

RESOLUTION NO. 44

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHFIELD
ADOPTING THE CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, The Richfield City Council, pursuant to Title 67, Chapter 65, of Idaho Code, has requested that the Richfield City Planning and Zoning Commission initiate a Review of the existing Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, a revision of the City Comprehensive Plan has been prepared by the Richfield City Planning and Zoning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, public meetings and hearings have been held pursuant to Title 67, Chapter 65, of Idaho Code, to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan of the City of Richfield, as amended herein, to be used as a general guide for the continued orderly development for the City of Richfield, Lincoln County, Idaho.

Resolution passed and adopted on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CITY OF RICHFIELD

BY: _____
Charles E. Buttane Mayor
City of Richfield

ATTEST:

Lu Ann Swainston City Clerk
City of Richfield

Initials:
Jeff Norman _____
Ron Holland _____
Debora Chamberlin _____
Danny Ward _____

INTRODUCTION

The City of Richfield, Idaho, has enjoyed a steady growth over the past several decades. In 1970, our population was 290, in 1980 357 persons, in 1990 385 persons, in 1993 390 persons, and in 2000 we estimated a population of 412, in 2008 an estimate of possibly 420. An estimate of 500 could be possible by 2014.

We feel that the continued growth of our “community” largely depends on the growth and viability of the surrounding areas and we feel that in this economic down turn the city will be viable place to live. We have seen over the past several years that many of our citizens commute to surrounding areas (mostly Blaine County) for employment.

The goal of the governing bodies, Richfield City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission, is to encourage growth through private industry, diversification of existing economic interest and actively promote and encourage those who wish to expand their economic interests.

The policy of the governing body has been identified in the Comprehensive Plan. The Official Land Use Map identifies the areas for Commercial, Light Manufacturing, Agricultural, Residential, and Public Use in an effort to protect them from conflicting and inappropriate placement.

We feel that only through organized growth can the goals for continued prosperity be achieved.

The needs for an updated Comprehensive Plan for our City became evident in 1997. The economy has changed from strictly agriculture to industrial, construction and commerce, with this new-found prosperity there are the ever-present problems of growth.

POPULATION

GOAL:

To provide for future population growth that is consistent with the community lifestyle.

POLICIES:

The desire for the community is to provide for continuous growth. We have had a steady growth of approximately 2 percent over the past several decades. It is the goal of the city to maintain and support any new and present developments that will support continuous growth for our community.

SCHOOLS

GOAL:

To work with the local school board to provide for the best education possible, yet retain the individual student/teacher ratio necessary to meet the student needs.

POLICIES:

Currently Richfield is an Independent School System covering Preschool through the 12th Grade. It is fully accredited with the State of Idaho and meets all State and Federal Regulations. The success of our graduates can be attributed to the ability of school boards and the community to attract educators of the highest quality.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GOAL:

To provide our citizens with the economic opportunities that will provide them with income that will allow them to live and prosper in our community.

POLICIES:

Areas have been identified on the Official Land Use Map of the City and Area of Impact for Residential, Commercial, Light Manufacturing, and Public Use. These areas will be protected from encroachment by conflicting uses.

The City will support and actively recruit new investments in our community. We will also actively support any improvements of existing commercial endeavors. The development of light industry is welcomed by our population.

LAND USE

GOAL:

To provide responsible and productive uses of the areas currently within the City Limits and the Area of Impact. To responsibly annex new areas when needed that is prudent to the welfare of our citizens.

POLICIES:

Currently there are many undeveloped areas in the City of Richfield and Area of Impact. These undeveloped areas are in all zones as identified by the Land Use Map. Through the zoning process we can encourage the development of these areas with minimal regulation. By existing set-backs and buffer zones new development and present uses can co-exist.

NATURAL RESOURCES

GOAL:

To use our natural resources to their greatest potential. This can be accomplished by the City and private business sector working together.

POLICIES:

The policy of this Commission will be to encourage development of our natural resources in a responsible and prudent manner.

HAZARDOUS AREAS

GOAL:

To identify and take appropriate steps to correct and or minimize any hazardous areas.

POLICIES:

It will be the policy of this Commission to comply with all State and Federal Regulations pertaining to chemical storage, fuel storage, industrial waste and any other area that may be potentially hazardous to the citizens of this community. We will work closely with those agencies charged with enforcement of all existing regulations.

PUBLIC SERVICES

GOAL:

To provide our citizens with the public services that are expected and required.

POLICIES:

This City currently has adequate water supply and the sewer system meets the present needs. In the anticipation of further growth, an addition to the sewer system may have to be recognized in the near future.

This City is currently in the planning stages to develop a new well, upgrade its water system and sewer system to meet future needs. This City has adopted a Drinking Water Protection Plan and will update it on a yearly basis.

Emergency Medical Services are provided by the local volunteer Quick Response Unit. These persons are trained Basic EMT's and are active in continuing education. They are in radio contact with the County Ambulance Service and County Sheriff. The City and

surrounding rural areas are serviced by SIRCOMM for dispatching the fire district, EMT's or police department.

The Richfield Fire Protection District provides fire protection for both the City as well as the surrounding rural community. The department is made up of volunteers with two (2) fire engines, two (2) brush trucks and (1) water tender. It is the policy of the fire district to keep one (1) fire engine within the City Limits at all times for municipal protection. The fire district has signed mutual aid agreements with the Bureau of Land Management, Dietrich Fire and Shoshone City and Rural Fire Districts.

Law Enforcement Services are provided by the Lincoln County Sheriffs Department.

Currently the solid waste from our community has been collected by private businesses or by personal hauling. The solid waste district has provided a recycling bin for use to the public, which is located on Lemhi Avenue and Main Street.

TRANSPORTATION

GOAL:

To provide safe access to and within the City.

POLICIES:

Because the primary mode of transportation of persons is the private automobile, our policy will be to provide safe access to all areas of our community. We will do this by maintaining all existing streets to the highest standard possible with the resources available. The city implemented a franchise fee from Idaho Power Company and with the money brought in has been designated for oiling of streets, eventually all streets within the city will be paved. The city will provide additional funds to maintain and oil existing and new streets.

RECREATION

GOAL:

To develop the recreational areas and opportunities for our citizens and visitors. The city has developed an overnight R.V. south of the city and currently maintains a

swimming, picnic and recreation area east of the city commonly known as Rocky Ledge. The city will maintain and continue to develop these recreational facilities.

POLICIES:

To ensure the availability of open spaces for recreational use. Encourage those activities which have become an annual event such as Outlaw Day and Silver Creek Racing and to encourage other community events which could attract visitors to our area.

HOUSING

GOALS:

Provide adequate housing for present and future Richfield residents.

POLICIES:

Residential areas will be protected from encroachment of incompatible uses through Zoning Ordinance Regulations. Policies affecting city services will be such as to minimize housing costs and promote a variety of housing choices. Manufacturing/Modular Homes places within the city limits shall meet the city standards adopted by the City Council. Compliance of this is to be determined by the cities building inspector.

Senior Citizen Housing is filling a need in our community and will continue to do so.

Mobile Home Parks are adequate at this time, but as the need arises development in future will be recognized.

AREA OF IMPACT

GOALS:

An area of impact has been established with Lincoln County, to ensure orderly transition from municipal to rural land use.

POLICIES:

The governing bodies of the City of Richfield realize that the land uses surrounding the City have a large effect on the City.

The City of Richfield has an agreement with the Lincoln County Commissioners with regards to the governing of the Area of Impact.

IMPLEMENTATION

GOALS:

Adopt and implement the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Richfield and to provide policy guidelines to assist in the future development of the City.

POLICIES:

The present Zoning, Sub-Division and related ordinances and regulations of the City will be reviewed and revised as necessary to ensure compatibility with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. The present Zoning Ordinance and Sub-Division Ordinance of the City of Richfield and The City of Richfield's Area of Impact Agreement with the Lincoln County Commissioners is being reviewed and revised in conjunction with this Comprehensive Plan.

The plan can be updated to meet these needs as new data becomes available. The following criteria will be used in considering amendments to the Comprehensive Plan:

1. The change is in conformance with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan.
2. There is a community need for the change and that need is best served by making the requested changes.
3. A community need will be met by plan change when other available property in the area of impact becomes available.
4. The potential impact upon the area and community resulting from the change has been considered.

Individuals applying for such an amendment will be required to satisfactorily address each of these criteria's. The more significant the request, the greater the demonstration of need for the change must be shown.

The City will solicit public participation in the decision making process by publishing newspaper notices, by actively soliciting input from citizens, commissions and by providing technical assistance to city commissions as necessary and by responding to citizens requesting justification for decisions made.

The planning programs recommended in the Implementation section of the plan will be undertaken by the City to further the Comprehensive Program for Richfield.

The appropriate notices, public meetings and hearing will be held as required by the provisions of Chapter 65, Title 67, and Idaho Code to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan for the City of Richfield.