CHAPTER NINE

General Plan Management and Coordination

Introduction

This chapter sets forth the City's goals, policies and implementing actions for ongoing management and coordination of the General Plan.

Goal and Policies

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GOAL: A General Plan that remains a useful and effective planning tool; that continues to reflect the values and priorities of the Gilroy community; and that responds to changes in the issues and trends that affect development and impact our quality of life.

Policy 28.1

General Plan Implementation. The City shall take an active leadership role in assuring the use and implementation of the General Plan.

Policy 28.2

Ongoing General Plan Management. Conduct periodic reviews of the General Plan to evaluate its performance and effectiveness in light of changing conditions and trends. Revise and/or comprehensively update the Plan as necessary to ensure that it remains a legal and effective planning tool.

Policy 28.3

Amending the General Plan. Amend the General Plan as necessary in response to changes in local conditions and needs. Evaluate proposed amendments in regard to environmental impact and for consistency with the other goals and policies contained in the plan document. In accordance with State law, allow no more than four amendments to the General Plan per calendar year.
Policy 28.4
Community Participation. Promote the ongoing participation of community residents, businesses, and property owners in the planning and development processes to ensure that the General Plan and the decisions based on the General Plan continue to reflect the values and priorities of the Gilroy community.

Policy 28.5
Youth Participation. Encourage the participation of young people in the planning process, working with the Gilroy Youth Council, local schools, sports groups, and other youth organizations. In particular, encourage youth participation in the planning, design and management of community facilities and programs that are intended to meet youth needs.

Policy 28.6
Interagency Coordination. Work with other local, regional and State agencies to address planning issues that cut across jurisdictional boundaries, ensuring a voice for local concerns, effective regional planning strategies, and successful implementation of the General Plan.
Implementing Actions

Action 28.A
Implementation Priorities. Review and update the Implementation Priorities in Chapter 10 on an annual basis, using it as an “action plan” for ongoing implementation of the Gilroy General Plan. Conduct the review of implementation priorities in January of each year, prior to the annual budgeting process to serve as the basis for departmental budget priorities.

Action 28.B
General Plan Amendment Procedures. Accept citizen requests to the City Council to consider proposed amendments to the General Plan, and allow Council-initiated amendment requests by resolution of a majority of Council members. Restrict the number of General Plan amendments to four per calendar year, although each amendment may encompass a series of individual changes to the Plan.

Proposed amendments shall be considered by the Planning Commission, which will make a recommendation to the City Council. Because General Plan Amendments are legislative actions, the final decision is made by the City Council following a public hearing.

Publish General Plan amendments as follows:

- Policy and Text Changes. Changes to the policies and other text of the Plan shall be published on pages that may be inserted in the appropriate locations as replacement pages or additional pages in the applicable chapter. The effective date of the last adopted amendment shall be referenced on the pages with changes or additions.

- Map Changes. Amendments to the Land Use Plan Map and other policy and informational maps shall be published on pages that may be inserted in the document. Periodic revisions of the original document maps shall incorporate all of the changes that have accumulated since the previous revision. The date of the amendment shall be noted on the map for each area amended.
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Action 28.C

**General Plan Review and Update.** Conduct a comprehensive General Plan Review and technical update once every 10 years (or earlier, if circumstances dictate; e.g., in response to new census data or other changing conditions) to evaluate the Plan’s performance and consider possible modifications. As part of this review, development projections shall be compared to actual growth rates. If the review indicates that growth is occurring at a significantly faster pace than was anticipated at the time the Plan was developed, then:

a) Review the revised growth projections and consider the potential impact on land use, infrastructure, environmental resources, and quality of life. Review and revise General Plan policies and implementing actions as necessary.

b) Consider potential modifications to the Land Use Plan Map, Circulation Plan Map, and other relevant policy maps of the General Plan in response to changed conditions and revised projections.

c) Consider the need for modifying the 20-Year Boundary, in keeping with the provisions of Policy 2.09 (i.e., in conjunction with a citywide review of land availability) and in light of the objectives of the 20-Year Boundary (set forth in Policy 2.08).

d) Consider the need for undertaking a comprehensive General Plan Update to ensure that the Plan remains an effective planning tool.

If actual growth rates are comparable to the projected rates on which the Plan is based, then evaluate the Plan’s performance in meeting its stated goals, and consider potential revisions to improve its effectiveness.

Action 28.D

**Housing Element Update.** Regularly review and update the City’s Housing Element in accordance with State law requirements.