

**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Adopting the Revised Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Haines Borough Charter and Alaska Statute requirements.**

**WHEREAS**, Alaska Statute 29.40.030 and Haines Borough Code 18.30.040 define a comprehensive plan as a compilation of policy statements, goals, standards, and maps for guiding the physical, social, and economic development, both private and public, of the borough, including:

- (1) statements of policies, goals, and standards;
- (2) a land use plan;
- (3) a community facilities plan;
- (4) a transportation plan; and
- (5) recommendations for implementation of the comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haines Borough is mandated by Alaska Statute 29.40.030 and Borough Charter 8.04 to have a comprehensive plan adopted and implemented by the assembly, which shall be presented to the assembly by the planning commission for adoption by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Borough Charter 8.04 requires that the plan shall serve as a guide for all planning commission recommendations and all assembly legislative action concerning land use and development issues; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 29 requires that the assembly shall, after receiving the recommendations of the planning commission, periodically undertake an overall review of the comprehensive plan and update the plan as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan was adopted on September 11, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the assembly determined an update of the borough's comprehensive plan to be one of its top priorities and appropriated funds for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the assembly shall be guided in the adoption of the comprehensive plan by the recommendations of the planning commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning commission, assisted by a consultant, conducted a comprehensive review and update of the Plan that included extensive citizen participation and public hearing opportunities in order that the plan reflect community goals and values; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall review and update is now complete, and the planning commission recommends adoption of the updated Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is not of a general and permanent nature and shall not become a part of the Haines Borough Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon

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adoption.

Section 4. Repealer. Any and all prior comprehensive plans pre-dating this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Adoption. The updated Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan, dated \_\_\_\_\_, is incorporated herein by reference and is hereby adopted.

Section 6. Interpretation. The provisions of the Comprehensive Plan are not intended to be self-executing unless so specified by their terms. All provisions which are not self-executing are deemed to be directive and advisory. Directive and advisory provisions are intended to establish a continuity of borough government. The borough shall, when appropriate, consider advisory provisions and shall take positive action toward meeting directives within a reasonable time.

Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

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Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kristine Kennedy, Borough Clerk

Date Introduced: 08/13/24  
Date of First Public Hearing: 08/27/24  
Date of Second Public Hearing: 09/10/24

Haines Borough  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**RECORD OF DECISION**

DATE: July 18, 2024

TO: Borough Assembly

FROM: Haines Borough Planning Commission

SUBJECT: 2035 Comprehensive Plan

**PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION:**

**Motion: POINSETTE** moved to “recommend to the Haines Borough Assembly Adopt the 2035 Comprehensive Plan”

**Primary Amendment: POINSETTE** moved to “add the amendments as discussed” and the amendment **FAILED** unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: SARGENT** moved to “approve Amendment 1 Page 1 of the Executive Summary” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: POINSETTE** moved to “recommend amendment 2” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: SARGENT** moved to “recommend Amendment 3” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: POINSETTE** moved to “recommend amendment 4 as shown” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: POINSETTE** moved to “recommend amendment 5 with language on the slide modified on July 18<sup>th</sup>” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: BROWN** moved to “recommend amendment 6 as changed” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: POINSETTE** moved to “recommend amendment 7 with the changes proposed at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: SARGENT** moved to “approve amendment 8 as written” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: BROWN** moved to “recommend amendment 9” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: POINSETTE** moved to “recommend amendment 10 as written” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: POINSETTE** moved to “recommend amendment 11 as written” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: SCHULTZ** moved to “adopt amendment 12” and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: BROWN** moved to "recommend amendment 13 as revised on July 18<sup>th</sup>" and the motion carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: POINSETTE** moved to "recommend amendment 14 as proposed" and the amendment carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment: BROWN** moved to "recommend amendment 15" and the amendment carried unanimously.

And the motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

**RATIONALE:**

During the June 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting Agnew::Beck had introduced amendments recommended by the public during the public hearing June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Planning commission decided to postpone the decision until the regular July 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting. During the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting the planning commission reviewed the proposed amendments and adopted the Comprehensive Plan.

SUBMITTED BY  
(signature)

Patricia L. Brown

Patty Brown  
Planning Commission Chair

**Haines Borough Planning Commission**  
**Patty Brown, Chair**

Mayor Tom Morphet and Haines Borough Assembly  
Cc: Manager Annette Kreitzer, Acting Clerk Kiersten Long  
PO Box 1209, Haines, AK 99827

July 24, 2024

Dear Mayor and Assembly:

At its regular meeting on July 18, the Haines Borough Planning Commission approved the Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan with amendments. This memo represents our Record of Decision. The link you receive with your packet by August 8, will be the publicly published version as approved by the Commission.

We understand that this 2035 Comprehensive Plan revision will be under consideration by the Assembly over the next several weeks. Introduction of an ordinance about the Plan will take place August 13. Two meetings, August 27 and September 10, will include public hearings and the earliest approval by the Assembly would take place September 10.

This has been a huge community effort beginning in early 2023. We were guided by Agnew::Beck Consulting and this document represents the work of two different Planning Commissions and the support of the Haines Borough administrative staff.

Please reach out if there are questions we can answer or if you would like a representative of the Planning Commission to attend any of the meetings.

Thank you.  
Patty Brown  
Chair

