

RESOLUTION NO. 06-026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND
ADOPTING THE 2006 HOUSING ACTION PLAN, DIRECTING STAFF TO INITIATE
RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN/MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Port Townsend previously authorized Resolution 05-010, authorizing the City Manager to sign a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding a combined housing needs assessment with Jefferson County and certifying to certify compliance with the granting agency's requirements; and

WHEREAS, for the past eight months, the Housing Advisory Group, appointed by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners and Port Townsend City Council has worked with a consultant, city and county staff to develop an action plan to address housing needs; and

WHEREAS, ample opportunity has been provided for citizens to review and comment on the draft Housing Action Plan. Opportunities for comment included focus group interviews, public workshops and forums and a mail-out/phone back survey of registered voter households. Copies of the draft plan have been posted on the Jefferson County website. Press releases were published in concert with legal public notice of meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Action Plan has been endorsed by the Housing Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, per the Housing Action Plan, housing needs in East Jefferson County can be broadly characterized as approaching a critical need threshold, as the price of housing continues to climb and interest rates increase and the market is unable to deliver housing that is financially feasible for all households; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Action Plan includes forty-two housing strategies that may be used to address housing needs. These strategies range from creation of an oversight network to economic development, infrastructure development and financial incentives; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Advisory Group recommends that the City/County act immediately to establish and appoint the Housing Action Plan Network (HAPN) committee with the stated mission of "Facilitating the implementation of the Housing Action Plan, acting as the "voice" for affordable housing, coordinating efforts and monitoring progress."

WHEREAS, the SEPA Responsible Official has determined that adoption of the

Housing Action Plan is exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held an Open Record Public Hearing in compliance with the CDBG grant requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Port Townsend, that the 2006 Housing Action Plan is hereby adopted by the city. The City commits to work in cooperation with the County to form a Housing Action Plan Network (HAPN) Committee with the mission of facilitating implementation of the plan and monitoring progress. Council directs Planning Department staff to initiate amendments to the Comprehensive Plan/Municipal Code as recommended by the Plan.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port Townsend at a regular meeting thereof, held this second day of October 2006.

Mark Welch, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Pamela Kolacy, CMC, City Clerk

John Watts, City Attorney