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Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Burlington
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Dear Mayor and City Council:

It is with pride and accomplishment that the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee presents the 1998 Comprehensive Strategic Plan for the City of Burlington. The policies or recommendations contained in this document, which represent the desires of the citizens of Burlington, shall be used to effectively guide and coordinate the development of the Burlington community into the twenty-first century. The recommendations shall also guide public officials in the development of annual capital improvements programs.

We recommend that this Comprehensive Plan be officially adopted by the City Council of Burlington to guide and control the quality of development of the community.

The City Council, by adopting the Burlington Comprehensive Strategic Plan through ordinance, pledges to the community that the policies contained within the document represent the official recommendations of the Council in regard to city growth.

In order to coordinate both public and private development efforts, the Comprehensive Plan will encourage public agencies to coordinate their services in an efficient and economic manner and guide private development of those areas most suitable.

Any amendment or modification of the Comprehensive Strategic Plan shall be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and then forwarded to the City Council for official recognition and adoption. To insure that the recommendations of the Plan continue to guide physical development of the community, every effort shall be made to keep the Plan current and representative of the goals of the community.

Once adopted by the City Council, the recommendations contained within the Burlington Comprehensive Strategic Plan shall be implemented through the enforcement of various regulatory tools including subdivision regulation, zoning, capital improvements programming, and annexation. All decisions made by the City staff and public boards and commissions shall adhere to the goals, objectives, and policies of this Comprehensive Strategic Plan.

It is therefore determined that the following Comprehensive Strategic Plan provisions for the City of Burlington are issued for the protection of individual citizen's rights and the controlled growth of the community so as to preserve and encourage family life and liberties, and hereby are earnestly recommended to be strictly adhered to by all administrators, civil servants, and others concerned for the public good.

Respectfully submitted,

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