

# City of Tenino

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## Tenino City Council

**Meeting Date:** June 24, 2025

**To:** Tenino City Council

**From:** Malissa Paulsen (SCJ Alliance), Contract City Planner

**Subject:** Summary of Updates to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan

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### **Purpose:**

To provide the City Council with an overview of the Draft 2025–2045 Tenino Comprehensive Plan, summarize key updates, and request input prior to returning the document to the Planning Commission for final edits, recommendation, and public hearing process.

### **Background:**

In accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), Tenino is required to periodically update its Comprehensive Plan. The current update looks forward to the year 2045 and reflects new statutory requirements, updated demographic data, housing needs assessments, and City priorities. This draft was developed through collaboration with City staff, SCJ Alliance, and public engagement efforts.

This version builds upon the 2016–2036 Plan, preserving core themes (e.g., small-town identity, resource conservation) while adding new focus areas, including climate resilience, housing affordability, economic development, and growth capacity.

### **Council Review Objectives:**

- Ensure the Plan reflects Council’s strategic direction and vision
- Confirm policy alignment with current City priorities (e.g., UGA, housing)
- Identify areas needing clarification, edits, or additional community input
- Provide direction to staff and Planning Commission before the next draft

### **What’s New in the 2025 Plan?**

Topic	2025 Update Highlights
Climate	New element with 20 goals: 9 on emissions reduction, 11 on resilience (flooding, wildfire, etc.)
Housing	Based on Housing Action Plan – includes affordability by income, missing middle housing, and zoning flexibility
Land Use	Maintains small-town character while supporting infill, mixed-use, and historic preservation

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Economic Development	Standalone section focused on small business, tourism, Ag Park, and rural innovation
Growth Planning	Aligns with TRPC forecasts, environmental constraints, and regional policy priorities

## Next Steps:

- Gather feedback from Council
- Return draft to Planning Commission with Council comments
- Conduct SEPA review and release updated draft for public comment
- Planning Commission public hearing and recommendation
- Council adoption by ordinance

## Feedback request:

- Please share your thoughts on:
  - Policy alignment with Council priorities
  - Areas needing clarification or revision
  - Any additional community input needed

## Recommendation:

Staff recommend the City Council review the proposed changes, provide any final feedback, and prepare to adopt the updated Comprehensive Plan during the upcoming regular meeting or public hearing.

## Attachments:

- Draft 2025–2045 Comprehensive Plan
- Council Presentation Slides