

# Tenino Comprehensive Plan Update

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CITY COUNCIL

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# Agenda

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- Preview draft 2025–2045 Comprehensive Plan
- Share key changes since 2016
- Gather Council feedback
- Prepare to return to Planning Commission for final review



# Why this matters?

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- **State Law Compliance**
  - Required under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA)
  - Supports eligibility for infrastructure and planning grants
- **Planning for Population Growth**
  - Forecasted to double housing demand by 2045
  - Ensures capacity for housing, services, and infrastructure
- **Environmental & Climate Leadership**
  - Integrates new climate and resiliency goals
  - Strengthens critical areas protections and sustainable land use
- **Housing & Affordability**
  - Addresses housing needs across all income levels
  - Encourages flexible housing types and infill development
- **Economic Development & Downtown Revitalization**
  - New strategies to support local business, tourism, and the Ag Park
  - Reinvigorates the downtown core as a social and economic hub
- **Aligns with Regional Partners**
  - Maintains consistency with Thurston County, TRPC, and State priorities
  - Ensures coordinated planning across Urban Growth Area boundaries

# Major Updates in the 2025 Plan

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- New Climate Element
- Expanded Housing Goals + Affordability Focus
- Refreshed Downtown Tenino Plan
- New Economic Development Vision
- Updated Land Use Designations & Maps

# Housing Element Highlights

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- Based on the 2023 **Housing Action Plan**
- Projects demand for more diverse and affordable housing
- Encourages "missing middle" housing (e.g., ADUs, townhomes, cottage housing)
- Includes policy tools and zoning strategies to support housing growth

# Climate Element Highlights

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- First time inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan
- 9 goals on **emissions reductions** (e.g., land use, transportation)
- 11 goals on **resilience** (e.g., wildfire, flooding, extreme heat)
- Supports nature-based solutions, tree canopy expansion, and energy efficiency

# Economic Development Element Highlights

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- Focus on **local job creation** and small business support
- Aligns with Ag Park and **regional economic strategies**
- Encourages mixed-use zoning and rural entrepreneurship
- Leverages Tenino's historic character, trail network, and arts economy

# Discussion Questions for Council

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- Do the draft goals align with your current policy direction?
- Are there any elements that need further refinement?
- Is there anything missing that you want staff/commission to explore?

# Next Steps

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- Incorporate Council feedback
- Return to Planning Commission
- Prepare SEPA review and public hearing
- Final adoption by Council – Fall 2025 target

# Thank you!

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