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Introduction

The information provided in the Park Falls Comprehensive Plan document will serve as a guide for future planning and implementation decisions. Quality of life in the Park Falls area will be directly impacted by decisions made regarding commercial, industrial, as well as residential land use. The vision of the Comprehensive Plan will be as a guide for decision makers and must be supported by both decision makers and residents to achieve a successful future for Park Falls. It is the goal of this plan to structure expansion in residential, business and industry while supporting the preservation of our natural resources and community quality of life. Quality of life in the community must be on the forefront of each decision made while efforts are put forth for community growth in Park Falls. Community wide support for the plan will help to ensure its success. The community is affected by the decisions and activities of its numerous groups and individuals. Churches, school districts, business owners, civic organizations along with community leaders and local government contribute to the overall success of the Comprehensive Plans vision for a successful and thrivent future for the City of Park Falls.

Integration of Elements

This Comprehensive Plan was drafted with consistency between elements throughout its entirety. As decisions are made by the governing body they must take into account how changes or implementation of a single element will affect subsequent elements throughout the plan. The plan must therefore be utilized as a unified document and not as individual elements.

Detailed Plans

The City may also prepare detailed plans for housing, economic development, Hwy 13 corridor, parks, trails, and waterfront development.

Overview of Regulations

This section provides a description of existing regulations in Park Falls.

Zoning Ordinance & Related Ordinances

The City's existing ordinance reflects the goals, objectives and policies of the Comprehensive Plan. Recommended updates to the existing ordinance are outlined in the Land Use chapter (8).

Zoning Map

The City's zoning map is accurate and current. Zoning changes should be made as outlined on the approved future land use map.

Process for Amending the Plan

As the City of Park Falls grows and prospers changes may need to occur that are inconsistent with plans for change outlined by the City's Comprehensive Plan. This may require that the plan be amended to allow for improvement as long as the proposed changes occur in a manner that is deemed beneficial to the community, businesses, industries and resources and follows the general concept of this Comprehensive Plan. Such changes must be integrated into the plan in a manner that will maintain consistency between all plan elements.

If a proposed development is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the City must evaluate whether or not it should amend the Comprehensive Plan to allow the development to occur. Applications to amend the Comprehensive Plan should generally include the following information:

1. Description of request.
2. Location and map of surrounding properties.
3. Map of any other properties impacted.
4. Explanation of the request including:
 - Reasons for the request.
 - Overall impact on the community.
5. The City must publicly notice the proposed amendment. Notices must be sent to all adjacent property owners and to neighboring and overlapping jurisdictions.
6. The City must hold a public hearing to review the request and the City Council must take action on the request.
7. If the amendment request is approved, the City must make the approved changes to the Plan and concurrently amend the Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map.

Process for Updating the Plan

Periodically the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Park Falls should be reviewed to ensure that the plan maintains effectiveness and is cohesive with the changes occurring in Park Falls. This process will also ensure that these changes are guided by the plan, moving toward achieving the goals set forth in this plan and are consistent with the vision for Park Falls. Updates should be made to the plan every five to ten years. The process for updating the plan should be similar to the process used when this document was first created. This process will include public hearings prior to adoption and subsequent amendments. Staying consistent and representing the general attitudes and priorities that are represented in the original document.

Implementation Process

Element	Item	Responsible Entity
Economic Dev.	Pg. 88-91	CS, M, PFACDC, CC
Housing	Pg. 109	CS, HA, PC, CC
Transportation	Pg. 121	AA, AM, CS, BPW HWY-13, PC, CC
Utilities and Community Facilities	Pg. 131-132	AA, AM, CS, BPW, LB PC, P&F, CC
Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources	Pg. 145-146	CS, BPW, PC, CC
Intergovernmental Cooperation	Pg. 150	CS, M, P&F, CC
Land Use	Pg. 155-156	CS, PC, CC

AA	Airport Advisory Committee	HWY-13	Hwy 13 Committee
AM	Airport Administrator	LB	Library Board
BPW	Board of Public Works	M	Mayor
CC	City Council	PC	Plan Commission
CS	City Staff	P&F	Police and Fire
HA	Housing Authority	PFACDC	Park Falls Area Community Development Corporation

Conclusion

This Comprehensive Plan for the City of Park Falls represents an ambitious vision for the future of Park Falls. The plan strives for harmony between residents, commerce, industry and resources while working toward improvements that will benefit the area as a whole. A strong commitment from the governing body will ensure the future success of the plan and its elements creating a more attractive and prosperous City.