

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, ADOPTING ENVISION NEW BRAUNFELS AS THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVISION NEW BRAUNFELS PLAN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas initiated a community-driven input process to update the existing comprehensive plan to help meet the changing goals and needs of New Braunfels residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Envision New Braunfels, the City of New Braunfels' Comprehensive Plan, is a long range plan to guide growth, development and beautification of the City of New Braunfels; and

**WHEREAS**, the process to create Envision New Braunfels included intensive public engagement through a variety of innovative and traditional outreach methods over an 18-month period including 37 unique city-wide community input events, over 7,500 online participants, and over 1,400 written comments from citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, a public engagement structure for Envision New Braunfels was created with approximately 275 New Braunfelsers participating as members of Plan Element Advisory Groups who composed the goals, strategies and actions of the plan through the course of interactive meetings, events and online engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, a nine-member Steering Committee, appointed by City Council, met 16 times and communicated continuously to oversee the work of the Plan Element Advisory Groups, City Staff and the consultant team; and

**WHEREAS**, the Envision New Braunfels internet website was established to make reports, events, and draft plan documents available to the public throughout the process; and

**WHEREAS**, the community provided additional input through social media, online surveys, comment cards, direct correspondence, and interactive presentations; and

**WHEREAS**, Envision New Braunfels includes existing conditions and technical data in nine topical area chapters, future land use plan layers, goals, strategies and actions constituting an Implementation Roadmap; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft Envision New Braunfels plan has been available for final public review since June 20, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of New Braunfels, Texas held a public hearing and recommended approval of Envision New Braunfels at their regular meeting on July 3, 2018; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas received weekly updates throughout the process, periodic updates during their regular meetings, was briefed on the draft plan on July 9, 2018, and has considered public comments and input; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has submitted, along with his recommendation of passage, the Envision New Braunfels Comprehensive Plan to the City Council of New Braunfels, Texas for public hearing and approval as required by the City Charter; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels held a public hearing to provide testimony and submit written evidence during the first reading of this ordinance to receive additional public input on Envision New Braunfels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:**

### **Section 1. Findings of Fact**

City Council adopts the foregoing statements and further finds that:

- A. The Texas Local Government Code Chapter 213 authorizes municipalities to adopt a comprehensive plan for the long range development of the City.
- B. It is imperative to plan for growth, development, and beautification that is compatible with the community's vision of the future, providing benefits to all current and future residents.
- C. Envision New Braunfels was developed with extensive community involvement.
- D. Envision New Braunfels promotes public health, safety and welfare.

### **Section 2.**

City Council hereby adopts Envision New Braunfels as the City's Comprehensive Plan pursuant to this Ordinance.

### **Section 3.**

Envision New Braunfels is attached and made a part hereof and incorporated herein for all purposes.

#### **Section 4.**

City Council directs City staff to implement Envision New Braunfels to guide the long range development of the City that will promote the public health, safety and welfare for all current and future residents of the City of New Braunfels, Texas.

#### **Section 5.**

The 1999 Comprehensive Plan, and the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives, are hereby superseded by Envision New Braunfels, the 2018 Comprehensive Plan for the City of New Braunfels, Texas. The 2006 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Plan map, and its ensuing amendments, are hereby retained to supplement and provide context and guidance to future land use as it works in conjunction with Envision New Braunfels.

#### **Section 6. Severability**

**THAT** it is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 7. Effective Date and Publication.**

**THIS** ordinance shall become adopted and effective on \_\_\_\_\_. This Ordinance must also be **published** in a newspaper of general circulation at least one time within ten (10) days after its final passage, as required by the City Charter of the City of New Braunfels.

**PASSED AND APPROVED:** First reading this 13th day of August, 2018.

**PASSED AND APPROVED:** Second reading this 27th day of August, 2018.

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**BARON CASTEEL, Mayor**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**VALERIA M. ACEVEDO, City Attorney**