, state-owned transportation facilities and general aviation airports. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(A) amended in 2023 and WAC 365-196-430(2)(c)	YES Chapter 2, Existing Conditions – Inventory	YES	An inventory analysis must be completed of all ground transportation facilities within the City of La Center. This includes review and update roadway classifications as necessary. No air or water transportation services exist within the City. Chapter 2 of the comprehensive plan is to be reviewed to reflect current inventory.	Completed: ☐ Date:
b. Adopted multimodal levels of service standards for all locally owned arterials, locally and regionally operated transit routes that serve UGAs, state-owned or operated transit routes that serve urban areas if the department of transportation has prepared such standards, and active transportation facilities to serve as a gauge to judge performance of the system and success in helping to achieve environmental justice. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(B) and (C) amended in 2023, WAC 365-196-430	YES Chapter 2, Policy 2.1.2.	YES	A LOS analysis must be completed to all arterials, transit routes, and highways within the City with updates reflected in the Chapter 2 of the comprehensive plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
c. Identification of specific actions to bring transportation facilities and services to established multimodal LOS. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(D) amended in 2023, WAC 365-196-430	YES Chapter 2, Future Demand – Streets	YES	The City needs to review its transportation system plan to assess whether there are deficiencies based on projected population and identify necessary improvements.	Completed: ☐ Date:
d. A forecast of multimodal transportation for a minimum of 10 years including land use assumptions used in estimating travel. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(i) , RCW 36.70A.070 (6)(a)(iii)(E) amended in 2023, WAC 365-196-430(2)(f)	YES Chapter 2, Future Demand – Streets.	YES	Traffic forecast analysis must be completed as part of the transportation system plan update consistent with the City's land use and population assumptions used in the comprehensive plan. This forecast must be at least for the next 10 years from the adoption of the amended comprehensive plan. Chapter 2 of the comprehensive plan will be updated to	Completed: ☐ Date:

			reflect current traffic forecasts.	
	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
e. A projection of state and local system needs to equitably meet current and future demand and equitably implement the multimodal network. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(F) amended in 2023 , WAC 365-196-430(1)(c)(vi) and RCW 47.06	YES Chapter 2, Future Demand.	YES	Transportation system plan to be updated. Traffic forecast analysis to be performed to meet State statute and must include means to meet the current and future demand of roadway and multimodal transportation systems while also striving to equitably implement the multimodal network.	Completed: ☐ Date:
f. A transition plan for transportation as required in Title II of ADA . Perform self-evaluations of current facilities and develop a program access plan to address deficiencies and achieve the identification of physical obstacles, establish methods, perform modifications and identify leadership roles. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(G) new in 2023 .	NO	YES	The City is currently completing a self-evaluation of current facilities for ADA compliance. Per federal ADA requirements, the City is not required to complete a Transition Plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
g. An active transportation component to include collaborative efforts to identify and designate planned improvements for active transportation facilities and corridors that address and encourage enhanced community access and promote healthy lifestyles. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vii) amended in 2023 , WAC 365-196-430(2)(j)	YES Chapter 1, Policy 1.1.2; Chapter 2, Future Demand – Bicycle/Pedestrian (Page 25), Policies 2.1.6, 2.1.7, 2.1.13, 2.1.14; Chapter 6, Policies 6.1.5.	YES	The transportation system plan bicycle and pedestrian component will need to be updated consistent with population projections and land use patterns and needed facilities. This plan will also include and be consistent with the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC's) Regional Transportation Plan. Chapter 2 of the comprehensive plan will be amended to reflect updated analysis. Chapter 6 should be updated to be consistent with updates to Chapter 2.	Completed: ☐ Date:
h. A description of any existing and planned transportation demand management (TDM) strategies, such as HOV lanes or subsidy programs, parking policies, etc. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vi) and WAC 365-196-	YES Chapter 2, 2.1.17 See also section XX of the City's transportation	YES		Completed: ☐ Date:

430(2)(i)(i)	system plan.			
i. An analysis of future funding capability to judge needs against probable funding resources. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(A) , WAC 365.196-430(2)(k)(iv)	NO	YES	Pending review. Analysis of future funding capability to judge against probable funding sources must be updated to reflect new population projections with updates to the transportation system plan and capital facilities plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
j. A multi-year financing plan based on needs identified in the comprehensive plan, the appropriate parts of which serve as the basis for the 6-year street, road or transit program. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(B) and RCW 35.77.010 , WAC 365-196-430(2)(k)(ii)	YES Chapter 2, Transportation	YES	City has a six-year street and road plan for planning years 2016 – 2021. This will need to be updated with the Comprehensive Plan amendment.	Completed: ☐ Date:
k. If probable funding falls short of meeting identified needs of the transportation system, including state transportation facilities, a discussion of how additional funds will be raised, or how land use assumptions will be reassessed to ensure that LOS standards will be met. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iv)(C) amended in 2023, WAC 365-196-430(2)(l)(iii)	YES Chapter 4, Policy 4.1.4.	YES	The City must review for any probably funding shortfalls for identified transportation system needs, including state transportation facilities. Consider funding alternatives to avoid shortfalls, if any, such as authorizing impact fees for trails per RCW 82.02.020.	Completed: ☐ Date:
l. A description of intergovernmental coordination efforts, including an assessment of the impacts of the transportation plan and land use assumptions on the transportation systems of adjacent jurisdictions and how it is consistent with the regional transportation plan. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(v) ; WAC 365-196-430(1)(e) and 430(2)(a)(iii)	NO Chapter 2, Regional Coordination, Policies 2.1.1, 2.1.8,	YES	Pending review. The Transportation Master Plan may need to provide a description for intergovernmental coordination and may need to be updated to reflect new population projections.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Shoreline

For shorelines of the state, the goals and policies of the shoreline management act as set forth in [RCW 90.58.020](#) are added as one of the goals of the Growth Management Act (GMA) as set forth in [RCW 36.70A.480](#). The goals and policies of a shoreline master program for a county or city approved under [RCW 90.58](#) shall be considered an element of the county or city's comprehensive plan.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. The policies, goals, and provisions of RCW 90.58 and applicable guidelines shall be the sole basis for determining compliance of a shoreline master program with this chapter except as the shoreline master program is required to comply with the internal consistency provisions of RCW 36.70A.070 , 36.70A.040(4) , 35.63.125 , 35A.63.105 , 36.70A.480	YES Chapter 9, Applicable Legislation – Shoreline Management Act (Page 77).	NO	The City completed an update to the Shoreline Master Program in 2021 in compliance with State requirements. The next update is not due until 2028. The City should include the SMP's goals and policies in the updated Comprehensive Plan.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Shoreline master programs shall provide a level of protection to critical areas located within shorelines of the state that assures no net loss of shoreline ecological functions necessary to sustain shoreline natural resources as defined by department of ecology guidelines adopted pursuant to RCW 90.58.060 . See Ecology's Shoreline planners' toolbox for the SMP Checklist and other resources.	YES Chapter 9, Policies 1.1.19 and 1.1.32. See also Section III.F and Appendix B of the SMP	NO	No changes required	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
c. Shorelines of the state shall not be considered critical areas under this chapter except to the extent that specific areas located within shorelines of the state qualify for critical area designation based on the definition of critical areas provided by RCW 36.70A.030(5) and have been designated as such by a local government pursuant to RCW 36.70A.060(2)	YES Chapter 9, Applicable Legislation – Shoreline Management Act, Policy 1.1.32. See also the SMP Section III.F and Appendix B	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
d. If a local jurisdiction's master program does not include land necessary for buffers for critical areas that occur within shorelines of the state, as authorized by RCW 90.58.030(2)(f) , then the local jurisdiction shall continue to regulate those critical areas and their required buffers pursuant to RCW 36.70A.060(2) .	YES Chapter 9, Policy 9.4.1; City of La Center Shoreline Master Program, Chapter II, A2, III.F, and Appendix B.	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Provisions for siting essential public facilities (EPFs)

Consistent with CWPPs and [RCW 36.70A.200](#), amended in 2021. This section can be included in the Capital Facilities Element, Land Use Element or in its own element. Sometimes the identification and siting process for EPFs is part of the CWPPs.

a. A process or criteria for identifying and siting essential public facilities (EPFs). RCW 36.70A.200 and WAC 365-196-550(1) Notes: RCW 36.70A.200, amended 2021 regarding reentry and rehabilitation facilities. EPFs are defined in RCW 36.70A.200 . Regional transit authority facilities are included in the list of essential public facilities.	YES Chapter 4, Essential Public Utilities.	YES	A process is included for identifying and siting EPFs, however, Chapter 4 does not include reentry, rehabilitation, or regional transit authority facilities. Amend Chapter 4 to include these facilities as potential EPFs to site in the City	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Policies or procedures that ensure the comprehensive plan does not preclude the siting of EPFs. RCW 36.70A.200(5) Note: If the EPF siting process is in the CWPPs, this policy may be contained in the comprehensive plan as well. WAC 365-196-550(3)	YES Chapter 4, Essential Public Facilities.	NO	A process is included for identifying and siting EPFs.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Tribal Participation in Planning new in 2022 (see [HB 1717](#))

A federally recognized Indian tribe may voluntarily choose (opt-in) to participate in the local and regional planning processes. See Commerce's new [Tribal Planning Coordination for GMA](#) webpage for guidance and staff contacts.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Mutually agreeable memorandum of agreement between local governments and tribes in regard to collaboration and participation in the planning process unless otherwise agreed at the end of a mediation period. RCW 36.70A.040(8)(a) new in 2022, RCW 36.70A.190 new in 2022	NO	?	Answer pending.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. <i>Port elements</i> , if adopted, are developed collaboratively between the city, the applicable port and the applicable tribe(s), which shall comply with RCW 36.70A.040(8) . RCW 36.70A.085 amended in 2022	NO	NO	Not applicable are there are no ports within, adjacent, or near the City of La Center.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
c. <i>Urban Growth Areas</i> : counties and cities coordinate planning efforts for any areas planned for urban growth with applicable tribe(s). RCW 36.70A.110(1) amended 2022, RCW 36.70A.040(8)	NO	YES	Answer pending	Completed: ☐ Date:

Climate Change and Resiliency

New in 2023, see [HB 1181](#). WAC updates are forthcoming.

A new required element for comprehensive plans and new goal of the GMA. Designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, plan for resilience and support environmental justice. Climate elements must maximize economic, environmental and social co-benefits and prioritize environmental justice in order to avoid worsening environmental health disparities. A climate element can take the form of a single comprehensive plan chapter or be integrated into several chapters/elements such as housing, transportation and land use. Visit [Commerce's Climate Program](#) webpage for further guidance, grants, tools and staff contacts. Per HB 1181, GHG reduction goals, policies, and programs not specifically identified in the [guidelines](#) must be based on scientifically credible projections and scenarios likely to result in equivalent harm avoidance, GHG emission reductions and/or per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reductions.

All fully planning jurisdictions must have a resilience sub-element as part of their broader climate element. The following counties and their cities with a population greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 must also have a greenhouse gas emissions reduction sub-element. Please also review the [Appendix](#) for requirements due in the upcoming periodic update.

- December 31, 2025 Deadline: Clark, Skagit, Thurston, Whatcom
- June 30, 2026 Deadline: Benton, Franklin, Spokane
- June 30, 2029 Deadline: These jurisdictions are only required to update two elements this cycle – the transportation and climate elements.

Jurisdictions may submit their greenhouse gas emissions reduction sub-element to Commerce for approval per [RCW 36.70A.096](#). Please contact Commerce for submittal requirements if you think your jurisdiction will request approval.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
Resiliency sub-element: items a through d are required for all fully planning jurisdictions				
a. Specific goals, policies and programs that identify, protect and enhance natural areas to foster resiliency to climate impacts, as well as areas of vital habitat for safe passage and species migration. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023	NO	NO	A greenhouse gas emissions reduction subelement is mandatory for cities with populations greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 pursuant RCW 36.70A.070, Section 4(1). La Center's population as of the OFM April 1, 2021, postcensal estimate was 3,605. Therefore, La Center is not required and not opting to provide this subelement.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Specific goals, policies and programs that identify, protect and enhance community resiliency to climate change impacts, including social, economic and built environment factors that support adaptation to climate impacts	NO	YES	All fully planning counties and their cities must provide a resiliency sub-element, including La Center. The resiliency sub-element must include goals and policies in compliance with RCW 36.70A.070(9)(i).	Completed: ☐ Date:

consistent with environmental justice. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023				
	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
c. Specific goals, policies and programs that address natural hazards created or aggravated by climate change, including sea level rise, landslides, flooding, drought, heat, smoke, wildfire and other effects of changes to temperature and precipitation patterns. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023 Note: include a goal and supportive policy for each climate-exacerbated hazard that is relevant to your jurisdiction.	NO	YES	The City will add a climate element to its Comprehensive Plan that will provide goals, policies, and programs that address natural hazards created/aggravated by climate change. These hazards will be identified in coordination with the County's climate consultant. A goal and supportive policy will be provided for each climate-exacerbated hazard relevant to La Center.	Completed: ☐ Date:
d. Prioritize actions (pursuant to a-c) that benefit overburdened communities that will disproportionately suffer from compounding environmental impacts and will be most impacted by natural hazards due to climate change. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023	NO	YES	The City will add a climate element to its Comprehensive Plan to include actions that benefit overburdened communities from disproportional impacts by natural hazards due to climate change.	Completed: ☐ Date:
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction sub-element: items <u>e</u> through <u>i</u> are only required for jurisdictions identified above				
e. Greenhouse gas emissions reduction sub-elements must include goals and policies to reduce emissions and per capita vehicle miles traveled. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023 Note: Commerce recommends that jurisdictions use 2022 as a baseline year for their GHG inventories and set incremental targets that lead to achieving Washington's economy-wide target of net zero emissions in 2050 set forth in RCW 70A.45.020(1). Commerce also recommends that jurisdictions should, at a minimum, include goals and policies within the following sectors:	NO	NO	A greenhouse gas emissions reduction subelement is mandatory for cities with populations greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 pursuant RCW 36.70A.070, Section 4(1). La Center's population as of the OFM April 1, 2021, postcensal estimate was 3,605. Therefore, La Center is not required and not opting to provide this subelement.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Transportation; Buildings & Energy; and, Zoning & Development. The rulemaking process is underway.				
	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
f. Identified actions that the jurisdiction will take during the planning cycle that will result in reductions in overall GHG emissions generated by transportation within the jurisdiction. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023	NO	NO	A greenhouse gas emissions reduction subelement is mandatory for cities with populations greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 pursuant RCW 36.70A.070, Section 4(1). La Center's population as of the OFM April 1, 2021, postcensal estimate was 3,605. Therefore, La Center is not required and not opting to provide this subelement.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
g. Identified actions that the jurisdiction will take during the planning cycle that will result in reductions in overall GHG emissions generated by land use within the jurisdiction. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023	NO	NO	A greenhouse gas emissions reduction subelement is mandatory for cities with populations greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 pursuant RCW 36.70A.070, Section 4(1). La Center's population as of the OFM April 1, 2021, postcensal estimate was 3,605. Therefore, La Center is not required and not opting to provide this subelement.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
h. Identified actions that the jurisdiction will take during the planning cycle that will result in reductions in per capita vehicle miles traveled (VMT) within the jurisdiction. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023	NO	NO	A greenhouse gas emissions reduction subelement is mandatory for cities with populations greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 pursuant RCW 36.70A.070, Section 4(1). La Center's population as of the OFM April 1, 2021, postcensal estimate was 3,605. Therefore, La Center is not required and not opting to provide this subelement.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
i. Prioritize GHG and VMT reductions that benefit overburdened communities in order to maximize the co-benefits of reduced air pollution and environmental justice. RCW 36.70A.070(9) new in 2023	NO	NO	A greenhouse gas emissions reduction subelement is mandatory for cities with populations greater than 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 pursuant RCW 36.70A.070, Section 4(1). La Center's population as of the OFM April 1, 2021, postcensal estimate was 3,605. Therefore, La Center is not required and not	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

opting to provide this subelement.

Future required elements: pending state funding

As of 2022, these elements have not received state funding to aid local jurisdictions in implementation. Therefore, these elements are not required to be added to comprehensive plans at this time. Commerce encourages jurisdictions to begin planning for these elements, pending the future mandate.

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Notes	
Economic Development Although included in RCW 36.70A.070 “mandatory elements” an economic development element is not currently required because funding was not provided to assist in developing local elements when this element was added to the GMA. However, provisions for economic growth, vitality, and a high quality of life are important, and supporting strategies should be integrated with the land use, housing, utilities, and transportation elements. RCW 36.70A.070(7) amended in 2017	YES Chapter 5	The City’s plan contains an economic development element in Chapter 5. Updates are needed in this chapter to cite current statistics and information.	Completed: ☐ Date:
Parks and Recreation Implements and is consistent with the capital facilities plan. Include a ten-year demand estimate, evaluation of service and facilities needs and evaluation of tree canopy coverage within UGAs. RCW 36.70A.070(8) amended in 2023 Although included in RCW 36.70A.070 “mandatory elements” a parks and recreation element is not currently required because the state did not provide funding to assist in developing local elements when this provision was added to the GMA. However, parks, recreation and open space planning are GMA goals, and it is important to plan for and fund these facilities.	YES Chapter 6	Chapter 6 of the comprehensive plan shall be updated and amended for consistency with the updated population and land use assumptions of the comprehensive plan. The City’s 2024 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS) has been updated. The Parks and Recreation Plan shall also include an evaluation of tree canopy coverage within the urban growth area.	Completed: ☒ Date: 2024 PROS Plan, July 2024

Optional Elements

Pursuant to [RCW 36.70A.080](#), a comprehensive plan may include additional elements, items, or studies dealing with other subjects relating to the physical development within its jurisdiction, including, but not limited to:

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Notes	
Sub-Area Plans	NO	The City is undertaking a subarea planning effort for Timmen Landing and Downtown. Following the completion of that process and prior to the end of periodic review in 2025, the City may need to include updated goals and policies in the comprehensive plan pertaining to this subarea plan. In addition, the City should review the existing Junction Subarea Plan and assess whether there needs to be additional policies and regulation included in the comprehensive plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
Conservation	NO	N/A	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
Recreation	YES	See Parks and Recreation above.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
Solar Energy		N/A	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Consistency is required by the GMA

	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. All plan elements must be consistent with relevant county-wide planning policies (CWPPs) and, where applicable, multi-county planning policies (MPPs), and the GMA. RCW 36.70A.100 and 210, WAC 365-196-305; 400(2)(c); 510 and 520	YES Chapter 8, County-Wide Planning Policies, Policies 8.1.1, 8.1.5, and 8.1.7; Chapter 10, Policy 10.2.3	YES	All plan elements must be reviewed and updated concurrently with Clark County planning policies. This checklist documents updated required for GMA consistency. Staff will monitor the County's update process and include the Countywide Planning Policies in Appendix B.	Completed: ☐ Date:
b. All plan elements must be consistent with each other. RCW 36.70A.070 (preamble) and WAC 365-197-040	YES Chapter 1, Introduction; Chapter 2, Growth Management Act (Page 22); Chapter 3, Introduction (Page 29); Chapter 10, Policy 10.2.4 and 10.2.5.	YES	All elements within the comprehensive plan must be reviewed concurrently throughout the periodic update process for consistency. A consistency analysis shall be completed for all elements of the plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
c. The plan must be coordinated with the plans of adjacent jurisdictions. RCW 36.70A.100 and WAC 365-196-520	YES Chapter 1, Policies 1.1.10 and 1.1.11; Chapter 5, Policy 5.1.6d; Chapter 8, County-Wide Planning Policies and Policy 8.1.1.	YES	Coordination must be facilitated early and throughout the periodic review process with Clark County as it updates its comprehensive plans.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Public Participation

a. Plan ensures public participation in the comprehensive planning process. RCW 36.70A.020(11), .035 , and .140, WAC 365-196-600(3) provide possible public participation choices.	YES Introduction (Pages 6 - 8), Public Participation Policies PP.1 through PP.6.	NO	The City could consider adopting specific policies related to public involvement during periodic review.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. If the process for making amendments is	NO	YES		Completed: ☐

Consistency is required by the GMA

included in the comprehensive plan: - The plan provides that amendments are to be considered no more often than once a year, not including the exceptions described in RCW 36.70A.130(2), WAC365-196-640 - The plan sets out a procedure for adopting emergency amendments and defines emergency. RCW 36.70A.130(2)(b) and RCW 36.70A.390 new in 2021, (HB 1220 sections 3-5), WAC 365-196-650(4)	Chapter 10, Policies 10.1.8, 10.2.4 and 10.2.5		The plan does not list emergency circumstances or a process for completing emergency updates.	Date:
	In Current Plan? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
c. Plan or program for monitoring how well comprehensive plan policies, development regulations, and other implementation techniques are achieving the comp plan's goals and the goals of the GMA. WAC 365-196-660 discusses a potential review of growth management implementation on a systematic basis. New 2021-2022 legislation HB 1241 provides that those jurisdictions with a periodic update due in 2024 have until December 31, 2024 to submit. This legislation also changed the update cycle to every ten years after the 2024-2027 cycle. Jurisdictions that meet the new criteria described in RCW 36.70A.130(9) will be required to submit an implementation progress report five years after the review and revision of their comprehensive plan.	YES Chapter 1, Policy 1.2.6; Chapter 9, Policy 9.3.2.	NO	The annual review and monitoring is optional. RCW 36.70A.130(9) is not applicable to La Center as cities below a population of 6,000 as of April 1, 2021 are not required to submit an implementation progress report five years after the revision of the Comprehensive Plan. According to the Washington Office of Financial Management (OFM), the population of La Center on April 1, 2021 was 3,605.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
d. Considerations for preserving property rights. Local governments must evaluate proposed regulatory or administrative actions to assure that such actions do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property. RCW	YES Chapter 8, GMA; Chapter 10, Policy 1.1.38.	NO		Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Consistency is required by the GMA

36.70A.370 . For further guidance see the 2018 Advisory Memo on the Unconstitutional Taking of Private Property	See also LCMC 18.30.130, 18.260, 18.300.060, and 18.300.080.			
e. Encourage the involvement of citizens in the planning process, <i>including the participation of vulnerable populations and overburdened communities</i> , and ensure coordination between communities and jurisdictions to reconcile conflicts. HB 1181 (2023) revised RCW 36.70A.020 Planning Goals for inclusion of vulnerable populations and overburdened communities. RCW 36.70A.035 Public Participation was not amended under HB 1181.	YES Community Involvement Process (Pages 6 - 8); Public Participation Policies PP.1 through PP.6; and Chapter 10, Policies 1.1.39 and 1.1.41.	YES	Public participation and involvement process and policies should emphasize and provide strategies for the inclusion of vulnerable and overburdened communities.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Section II: Development Regulations

Must be consistent with and implement the comprehensive plan. [RCW 36.70A.040](#), [WAC 365-196-800](#) and [810](#)

Critical Areas

Regulations protecting critical areas are required by [RCW 36.70A.060\(2\)](#), [RCW 36.70A.172\(1\)](#), [WAC 365-190-080](#) and [WAC 365-195-900 through 925](#).

Please visit Commerce's [Critical Areas webpage](#) for resources and to complete the [Critical Areas Checklist](#). Critical areas regulations must be reviewed and updated, as necessary, to incorporate legislative changes and best available science. Jurisdictions using periodic update grant funds to update critical areas regulations must submit the critical areas checklist as a first deliverable, in addition to this periodic update checklist.

Zoning Code

Note: Please review the new 2023 housing laws in the [Washington State Housing Laws of 2019 through 2023](#) guidance, on Commerce's [Planning for Housing webpage](#) and [Appendix A](#) of this checklist.

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
Notice: For more information about housing regulatory changes regarding supportive housing types, see Supportive Housing Types Review Checklist on the Updating GMA Housing Elements webpage . And for additional information on middle housing and ADU regulations, see the Middle Housing webpage .				
a. Zoning designations are consistent and implement land use designations that accommodate future housing needs by income bracket as allocated through the countywide planning process. (RCW 36.70A.070(2)(c) - amended in 2021 (HB 1220)) Note: Zoning must reflect sufficient land capacity for all income housing needs, including emergency housing and permanent supportive housing.	NO	YES	Zoning designations should be updated to be consistent with land use designations that accommodate future housing needs by income bracket as identified with Clark County's Housing for All Planning Tool.	Completed: ☐ Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
b. Permanent supportive housing or transitional housing must be allowed where residences and hotels are allowed. RCW 35A.21.430 amended in 2021, RCW 35.21.683, amended in 2021, (HB 1220 sections 3-5) “permanent supportive housing” is defined in RCW 36.70A.030; “transitional housing” is defined in RCW 84.36.043(2)(c)	NO	YES	LCMC 18.130, 18.140, 18.145, 18.150, 18.158, and 18.165 must be amended to allow permanent supportive housing and transitional housing.	Completed: ☐ Date:
c. Indoor emergency shelters and indoor emergency housing must be allowed in any zones in which hotels are allowed, except in cities that have adopted an ordinance authorizing indoor emergency shelters and indoor emergency housing in a majority of zones within one-mile of transit. Indoor emergency housing must be allowed in areas with hotels. RCW 35A.21.430 amended in 2021, RCW 35.21.683, amended in 2021, (HB 1220 sections 3-5) Any limitations on emergency housing and emergency shelter must be connected to public health and safety and allow the siting of a sufficient number of units and beds necessary to meet projected needs (see Housing Element Book 2, pages 41-48), new in 2023 “emergency housing” is defined in RCW 36.70A.030	NO	YES	LCMC 18.158 must be amended to allow indoor emergency shelters and housing. If limitations are place, they must be connected to public health and safety and allow the siting of a sufficient number of units and beds to meet projected needs.	Completed: ☐ Date:
d. The number of unrelated persons that occupy a household or dwelling unit except as provided in state law, for short-term rentals, or occupant load per square foot shall not be regulated or limited by cities. (HB 5235), RCW 35.21.682 new in 2021, RCW 35A.21.314 new in 2022, RCW 36.01.227 new in 2021	NO	NO	Not finding regulations that impose a limit of unrelated persons that occupy a household or dwelling unit. Further analysis is necessary to confirm.	Completed: ☐ Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
e. Limitations on the amount of parking local governments can require for low-income, senior, disabled and market-rate housing units located near high-quality transit service. RCW 36.70A.620 amended in 2020 and RCW 36.70A.600 amended in 2019	NO	NO	Not applicable to La Center has no high-quality transit is available.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
f. Parking requirements must allow tandem, gravel or grass pavers, and new spaces must be at least 8 by 20 feet in size. Existing and non-conforming parking must be allowed to meet parking requirements for up to six spaces. SB 6015 , new in 2024, must be addressed with the periodic update. Note: guidance coming fall 2024	NO	YES	The City must review and revise LCMC Chapter 18.280, Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements to allow tandem parking, gravel or grass pavers as parking spots, and revise minimum parking dimensions to be no less than 8 by 20 feet in size. LCMC Chapter 18.280 should be revised to allow existing and non-conforming parking to be allowed to meet parking requirements for up to six spaces.	Completed: ☐ Date:
g. Family day care providers are allowed in all residential dwellings located in areas zoned for residential or commercial RCW 36.70A.450 . Review RCW 43.216.010 for definition of family day care provider and WAC 365-196-865 for more information.	YES LCMC 18.40.010, 18.130.030, 18.140.020, 18.145.010, 18.150.010, 18.150.020, 18.158.050, 18.165.030, 18.190.020, 18.190.025, and 18.270.020.	No	The City updated family day care providers regulations in the LCMC for compliance with the applicable State mandates with Ordinance 2023-05.	Completed: ☒ Date: June 28, 2023

h. Manufactured housing is regulated the same as site built housing. RCW 35.21.684 amended in 2019, RCW 35.63.160, RCW 35A.21.312 amended in 2019 and RCW 36.01.225 amended in 2019. A local government may require that manufactured homes: (1) are new, (2) are set on a permanent foundation, and (3) comply with local design standards applicable to other homes in the neighborhood, but may not discriminate against consumer choice in housing. See: National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974	YES LCMC 18.40.010, 18.130.030, 18.140.010, 18.140.020, 18.140.080, 18.150.020, 18.158.050, 18.165.030, 18.180.010, 18.180.070, 18.180.080, 18.247.040, 18.280.040, 18.280.070, and 18.300.030.	NO	The City updated manufacture housing regulations in the LCMC for compliance with the applicable State mandates with Ordinance 2023-11.	Completed: ☒ Date: June 28, 2023
	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
i. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs): cities (and counties) must adopt or amend by ordinance, and incorporate into their development regulations, zoning regulations and other official controls. RCW 36.70A.680 amended in 2023, RCW 36.70A.681 amended in 2023, RCW 36.70A.696 amended in 2023, RCW 36.70A.697 amended in 2020, RCW 36.70A.698 amended in 2020, RCW 36.70A.699 amended in 2020 Must be adopted by 6 months after the periodic update deadline, or be superseded by state law. Note: see new Commerce ADU guidance and ADU checklist.	YES LCMC 18.247.	YES	The City's ADU code (LCMC 18.247) requires off-street parking, but no locations in La Center are within proximity of a major transit stop as defined in RCW 36.70A.696. However, La Center's definition, siting, and other requirements of ADUs shall be updated to be consistent with the definitions and regulations as listed in RCW 36.70A.680, RCW 36.70A.681, and RCW 36.70A.696. This is to be completed within 6 months after December 31, 2024.	Completed: ☐ Date:
j. Middle housing: if your jurisdiction is one of the 77 cities subject to middle housing, regulations must allow the appropriate amount of middle housing units on a lot by 6 months after the periodic update deadline, or be superseded by state law. RCW 36.70A.635	NO	NO	N/A	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

See Commerce’s model ordinances and user guide on the middle housing web page .				
k. Co-living must be allowed as a permitted use on any lot located within an urban growth area that allows at least six multifamily residential units, including on a lot zoned for mixed use development. HB 1998, new in 2024, contains specific standards for size, density calculations, connection fees and parking. Must be adopted by December 31, 2025 Note: guidance will be available fall of 2024	NO	YES	LCMC Title 18 does not have any specific regulations prohibiting or permitting co-living, including on lots within the UGA that allows at least six multifamily residential units. Co-living must be allowed in the MDR-16, RP, MX, and JP zones since these allow multifamily units that exceed six units. Coliving units as permitted must be compliant with HB 1998, including specific use standards for size, density, connection fees, and parking.	Completed: ☐ Date:
	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
l. Residential structures occupied by persons with handicaps, and group care for children that meets the definition of “familial status” are regulated the same as a similar residential structure occupied by a family or other unrelated individuals. No city or county planning under the GMA may enact or maintain ordinances, development regulations, or administrative practices which treat a residential structure occupied by persons with handicaps differently than a similar residential structure occupied by a family or other unrelated individuals. RCW 36.70A.410, RCW 70.128.140 and 150, RCW 49.60.222-225 and WAC 365-196-860	NO	YES	LCMC 18.40 defines “group homes”; this definition may need to be updated. LCMC 18.158 makes group homes a conditional use whereas single-family homes are permitted. Other code sections that allow residential structures should (i.e. LCMC 18.130, 18.140, 18.145, 18.150, 18.165, 18.185) should be updated to allow group homes or the definition of “residential use” in 18.40 should be updated to include group homes.	Completed: ☐ Date:
m. Affordable housing programs enacted or expanded under RCW 36.70A.540 amended in 2022 comply with the requirements of this section. Examples of such programs may include: density bonuses within urban growth areas, height and bulk bonuses, fee waivers or exemptions, parking reductions, expedited	NO RCW 36.70A.540. NO RCW 36.70A.545 NO	YES	The City could consider updating its development regulations to encourage affordable housing through parking reductions, bulk bonuses, fee waivers or exemptions, density bonuses, and expedited permitting.	Completed: ☐ Date:

permitting conditioned on provision of low-income housing units, or mixed-use projects. WAC 365-196-300 See also RCW 36.70A.545 and WAC 365-196-410(2)(e)(i) "affordable housing" is defined in RCW 84.14.010 new in 2024 (ESSB 6175) Review RCW 36.70A.620 amended in 2020, for minimum residential parking requirements.	RCW 36.70A.620		LCMC Title 18 could be amended to include an increased density bonus for affordable housing located on property owned by a religious organization. Provisions of RCW 36.70A.620 are not applicable to the City as there are no transit stops within the City, which does not enforce minimum residential parking requirements in proximity to transit stops.	
n. Limitations on regulating: outdoor encampments, safe parking efforts, indoor overnight shelters and temporary small houses on property owned or controlled by a religious organization. RCW 35.21.915 , amended in 2020	NO	NO	La Center does not have pertinent regulations.	Completed: ☐ Date:
	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
o. Allow an increased density bonus consistent with local needs for any affordable housing development of any single-family or multi-family residence located on real property owned or controlled by a religious organization. RCW 36.70A.545 , amended in 2019 (HB 1377).	NO	YES	La Center must allow a density bonus for affordable single-family or multi-family housing on property owned by religious organizations and must remain affordable for at least 50 years. The affordable housing must be occupied by exclusively low-income households, must not be discriminatory, and the religious organization must pay all fees, mitigation costs, and other charges required through developing the affordable housing.	Completed: ☐ Date:
p. Reduce restrictions for additional housing units within existing commercial, mixed-use and multi-family buildings by exempting the added units from density limits, parking and other regulatory requirements. RCW 35A.21.440, new in 2023 and RCW 35.21.990, new in 2023, (HB 1042) Note: These requirements must be in effect within six months after the periodic update due date.	NO	YES	La Center must allow for existing buildings to provide new housing at density up to 50 percent more than what is allowed in the underlying zone within the existing building envelope in all zones that permits multifamily housing. This requirement applies to the MDR-16, RP, MX, and JP zones and must be amended in accordance to RCW 35A.21.440. This is to be completed within 6 months after December 31, 2024.	Completed: ☐ Date:

q. Must not adopt, impose, or enforce requirements on an affordable housing development that are different than the requirements imposed on housing developments generally. RCW 36.130.020 (2008) Note: This applies to cities, counties, other local government entities and agencies.	NO	NO		Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
r. Regulations discourage incompatible uses around general aviation airports. RCW 36.70.547 and WAC 365-196-455. Incompatible uses include: high population intensity uses such as schools, community centers, tall structures, and hazardous wildlife attractants such as solid waste disposal sites, wastewater or stormwater treatment facilities, or stockyards. For more guidance, see WSDOT's Aviation Land Use Compatibility Program.	NO	NO	Not applicable. No aviation or airport uses are within, adjacent, or near the City of La Center (see WSDOT Airport map).	Completed: ☐ Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
s. If a U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) military base employing 100 or more personnel is within or adjacent to the jurisdiction, zoning should discourage the siting of incompatible uses adjacent to military base. RCW 36.70A.530(3) and WAC 365-196-475 . Visit Military One Source to locate any bases in your area and help make determination of applicability. If applicable, inform the commander of the base regarding amendments to the comprehensive plan and development regulations on lands adjacent to the base.	NO	NO	Not applicable as a DoD military base is not within, adjacent, or near the City of La Center.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
t. Electric vehicle infrastructure (jurisdiction specified: adjacent to Interstates 5, 90, 405 or state route 520 and other criteria) must be allowed as a use in all areas except those zoned for residential, resource use or critical areas. RCW 36.70A.695	YES LCMC 18.158.050-1	NO	The City's other non-residential zones should be updated to allow for electric vehicle infrastructure.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
Shoreline Master Program Consistent with RCW 90.58 Shoreline Management Act of 1971				
a. Zoning designations are consistent with Shoreline Master Program (SMP) environmental designations. RCW 36.70A.480	YES	NO	La Center's SMP was updated in 2021. SMP designations and City zoning are compatible.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. If updated to meet RCW 36.70A.480 (2010), SMP regulations provide protection to critical areas in shorelines that is at least equal to the protection provided to critical areas by the critical areas ordinance. RCW 36.70A.480(4) and RCW 90.58.090(4) See Ecology's shoreline planners' toolbox for the SMP Checklist and other resources and Ecology's Shoreline Master Programs Handbook webpage	YES Appendix B of the SMP	NO	Appendix B of the SMP contains critical areas provisions nearly identical to LCMC 18.300 (Critical Areas).	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Resource Lands

Defined in [RCW 36.70A.030\(3\), \(12\) and \(17\)](#) and consistent with [RCW 36.70A.060](#) and [RCW 36.70A.170](#)

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Zoning is consistent with natural resource lands designations in the comprehensive plan and conserves natural resource lands. RCW 36.70A.060(3) , WAC 365-196-815 and WAC 365-190-020(6) . Consider innovative zoning techniques to conserve agricultural lands of long-term significance RCW 36.70A.177(2) . See also WAC 365-196-815(3) for examples of innovative zoning techniques.	NO	NO	Not applicable. City of La Center only encompasses the UGA with only urban land uses. No natural resource lands designations exist within the City's UGA.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Regulations to assure that use of lands adjacent to natural resource lands does not interfere with natural resource production. RCW 36.70A.060(1)(a) and WAC 365-190-040 Regulations require notice on all development permits and plats within 500 feet of designated natural resource lands that the property is within or near a designated natural resource land on which a variety of commercial activities may occur that are regulations to implement comprehensive plan	NO	NO	Not applicable. City of La Center only encompasses the UGA with only urban land uses. No natural resource lands designations exist within the City's UGA.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
c. For designated agricultural land, regulations encourage nonagricultural uses to be limited to lands with poor soils or otherwise not suitable for agricultural purposes. Accessory uses should be located, designed and operated to support the continuation of agricultural uses. RCW 36.70A.177(3)(b)	NO	NO	Not applicable. City of La Center only encompasses the UGA with only urban land uses. No natural resource lands designations exist within the City's UGA.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
d. Designate mineral lands and associated regulations as required by RCW 36.70A.131 and WAC 365-190-040(5) . For more information review the WA State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)'s Geology Division site	NO	NO	Not applicable. City of La Center only encompasses the UGA with only urban land uses. No natural resource lands designations exist within the City's UGA.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Siting Essential Public Facilities

Regulations for siting essential public facilities should be consistent with [RCW 36.70A.200](#) and consider [WAC 365-196-550](#). Essential public facilities include those facilities that are typically difficult to site, such as airports, state education facilities, state or regional transportation facilities, state and local correctional facilities, solid waste handling facilities, and in-patient facilities including substance abuse facilities, mental health facilities, group homes, and secure community transition facilities. Regulations may be specific to a local jurisdiction, but may be part of county-wide planning policies (CWPPs).

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
Regulations for CWPPs include a process for siting EPFs and ensure EPFs are not precluded. RCW 36.70A.200 amended in 2023, WAC 365-196-550(6) lists process for siting EPFs. WAC 365-196-550(3) details preclusions. EPFs should be located outside of known hazardous areas. Visit Commerce's Behavioral Health Facilities Program page for information on establishing or expanding new capacity for behavioral health EPFs. Note: RCW 36.70A.200 amended by SB 5536 to include EPFs for opioid treatment programs	YES LCMC 18.120.060	YES	LCMC 18.120 shall be reviewed with RCW and WAC to ensure the City is adequate in its review process. LCMC 18.40 (Definitions) should be updated to define "Essential Public Facilities" consistent with RCW 36.70A.200.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Subdivision Code

a. Subdivision regulations are consistent with and implement comprehensive plan policies. RCW 36.70A.030(8) , RCW 36.70A.040(4)	YES LCMC 18.200.020	NO		Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Written findings to approve subdivisions establish adequacy of public facilities. RCW 58.17.110 amended in 2018 - Streets or roads, sidewalks, alleys, other public ways, transit stops, and other features that assure safe walking conditions for students. - Potable water supplies, sanitary wastes, and drainage ways. RCW 36.70A.590 amended 2018 - Open spaces, parks and recreation, and playgrounds - Schools and school grounds Other items related to the public health, safety and general welfare, WAC 365-196-820(1).	YES LCMC 18.210.040	YES	LCMC 18.210.040 shall be updated for subdivisions review to include findings that establish adequate public facilities as defined by the RCW.	Completed: ☐ Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
c. Preliminary subdivision approvals under RCW 58.17.140 and RCW 58.17.170 are valid for a period of five or seven years (previously five years). Note: preliminary plat approval is valid for: seven years if the date of preliminary plat approval is on or before December 31, 2014; five years if the preliminary plat approval is issued on or after January 1, 2015; and ten years if the project is located within city limits, not subject to the shoreline management act, and the preliminary plat is approved on or before December 31, 2007.	YES LCMC 18.210.050	YES	LCMC 18.210.050 may need to be updated to reflect the 7- and 10-year requirement in RCW 58.17.140.	Completed: ☐ Date:
d. Include in short plat regulations procedures for unit lot subdivisions allowing division of a parent lot into separately owned unit lots. RCW 58.17.060 (3) new in 2023 by SB 5258 - section 11	NO LCMC Chapter 18.205.	YES	LCMC 18.205.040 'Approval criteria for a preliminary short plat' should be amended to allow division of a parent lot into separately owned unit lots. Portions of the parent lot not subdivided for individual unit lots shall be owned in common by the owners of the unit lots or by an HOA of the owners of the individual unit lots.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Stormwater

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Regulations protect water quality and implement actions to mitigate or cleanse drainage, flooding, and storm water run-off that pollute waters of the state, including Puget Sound or waters entering Puget Sound. RCW 36.70A.070(1) Regulations may include: adoption of a stormwater manual consistent with Ecology's latest manual for Eastern or Western Washington, adoption of a clearing and grading ordinance –See Commerce's 2005 Technical Guidance Document for Clearing and Grading in Western Washington. Adoption of a low impact development ordinance. See Puget Sound Partnership's 2012 Low Impact Development guidance and Ecology's 2013 Eastern Washington Low Impact Development guidance. Additional Resources: Federal Grants to Protect Puget Sound Watersheds, Building Cities in the Rain, Ecology Stormwater Manuals, Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda	YES LCMC 15.05 and 18.320.	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Provisions for corrective action for failing septic systems that pollute waters of the state. RCW 36.70A.070(1). See also: DOH Wastewater Management, Ecology On-Site Sewage System Projects & Funding	YES Clark County Code 14.17.190 and LCMC 13.10.	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Organic Materials Management Facilities

New in 2022, [HB 1799](#) added a section to the GMA aimed at reducing the volumes of organic materials collected in conjunction with other solid waste and delivered to landfills, supporting productive uses of organic material waste and reduction of methane gas (a greenhouse gas).

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
New section RCW 36.70A.142; new in 2022 legislation HB 1799: Development regulations newly developed, updated, or amended after January 1, 2025 allow for the siting of organic materials (OM) management facilities as identified in local solid waste management plans (SWMP) to meet OM reduction and diversion goals. Siting to meet criteria described in RCW 70A.205.040(3). See also RCW 36.70.330. For applicability, see RCW 70A.205.540	NO	NO	RCW 70A.205.540(3)(a)(ii) says that this requirement does not apply to a jurisdiction that has a total population of less than 25,000 people. As of the OFM April 1, 2023, population estimate, La Center had a population of 3,890 people and therefore qualifies for the exemption.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Impact Fees

May impose impact fees on development activity as part of the financing for public facilities, provided that the financing for system improvements to serve new development must provide for a balance between impact fees and other sources of public funds; cannot rely solely on impact fees.

a. If adopted, impact fees are applied consistent with RCW 82.02.050 amended in 2015, RCW 82.02.060 amended in 2023 by SB 5258 , .070 , .080 , .090 amended in 2018 and .100 . WAC 365-196-850 provides guidance on how impact fees should be implemented and spent.	YES LCMC Chapter 3.35	YES	Amend LCMC 3.35 to conform with updates to RCW 82.02.050 regarding deferral (need to specify inspection, final occupancy, or sale of the property and 18-month timeframe for payment), and 82.02.060 discusses optional amendment for the collection of impact fees for early learning facilities. Update 'development' definition to include exemptions as listed with amended RCW 82.02.090.	Completed: ☐ Date:
b. Jurisdictions collecting impact fees must adopt and maintain a system for the deferred collection of impact fees for single-family detached and attached residential construction, consistent with RCW 82.02.050(3) amended in 2016	YES LCMC 3.35.140	YES	LCMC 3.35.140 provides for deferral but doesn't align with RCW 82.02.050(3).	Completed: ☐ Date:
c. If adopted, limitations on impact fees for early learning facilities. RCW 82.02.060 amended in 2021	NO	YES	LCMC 3.35 may be amended to include limitations of impact fees for early learning facilities.	Completed: ☐ Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
d. If adopted, exemption of impact fees for low-income and emergency housing development. RCW 82.02.060 amended in 2023. See also definition change in RCW 82.02.090(1)(b) amended in 2018	NO LCMC 3.35.150	YES	Does not include language for emergency housing development. LCMC 3.35 may be amended to include exemptions for emergency housing development.	Completed: ☐ Date:
e. Ensure impact fees are not assessed on the construction of accessory dwelling units that are greater than 50 percent (50%) of the impact fees that would be imposed on the principal unit. RCW 36.70A.681 new in 2023 by HB 1337	NO LCMC 3.35.040, 3.35.060, and 18.247.080.	NO.	No changes necessary.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
f. The schedule of impact fees reflects the proportionate impact of new housing units, including multifamily and condominium units, based on the square footage, number of bedrooms, or trips generated, in the housing unit in order to produce a proportionally lower impact fee for smaller housing units. RCW 82.02.060 amended in 2023 by SB 5258	NO LCMC 3.35.120	YES	The impact fee schedule (LCMC 3.35.120) must be updated to reflect proportionate impact of new housing units, including multifamily and condominium units, based on square footage, number of bedrooms, or trips generated, in the housing unit to generate lower impact fee for smaller housing units.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Concurrency and Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

Ensures consistency in land use approval and the development of adequate public facilities as plans are implemented, maximizes the efficiency of existing transportation systems, limits the impacts of traffic and reduces pollution.

a. The transportation concurrency requirement includes specific language that prohibits development when level of service standards for transportation facilities cannot be met. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b) amended in 2023, WAC 365-196-840 . Note: Concurrency is required for transportation, but may also be applied to park facilities, etc.	YES LCMC 18.10.090(1)	NO	See comprehensive plan updates above for active transportation concurrency. LCMC 18.10.090(1) references that a land use action cannot be approved if the action will cause LOS of a local owned or local or regionally operated transportation facility to fall below with the LOS adopted within the CFP for that roadway or intersection. The CFP is to be updated to include active transportation concurrency LOS and facilities. LCMC 18.10.090(1) should be updated to prohibit denial for a development proposal that may cause a level of service for a locally	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
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	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
b. Measures exist to bring into compliance locally owned, or locally or regionally operated, transportation facilities or services that are below the levels of service established in the comprehensive plan. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(B) and (D), RCW 36.70A.070(6)(b) amended in 2023 Levels of service can be established for automobiles, pedestrians and bicycles. See WAC 365-196-840(3) on establishing an appropriate level of service.	YES LCMC 18.10.090(2) and La Center 2016 Transportation Capital Facilities Plan	NO	Compliance strategies in LCMC 18.10.090 <u>could be</u> updated to include active transportation facility improvements and increased or enhanced public transportation service.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
c. Highways of statewide significance (HSS) are exempt from the concurrency ordinance. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(iii)(C)	NO	YES	I-5 is a HSS and within the La Center UGA. LCMC 18.10.090 to be amended to include this exemption.	Completed: ☐ Date:
d. Traffic demand management (TDM) requirements are consistent with the comprehensive plan. RCW 36.70A.070(6)(a)(vi) Examples may include requiring new development to be oriented towards transit streets, pedestrian-oriented site and building design, and requiring bicycle and pedestrian connections to street and trail networks. WAC 365-196-840(4) recommends adopting methodologies that analyze the transportation system from a comprehensive, multimodal perspective.	NO	YES	La Center could optionally add TDM requirements.	Completed: ☐ Date:
e. If required by RCW 82.70, a commute trip reduction (CTR) ordinance to achieve reductions in the proportion of single-occupant vehicle commute trips has been adopted. The ordinance should be consistent with comprehensive plan policies for CTR and Department of Transportation rules.	NO	NO	Not applicable as no state highway corridor within the City's UGA does not meet minimum thresholds to require a CTR ordinance.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Tribal Participation in Planning new in 2022 (see [HB 1717](#))

A federally recognized Indian tribe may voluntarily choose to participate in the county or regional planning process. See Commerce's new [Tribal Planning Coordination for GMA](#) webpage for guidance and staff contacts.

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Mutually agreeable memorandum of agreement between local governments and tribes in regard to collaboration and participation in the planning process unless otherwise agreed at the end of a mediation period. RCW 36.70A.040(8)(a) new in 2022.	NO	YES	If a memorandum is executed between the City and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, LCMC Title 18 is to be amended where applicable to include the tribal agreement in regards to planning processes. This is especially applicable to the Junction Plan.	Completed: ☐ Date:
b. Policies consistent with countywide planning policies that address the protection of tribal cultural resources in collaboration with federally recognized Indian tribes that are invited, provided that a tribe, or more than one tribe, chooses to participate in the process. RCW 36.70A.210(3)(i) new in 2022.	YES	YES	LCMC 18.360 may need to be updated based on final County-wide planning policies.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Regulations to Implement Optional Elements

a. New fully contained communities are consistent with comprehensive plan policies, RCW 36.70A.350 and WAC 365-196-345	NO	NO	Not applicable to La Center	Completed: ☒ Date: N/A
b. If applicable, master planned resorts are consistent with comprehensive plan policies, RCW 36.70A.360 , RCW 36.70A.362 and WAC 365-196-460	NO	NO	Not applicable. No intent for master planned resorts within the City of La Center.	Completed: ☒ Date: N/A
c. If applicable, major industrial developments and master planned locations outside of UGAs are consistent with comprehensive plan policies, RCW 36.70A.365 , RCW 36.70A.367 and WAC 365-196-465	NO	NO	Not applicable. No intent for major industrial developments and master planned locations outside of the City of La Center UGA.	Completed: ☒ Date: N/A
d. Regulations include procedures to identify, preserve, and/or monitor historical or archaeological resources. RCW 36.70A.020(13) , WAC 365-196-450	YES LCMC 18.60	YES	La Center can elect to develop regulations that protect historic structures in addition to archaeological sites.	Completed: ☐ Date:

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
e. Other development regulations needed to implement comprehensive plan policies such as energy, sustainability or design are adopted. WAC 365-196-445	YES LCMC Title 18	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
f. Design guidelines for new development are clear and easy to understand; administration procedures are clear and defensible	NO LCMC Title 18	YES	Review LCMC Title 18 to ensure design guidelines for new development are clear and easy to understand with clear and defensible administrative procedures.	Completed: ☐ Date:
g. Local design review includes one or more ascertainable guideline, standard or criterion by which an applicant can determine whether a given building design is permissible under that development regulation. May not result in a reduction in density, height, bulk or scale below the generally applicable development regulations for a development proposal in the applicable zone. RCW 36.70A.630 new in 2023 by HB 1293	YES LCMC Chapter 18.155.	YES	Review LCMC Chapters 18.140, 18.155, 18.158, and 18.165 and the La Center Downtown Design Plan and Guidelines to ensure that the standards and guidelines are ascertainable and clear what is permissible to an applicant. Also, should review to ensure that design standards do not result in the reduction of height, bulk, or scale of development below what is generally applicable for development in the underlying zone. Any design review process must be conducted concurrently with the consolidated review and decision process for land use permits.	Completed: ☐ Date:

Project Review Procedures

In 2023, [SB 5290](#) substantially amended local permit review processes. Codification and additional resources from Commerce are forthcoming.

	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
Project review processes integrate permit and environmental review. RCW 36.70A.470, RCW 36.70B and RCW 43.21C. Also: WAC 365-196-845, WAC 197-11 (SEPA Rules), WAC 365-197 (Project Consistency Rule, Commerce, 2001) and Ecology SEPA Handbook. Integrated permit and environmental review procedures for: • Notice of application • Notice of complete application • One open-record public hearing • Combining public hearings & decisions for multiple permits • Notice of decision • One closed-record appeal	YES LCMC 18.30.030, 18.30.120(4), 18.30.130(3)	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Note: new in 2023, see Commerce's new guidance for [Local Project Review](#) and [SB 5290](#)

Plan & Regulation Amendments

If procedures governing comprehensive plan amendments are part of the code, then assure the following are true:

a. Regulations limit amendments to the comprehensive plan to once a year (with statutory exceptions). RCW 36.70A.130(2) and WAC 365-196-640(3)	YES LCMC 18.120.030(2) and 18.120.030(5)	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Regulations define <i>emergency</i> for an emergency plan amendment. RCW 36.70A.130(2)(b) and WAC 365-196-640(4)	YES LCMC 18.120.030(5)	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
	In Current Regs? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
c. Regulations include a docketing process for requesting and considering plan amendments. RCW 36.70A.130(2) , RCW 36.70A.470 , and WAC 365-196-640(6)	YES LCMC 18.120.030(2)	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
d. A process has been established for early and continuous public notification and participation in the planning process. RCW 36.70A.020(11) , RCW 36.70A.035 and RCW 36.70A.140 . See WAC 365-196-600 regarding public participation and WAC 365-196-610(2) listing recommendations for meeting requirements.	YES LCMC 18.30.090 - .110 and 18.120.030(2)	YES	The City should consider public notice requirements for Type IV in 18.30.120 to distinguish them from those for Type II and III processes. As now written, they are the same except for required planning commission and city council meetings.	Completed: ☐ Date:
e. A process exists to assure that proposed regulatory or administrative actions do not result in an unconstitutional taking of private property RCW 36.70A.370 . See the 2018 Advisory Memo on the Unconstitutional Taking of Private Property	YES	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
f. Provisions ensure adequate enforcement of regulations, such as zoning and critical area	YES LCMC 18.50	NO	No changes required.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

ordinances (civil or criminal penalties). See implementation strategy in WAC 365-196-650(1) .				
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Appendix A: Housing unit minimums per population

See Commerce's [Middle Housing webpage](#) for more information and the [Middle Housing Fact Sheet](#) for the list of cities that must comply with the following requirements.

Cities with a population less than 25,000 but within the Contiguous UGA with the largest city in a county with a population greater than 275,000				
	In Current zoning? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
Zoning and development regulations allow at least two residential units per lot on all lots zoned predominantly for residential use, unless the lot is smaller than 1,000 square feet. RCW 36.70A.635 (1) and (6) HB 1110	NO	NO	Not applicable. As of OFM's April 1, 2023, postcensal estimate, La Center's population was 3,890. Vancouver's population was 199,600.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Cities with a population between 25,000 and 75,000				
	In Current zoning? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Zoning and development regulations allow at least: - two residential units on each lot, - four residential units on each lot if at least one unit is affordable, unless the lot is smaller than 1,000 square feet.	NO	NO	Not applicable. As of OFM's April 1, 2023, postcensal estimate, La Center's population was 3,890.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Zoning and development regulations allow at least four residential units on each lot, within ¼ mile walking distance of a major transit stop.	NO	NO	Not applicable. As of OFM's April 1, 2023, postcensal estimate, La Center's population was 3,890.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Cities with a population greater than 75,000

	In Current zoning? Yes/No If yes, cite section	Changes needed to meet current statute? Yes/No	Notes	
a. Zoning and development regulations allow at least: • four residential units on each lot, • six residential units on each lot if at least two units are affordable, unless the lot is smaller than 1,000 square feet.	NO	NO	Not applicable. As of OFM's April 1, 2023, postcensal estimate, La Center's population was 3,890.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A
b. Zoning and development regulations allow at least six residential units on each lot, within ¼ mile walking distance of a major transit stop.	NO	NO	Not applicable. As of OFM's April 1, 2023, postcensal estimate, La Center's population was 3,890.	Completed: ☐ Date: N/A

Appendix B: Element updates per HB 1181 – Climate Change and Resiliency

GMA Periodic Update Due Dates	Required Updates to GMA Elements per HB 1181						
	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Sub-element	Climate Resilience Sub-element	Transportation Element	Land Use Element	Capital Facilities Element*	Utilities Element*	Parks & Recreation Element*
For jurisdictions with a 2024 deadline and subject to GHG Emissions Reduction [Sec. 15 (10)]	Due 2029	Due 2029	Due 2029	Due in 2034			
For jurisdictions with a 2025 & 2026 deadline and subject to GHG Emissions Reduction [Sec. 4 (1) and (2)]	X	X	X	X	X*	X*	X*
Jurisdictions <u>not</u> subject to GHG Emissions Reduction (all years) [Sec. 4 (3) and 9(e)(i)]	Optional	X See RCW 36.70A.070(9)(e)	**	Only counties over 20k pop.	X*	X*	X*

Table notes: “X” indicates a GMA update requirement. One asterisk (*) indicates jurisdictions should make a good faith effort to update their elements to be consistent; refer to HB 1181 (Chapter 228, Laws of 2023) for specifics. Two asterisks (**) indicates 22 cities that need to update their transportation element based on population, not whether or not their county is among those that must develop a GHG emissions element.