MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2021

FROM: Rebecca Lowell, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan

INTRODUCTION: following and attached is information regarding the City's implementation of the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

BACKGROUND: final approval and adoption of the City's 2016 to 2036 Comprehensive Plan was made by the City Council on September 14, 2016 via Ordinance 3690 (attached). Among other items, the Growth Management Act (GMA, codified as RCW 36.70A) requires jurisdictions to implement their Comprehensive Plans through applicable development regulations. Page 1 of Ordinance 3690 outlines this requirement as follows:

> **WHEREAS**, RCW 36.70A.040 requires that the City's development regulations implement our Comprehensive Plan; and

Following adoption of Ordinance 3690 planning staff made an initial list of the needed development regulations and suggested a priority order for Council's consideration. Attached is a memo and associated information that was presented to Council on September 21, 2016 with these items.

Every year since 2016 planning staff has adjusted and supplemented the suggested list of code amendments and priorities through the Council's annual docketing process.

As development regulations and other activities are completed staff keeps track of the City's implementation efforts. Attached is a copy of the implementation records for the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS: the City has, and continues to, be in compliance with the above-identified provisions of the GMA that require development regulations be in place to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The City's Comprehensive Plan is required to be updated every eight years; which means the City still has two years within the Housing Element policies could be supplemented or have additional actions taken. In 2024 the City will be tasked with updating and adopting a new Housing Element and the process of implementing new policies will start over.