

RESOLUTION NO. 110

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMMUNITY VISION AS A
FRAMEWORK FOR THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, Community Vision statements provide an overall framework to develop a Comprehensive Plan pursuant to State Growth Management regulations;

WHEREAS, the City of University Place Vision will be incorporated into a revised Comprehensive Plan document, which will be adopted by ordinance in the future and be subject to community and environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission began developing Vision statements in January, 1996, sponsored a Community Vision Forum on March 26, and held a public hearing on April 17, 1996 at which the Planning Commission recommendation was approved; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommendation was discussed and distributed at four neighborhood meetings held in April/May, 1996; and

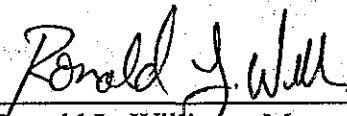
WHEREAS, the City Council considered the recommendation at a regular meeting and several study sessions in July, 1996 and approved the City of University Place Vision at a regular meeting on August 5, 1996, NOW THEREFORE

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY
PLACE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. City of University Place Vision Adopted. The City of University Place Vision document, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted as a framework for the Comprehensive Plan revision process.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon signing.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 5, 1996.


Ronald L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Matthew, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"
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CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE VISION

Twenty years after incorporation, University Place is a safe, attractive city that provides a supportive environment for all citizens to work, play, get an education and raise families. Children and youth are nurtured and encouraged to develop into competent, contributing citizens in a changing world. A cooperative community spirit and respect for each other--- our commonalities and differences---foster a diverse cultural, spiritual and ethnic life and prepare us for future challenges.

Land Use and Environment

Residential areas and commercial corridors retain a green, partially wooded or landscaped character, although the city is almost fully developed. The public enjoys trail access to protected creek corridors, wetlands and greenbelts. As the gravel pit site on the Chambers Creek properties gradually is reclaimed for public use, people enjoy expansive views, access to Puget Sound, and parks and recreation opportunities.

Community character has been enhanced by fair and consistent enforcement of land use regulations. Buffering and landscaping separate incompatible uses, support the integrity of residential neighborhoods and create more attractive business/industrial developments.

Housing

University Place is a city of low and moderate density housing developments that maintains a "friendly neighborhood and community atmosphere". The proportion of residents owning their homes has increased. A mix of housing styles and types is affordable to households at various income levels.

Transportation, Capital Facilities, Utilities

Street lighting, sidewalks, curbs/gutters and bicycle lanes on all arterial streets have improved safety and created better connections between residential and business areas. The entire city now has access to sewers. Purchase of Windmill Village for a City Hall complex has contributed to the development of a thriving commercial/civic center.

Economic Development

Partnerships between the City and business sector have resulted in a viable, economically stable business community. Compact commercial and light industrial developments have attracted new investment and brought additional goods and services and more jobs to the community. Public street improvements and new infill developments contribute to the vitality of the core business areas. University Place has established itself as a destination for local shopping, arts, entertainment, and special community events and festivals.

Parks and Recreation

Expansion of parks and recreation services has been achieved through cooperative efforts of the City, the Parks and School Districts and many citizen volunteers. Residents enjoy more neighborhood parks and public spaces, a community and civic center, public access to the shoreline, and a variety of recreation programs and activities for children, youth, adults, and senior citizens.

Governance and Community Services

Open communication between citizens, business, industry and government has strengthened community ties and created an environment of trust, listening, and responsive, fair governance. Information is readily available to citizens and issues are fully discussed. The result has been quality, cost-effective services.

While not always a direct provider of services, the City assists residents in gaining access to community services they need through partnerships and contracts with other agencies. Local government, the school district and private schools work together in the planning process for quality education. The City has increased public safety by implementing a community policing program that maintains a partnership between community and police, promotes respect for neighbors, and encourages individual responsibility.