

Introduced by: Mayor Thompson
Introduction Date: August 11, 2016
Public Hearing: September 8, 2016
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Vote: Barney, Johansen, Johnson, Jorgensen, Stout, Wilson and Thompson in favor

**HOUSTON, ALASKA
ORDINANCE 16-22**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL REPEALING THE 1999 CITY OF HOUSTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED IN 2003 (ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 199-078; 2003-108) AND ADOPTING THE 2016 CITY OF HOUSTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF HOUSTON, ALASKA:

WHEREAS, The City of Houston received State of Alaska Grant #14-DC-057 in the amount of \$350,000 to perform a Community Impact Assessment and Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the City created a Community Impact Assessment and Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee to work closely with the consultant, City staff, City Planning Commission and City Council through the public process; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the City hired qualified planning consultants through the bidding process to assist the Committee and staff in the process of revising the Comprehensive Plan through a number of public meetings, open houses and workshops ; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 City of Houston's Comprehensive Plan is based on community and stakeholder input and has been supported by the City and Committee as a balanced approach to the community's future;

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WHEREAS, the Houston Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the 2016 plan, held a Public hearing and forwarded recommendations on the plan to the City Council (Resolution 16-PC-07).

SECTION I: CLASSIFICATION: This ordinance is a non-code ordinance.

SECTION II: SEVERABILITY: If any provisions of this ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to all other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

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SECTION III: PURPOSE: The Purpose of Ordinance 16-22 is to replace the regulatory framework for land use and development in the City of Houston with a new, revised comprehensive plan that is responsive and convenient for the City residents.

SECTION IV: REPEAL OF THE 1999 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: the 1999 Comprehensive Plan (Adopted in Ordinance Serial No. 1999-078) including the amendment adopted in 2003 (Ordinance Serial No. 2003-108) is hereby repealed.

SECTION V: ADOPTION OF THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The 2016 City of Houston Comprehensive Plan, as submitted by the Houston Planning and Zoning Commission and the City of Houston Community Impact Assessment and Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee as contained in Exhibit A of this ordinance, is hereby adopted.

SECTION VI: SUBMISSION TO THE MATANUSKA - SUSITNA BOROUGH. The Mayor shall submit the 2016 City of Houston Comprehensive plan in this ordinance to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for approval by the Borough Planning Commission and Assembly as required by AS 29.40.030 (b) and MSB 17.42.025.

SECTION VII: ENACTMENT: Sections IV and V of this ordinance shall be effective upon the effective date of the ordinance of the Matanuska Susitna Borough Assembly approving the City of Houston Comprehensive Plan in this ordinance.


ADOPTED by the Houston City Council on September 8, 2016.

THE CITY OF HOUSTON, ALASKA



Virgie Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sonya Dukes, CMC, City Clerk

