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June 16, 2016

The Honorable John Stokes
Mayor of Bellevue
450 110th Ave NE
Bellevue, Washington 98009

RE: Adopted Resolution No. 9094 regarding an analysis of development regulations currently in effect in the city for consistency with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW.

Dear Mayor Stokes:

Thank you for sending Growth Management Services the Resolution No. 9094 documenting the analysis and consistency of Bellevue's development regulations that we received on May 03, 2016, and processed with Material ID No. 22363. The completion of the review of your development regulations, along with the August 2015 completion of your comprehensive plan review and update, brings Bellevue into compliance with the update required under RCW 36.70A.130(1).

Next Steps to Complete the Periodic Update

RCW 36.70A.130(1) requires that counties and cities take action to review and revise, if necessary, their comprehensive plans and development regulations, including their critical areas ordinances every eight-years. At this time, it appears you still need to finalize the review and update of your critical area regulations and your deadline to complete that and remain in compliance with the update requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA) is June 30, 2016.

When you Complete your Periodic Review

Commerce recommends that your final legislative action documents the entire review process and declares that the periodic update required in RCW 36.70A.130(1) is complete. This should show opportunities for the public to take part in this review, and make findings that your comprehensive plan and development regulations are consistent with the GMA. The [Commerce Update Information Page](#) contains examples of [Update Resolutions](#) with findings that you can use.

Upon completion, please send the adopted ordinance or resolution to Commerce and notify the department that the update is complete. This will assure that we update our records and show your community as eligible for grants and loans that require GMA compliance.

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Congratulations to you, your planning commission, staff, and involved citizens for the good work represented by your update. If you have any questions or concerns about our comments or any other growth management issues, please contact Ike Nwankwo at 360-725-3056 or ike.nwankwo@commerce.wa.gov. We extend our continued support to the City of Bellevue in achieving the goals of growth management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Andersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "A".

Dave Andersen
Acting Managing Director
Growth Management Services

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cc: Dan Stroh, Planning Director, City of Bellevue
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