

Tualatin Comprehensive Plan: Goals and Policies Focus 10-15-20

PART III: GOALS AND POLICIES:

CHAPTER 1 – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to provide a framework for community input into the land use planning process and to meet Oregon Statewide Planning Goal 1 (Citizen Involvement). In Tualatin, Goal 1 is met by the Tualatin Planning Commission, an advisory body to the Tualatin City Council.

Goals and Policies.

- **Goal 1.1** Implement community involvement practices in line with Statewide Planning Goal 1.
 - **Policy 1.1.1** Support community advisory committees to provide recommendations on planning matters.
 - **Policy 1.1.2** Foster civic pride and community spirit so as to improve the quality and quantity of citizen participation in local government and in community growth, change and improvement.
 - **Policy 1.1.3** Conduct the planning process with adequate input and feedback from citizens in each affected neighborhood.

CHAPTER 2 - COMMUNITY DESIGN

Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to express elements of community design that guide functional and aesthetic development standards including those regarding site development, trees in the context of urban design, and sign regulation.

Goals and Policies.

- **Goal 2.1** Promote the City's natural beauty, and achieve pleasant environments for living and working that sustain the comfort, health, tranquility, and contentment of people who live, work, and enjoy time in Tualatin.
 - **Policy 2.1.1:** Encourage structures be planned in ways that relate to the site and surrounding context.
 - **Policy 2.1.2:** Encourage meaningful public engagement with community design projects while also ensuring.
 - **Policy 2.1.3:** Promote design that fosters a sense of place and community identity through the Central Design District.
- **Goal 2.2** Promote the preservation and establishment of trees throughout the city, in order to protect and enhance the aesthetic character of Tualatin, protect and improve air and water quality, provide noise and visual screening, and protect habitat for wildlife.
 - **Policy 2.2.1:** Require the establishment and protection of street trees.
 - **Policy 2.2.2:** Promote the protection and establishment of trees during the development process.
- **Goal 2.3:** Balance the right of free speech, business needs, public wayfinding, safety for all modes, and diverse aesthetic interests, through a functional sign regulation program.
 - **Policy 2.3.1:** Protect public health and safety by limiting distracting signs, ensuring that signs do not interfere with multi-modal transportation safety, and ensuring safe construction and installation of signs.
 - **Policy 2.3.2:** Align the range of allowed sign types with the urban design context, such as additional small signs in pedestrian-oriented development areas.
 - **Policy 2.3.3:** Encourage attractive, creative, and unique sign types through the City's review program. Encourage the improvement and maintenance of non-conforming signs.

CHAPTER 3- HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL GROWTH

Goals and Policies

- **Goal 3.1: Housing Supply.** Ensure that a 20-year land supply is designated and has urban services planned to support the housing types and densities identified in the Housing Needs Analysis.
 - **Policy 3.1.1 Density.** Maintain a citywide residential density of at least eight (8) dwelling units per net acre.
 - **Policy 3.1.2 Zoning for multifamily.** Provide zoning for multifamily development, which may be located in areas adjacent to transit.
 - **Policy 3.1.3 Commercial activity.** Allow home-based businesses and occupations in all residential zones, subject to regulations to minimize impact to housing supply and uses in commercial and industrial zones. Provide for compatible agricultural uses in areas where significant development barriers are present, or where compatible with permitted residential uses.
 - **Policy 3.1.4 Clear and objective review.** Provide for clear and objective review standards for all residential development and redevelopment.
 - **Policy 3.1.5 Functional planning.** Consider the development-ready residential land supply as part of ongoing functional planning efforts to provide necessary urban services in support of residential development.
 - **Policy 3.1.6 Infrastructure planning.** Evaluate future infrastructure planning for consistency with the Housing Needs Analysis and Housing Strategies.
 - **Policy 3.1.7 Coordination.** Coordinate with local, state, and regional governments, districts, and stakeholders to support Tualatin's housing land supply needs.
 - **Strategic Actions:**
 - Evaluate opportunities to increase development densities to address deficiencies identified in the Housing Needs Analysis within Tualatin's existing zones by modifying the Development Code.
 - Evaluate opportunities to rezone land to provide additional opportunities for multifamily housing development.
 - Evaluate Tualatin's land supply every two years, and make regular updates to the City's Buildable Lands Inventory and Housing Needs Analysis.

- **Goal 3.2: Housing for All.** Encourage development and preservation of housing that is affordable for all households in Tualatin.
 - **Policy 3.2.1 Housing type diversity.** Support development of townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, cottages, courtyard housing, accessory dwelling units, single story units, senior housing, and extended family and multi-generational housing in all residential zoning districts.
 - **Strategic Actions:**

- Identify policies to support development of housing affordable to households earning less than 60% of the median family income in Washington County as identified in the most recent American Community Survey.
 - Develop policies to prevent and address homelessness.
 - Develop policies to prevent or mitigate residential displacement resulting from redevelopment and increases in housing costs in Tualatin.
 - Evaluate partnerships with organizations to establish a land bank or land trust.
 - Evaluate system development charge financing opportunities.
- **Goal 3.3: Affordable Housing.** Encourage the establishment of funding sources to support development of affordable housing and related public infrastructure.
 - **Strategic Actions:**
 - Evaluate how best to leverage funds from regional, state, and other sources to support development of affordable housing.
 - Evaluate the establishment of local funding sources for affordable housing such as a construction excise tax.
- **Goal 3.4: Redevelopment.** Encourage timely strategic planning and redevelopment in Tualatin to create new mixed-use residential and commercial planning districts.
 - **Policy 3.4.1 Coordination.** Coordinate economic development planning and housing planning.
 - **Policy 3.4.2 Mixed-use commercial.** Support the application of mixed-use commercial designations that in areas of Tualatin that are suitable for a mix of office, retail commercial, and high-density housing.
 - **Strategic Actions:**
 - Evaluate establishment of a new urban renewal district to include a minimum 25% funding set aside for affordable housing for households earning 60% or MFI or less.
 - Evaluate incentivizing redevelopment to include a portion of housing that addresses deficiencies identified in the Housing Needs Analysis.
 - Evaluate policies and/or incentives to support redevelopment of underutilized commercial buildings for housing.
- **Goal 3.5: Housing and transportation.** Encourage development and redevelopment in Tualatin that supports all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, and mass transit.
 - **Policy 3.5.1 Coordinated planning.** Coordinate updates to the Transportation System Plan consistent with housing and residential growth goals, policies, and strategic actions.

- **Strategic Actions:**
 - Evaluate development of a design and planning framework for neighborhoods that includes a mixture of housing types, neighborhood uses, and amenities, enabling Tualatin residents to access services and amenities through active modes.
- **Goal 3.6: Residential growth.** Residential growth by annexation or expansion to the Urban Planning Area or Urban Growth Boundary will be coordinated with local, state, and regional governments, districts, and stakeholders.
 - **Policy 3.6.1 Consent-driven annexation.** Only property owners may initiate annexation of property within Tualatin's Urban Planning Areas, including cases involving unincorporated "islands" of property surrounded by land annexed previously. Property owner petitions for annexation may be granted if the petition is in conformance with local, state and regional policies.
 - **Policy 3.6.2 Coordination.** Coordination will be made with local, state, and regional governments, districts, and stakeholders on residential growth.
- **Goal 3.7 Residential growth, and the environment.** Plan for housing and residential growth to minimize and mitigate for environmental impacts.
 - **Policy 3.7.1 Environmental protection.** Housing and residential growth policies will be evaluated for consistency with the environmental protection goals and policies of Chapter 7 (Parks, Open Space, and the Environment).

CHAPTER 4 – ECONOMY, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Background.

Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to guide employment uses, planning, and development in Tualatin.

Tualatin’s Buildable Lands Inventory and Economic Opportunities Analysis provide a basis for understanding the current trends and projected demand for new commercial and industrial land.

Goals and Policies.

- **Goal 4.1: Encourage commercial development that provides employment opportunities, as well as access to goods and services for residents, employees, and the general community.**
 - **Policy 4.1.1 Location.** Locate and design areas that allow commercial development in a manner that increases access to goods and services while minimizing traffic impacts, including the location of commercial services where accessible through transit and active transportation modes, the encouragement of mixed use development, and small neighborhood commercial nodes.
 - **Policy 4.1.2 Critical services.** Provide for the continued development of major medical services and other critical infrastructure within the City of Tualatin.
 - **Policy 4.1.3 Design.** Encourage functional and attractive commercial development through standards for site design and landscaping.
 - **Policy 4.1.4 Mixed Use.** Encourage mixed use commercial and residential development.
- **Goal 4.2 Encourage new industrial development in ways that strengthen the local tax base and support Tualatin’s industrial lands as a major local and regional employment center.**
 - **Policy 4.2.1** Preserve and protect, with limited exceptions, the City’s existing industrial land.
 - **Policy 4.2.2** Fully develop planned industrial areas, providing full transportation, sewer, and water services prior to or as development occurs.
 - **Policy 4.2.3** Cooperate with Washington County, Metro, and the State of Oregon to study the methods available for providing transportation, water, and sewer services to growing industrial areas.
- **Goal 4.3 Manage industrial impacts to the environment and other uses**

- **Policy 4.3.1** Cooperate with the Department of Environmental Quality and Metro to meet applicable air quality standards.
- **Policy 4.3.2** Protect residential, commercial, and sensitive industrial uses from the adverse environmental impacts of industrial use.
- **Policy 4.3.3** Protect adjacent land uses from noise and adverse environmental impacts by adopting industrial noise and environmental impact standards.
- **Policy 4.3.4** Protect environmentally sensitive areas, including the Hedges Creek Wetland and Tonquin Scablands from adverse impacts of adjacent development.
- **Policy 4.3.5** Encourage industrial firms to use co-generation as a means to utilize waste heat from industrial processes and consider solar access when designing industrial facilities.
- **Policy 4.3.6** Protect wooded and other natural areas by requiring their preservation in a natural state or by integrating the major trees into the design of the parking lots, buildings, or more formal landscaping areas of an industrial development. If it is necessary to remove a portion or all of the trees, require mitigation.
- **Policy 4.3.7** Administer specific and enforceable architectural and landscape design standards for industrial development.
- **Policy 4.3.8** Provide truck routes for industrial traffic that provide for efficient movement of goods while protecting the quality of residential areas.

CHAPTER 5- OTHER LAND USE

- **Goal 5.1 Location of public services and utilities.** Locate public services and utilities in a manner that minimizes negative impacts and enhances public benefits.
 - **Policy 5.1.1 Government Services.** Locate government offices in a central location that serves the public, except operations functions, which may be appropriately located in the industrial districts. (
 - **Policy 5.1.2 Public safety.** Locate facilities such as utilities and other critical infrastructure to minimize the risk of hazards the facility may pose to surrounding uses, or risks that natural or other hazards may pose to the facility and surrounding uses alike.
 - **Policy 5.1.3 Compatibility.** Encourage attractive design, screening, and use of landscaping to moderate visual impacts of utilities and public facilities with their urban design context.
 - **Policy 5.1.4 School siting.** Locate schools to complement neighborhood park facilities and integrate the location of schools with surrounding residential neighborhoods. Locate schools to support multi-modal access and to avoid impacts from industrial or other uses that could be harmful to student health.
 - **Policy 5.1.5 Child care siting.** Allow the location of child care facilities within commercial, residential, and light industrial areas consistent with state law.
 - **Policy 5.1.6 Wireless facilities.** Allow the siting of wireless communication facilities consistent with federal and state law, while encouraging design measures to mitigate visual impacts of facilities and encourage safety and sound construction. Encourage siting strategies that reduce redundant facilities.
 - **Policy 5.1.7 Intergovernmental cooperation.** Cooperate with local school districts to plan adequate facilities. Actively involve school districts where school capacity or regulations applicable to school facilities may be considered. Cooperate with regional, state, and federal agencies in planning for medical facilities, solid waste.
- **Goal 5.2 Location of residential facilities, medical facilities, and religious institutions.** Allow flexibility to allow residential facilities, medical facilities, and religious institutions in residential, commercial, and mixed use areas while managing impacts between uses.
 - **Policy 5.2.1** Allow the location of religious institutions as retirement homes and hospitals in commercial and residential planning districts, subject to conditional use approval, and allow congregate care facilities, assisted living facilities and residential care facilities and hospitals as permitted uses in the Medical Center District.

- **Policy 5.2.2** Allow residential facilities and residential homes as permitted uses in all residential planning districts.
- **Policy 5.2.3** Limit the siting of residential facilities, retirement homes, and medical services in industrial areas.
- **Policy 5.2.4** Ensure that service uses with the potential for increased traffic impacts are appropriately served by surrounding transportation infrastructure.

CHAPTER 6 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- **Goal 6.1: Preservation.** Promote the historic, educational, architectural, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the identification, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, protection and use of those buildings, structures, sites and objects of historic interest within the City.
 - **Policy 6.1.1** Strengthen the economy of the City by encouraging property owners to preserve historic resources for tourists, visitors and residents.
 - **Policy 6.1.2** Identify and preserve diverse architectural styles reflecting periods of the City's historical and architectural development, encourage complementary design and construction for alterations affecting historic resources and encourage relocation of historic resources over demolition.
 - **Policy 6.1.3** Identify and resolve conflicts between the preservation of historic resources and alternative land uses.
 - **Policy 6.1.5** Integrate the management of historic resources into public and private land management and development processes.
 - **Policy 6.1.6** Upon annexation, potential historic resources located outside of the City, but within the City's planning area shall proceed through the significance review, conflicting use and economic, social, environmental and energy analysis.
 - **Policy 6.1.7** Identify and list additional properties to the current list of protected historic resources. Review the impacts on landmarks when public improvement projects are proposed.
 - **Policy 6.1.8** Retain landmarks on parcels which cannot be partitioned or subdivided by preserving and not demolishing or relocating them. Retain landmarks located on parcels which can be partitioned or subdivided by property owners and developers integrating the resource into proposed lot configurations and development proposals.
 - **Policy 6.1.9 Encourage adaptive use.** Allow conflicting uses where necessary to encourage preservation and maintenance of historic resources. Favor relocation over demolition.

- **Goal 6.2: Education.** Foster community and neighborhood pride and sense of identity based on recognition and use of historic resources.
 - **Policy 6.2.1** Encourage public awareness, understanding and appreciation of the City's history and culture. Promote the enjoyment and use of historic resources appropriate for the education and recreation of the people of Tualatin.

CHAPTER 7 - PARKS, OPEN SPACE, ENVIRONMENT

Goals and Policies.

More detailed goals and objectives are found in the adopted Tualatin Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

- Goal 1: Expand accessible and inclusive parks and facilities to support community interests and recreation needs.
- Goal 2: Create a walkable, bikeable, and interconnected city by providing a network of regional and local trails.
- Goal 3: Conserve and restore natural areas to support wildlife, promote ecological functions, and connect residents to nature and the outdoors.
- Goal 4: Activate parks and facilities through vibrant programs, events, and recreational opportunities for people of different ages, abilities, cultures, and interests.
- Goal 5: Support the arts through programs, parks, and public spaces that reflect Tualatin's identity, heritage, history, and expressive character.
- Goal 6: Promote Tualatin's unique identity, economic vitality, tourism through parks, natural resources, historic preservation, events, programs, and placemaking.
- Goal 7: Manage, administer, and maintain quality parks, facilities, and programs through outstanding customer service, stewardship, and sustainable practices.

Goals and Policies

- **Goal 7.1** Identify and protect significant natural resources that promote a healthy environment and natural landscape that improves livability, and to provide recreational and educational opportunities.
 - **Policy 7.1.1** Protect significant natural resources that provide fish and wildlife habitat, scenic values, water quality improvements, storm-water management benefits, and flood control.
- **Goal 7.2** Balance natural resource protection and growth and development needs.
 - **Policy 7.2.1** Provide incentives and alternative development standards such as reduced minimum lot sizes and building setbacks for property

owners to preserve the natural resource while accommodating growth and development.

- **Policy 7.2.2** Allow public facilities such as sewer, stormwater, water and public streets and passive recreation facilities to be located in significant natural resource areas provided they are constructed to minimize impacts and with appropriate restoration and mitigation of the resource.
- **Policy 7.2.3** Except in Wetland Natural Areas, allow public boating facilities, irrigation pumps, water-related and water-dependent uses including the removal of vegetation necessary for the development of water-related and water-dependent uses.
- **Policy 7.2.4** Except in Wetland Natural Areas, allow the replacement of existing structures with structures in the same location that do not disturb additional riparian surface.

CHAPTER 8 - TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Goals and Objectives are renumbered, retaining Transportation System Plan language.

CHAPTER 9 - PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Water Services Goals and Policies

- **Goal 9.1 Water** Plan, construct, and maintain a City water system that protects the public health, provides cost-effective water service, meets the demands of users, addresses regulatory requirements and supports all land uses.
 - **Policy 9.1.1** Require developers to aid in improving the water system by constructing facilities to serve new development and extend lines to adjacent properties. **Policy 9.1.2** Water lines should be looped whenever possible to prevent dead-ends, to maintain high water quality and to increase reliability in the system.
 - **Policy 9.1.3** Improve the water system to provide adequate service during peak demand periods and to provide adequate fire flows during all demand periods.
 - **Policy 9.1.4** Review and update the water system capital improvement program and funding sources as needed or during periodic review.
 - **Policy 9.1.5** Prohibit the extension of City water services outside the City's municipal boundaries, unless the water service is provided to an area inside an adjacent city.

Sanitary Sewer System Goals and Policies

- **Goal 9.2** Plan, construct, and maintain a City sewer system that protects the public health, protects the water quality of creeks, ponds, wetlands and the Tualatin River, provides cost-effective sewer service, meets the demands of users, addresses regulatory requirements and supports all land uses.
 - **Policy 9.2.1** Provide a City sanitary sewer system in cooperation with Clean Water Services (CWS). The City is responsible for the collection system's smaller lines and the 65th Avenue pump station and CWS is responsible for the larger lines, pump stations and treatment facilities.
 - **Policy 9.2.2** Work with CWS to ensure the provisions of the intergovernmental agreement between the City and CWS are implemented.
 - **Policy 9.2.3** Prohibit the extension of sewer service to areas outside the City limits, unless it is provided to an area inside the city limits of an adjacent city.
 - **Policy 9.2.4** Require developers to aid in improving the sewer system by constructing facilities to serve new development as well as adjacent properties.

- **Policy 9.2.5** Improve the existing sewer system to provide adequate service during peak demand periods.
- **Policy 9.2.6** Improve the existing sewer system to control and eliminate sanitary sewer overflows such as basement flooding to the extent possible.
- **Policy 9.2.7** Review and update the "Tualatin Sewer Master Plan" on a regular basis in coordination with CWS.
- **Policy 9.2.8** Perform a cost of service rate study and study funding methods to ensure sufficient City funds exist to construct planned improvements.
- **Policy 9.2.9** Work with CWS to update CWS's and the City's plans and regulations once new sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) and capacity, management, operation and maintenance (CMOM) regulations are published in the Federal Register.

Goals and Policies.

- **Goal 9.3** Provide a plan for routing surface drainage through the City, utilizing the natural drainages where possible. Update the plan as needed with drainage studies of problem areas and to respond to changes in the drainage pattern caused by urban development.
 - **Policy 9.3.1** Coordinate the City's Drainage Plan and Storm Water Management regulations with the City's Floodplain District, Wetland Protection District and Natural Resource Protection Overlay District regulations and with the plans of USA and other regional, state, and federal agencies to achieve consistency among the plans.
 - **Policy 9.3.2** Reduce sediment and other pollutants reaching the public storm and surface water system by implementing the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and USA requirements for surface water management and water quality in the Tualatin River basin. Reduce soil erosion, manage surface water runoff and improve surface water quality.
 - **Policy 9.3.3** Identify and solve existing problems in the drainage system and plan for construction of drainage system improvements that support future development.
 - **Policy 9.3.4** Provide standards for surface water management and water quality by which development will be reviewed and approved. Review and update the standards as needed.
 - **Policy 9.3.5** Clearly indicate responsibilities for maintaining storm water management and water quality facilities.
 - **Policy 9.3.6** Enforce drainage and storm water management standards.
 - **Policy 9.3.7** Route storm water runoff from the upper Hedges Creek Subbasin through the Wetland Protected Area marsh which as a wetland

provides important drainage, storm water management and water quality benefits.

- **Policy 9.3.8** Protect the Wetland Protected Area marsh and its important drainage, storm water management and water quality functions in the Hedges Creek Subbasin.
- **Policy 9.3.9** Require new development to provide onsite pollution reduction facilities when necessary to treat storm water runoff prior to entering Hedges Creek and protect the marsh from urban storm water pollutants.
- **Policy 9.3.10** To reduce sedimentation and erosive storm water flow volumes, require onsite storm water detention facilities for new development in the Hedges Creek Subbasin upstream from the Wetland Protected Area marsh.
- **Policy 9.3.11** Consider opportunities to construct regional pollution reduction facilities to treat storm water runoff prior to entering Hedges Creek and protect the marsh from urban storm water pollutants.
- **Policy 9.3.12** Restrict beaver dam activity in the Wetland Protected Area marsh to retain the drainage flow through the marsh area and to reduce flooding between Teton Avenue and Tualatin Road.
- **Policy 9.3.13** As outlined in the HCS Plan, the City will assist CWS with non-structural activities including public education programs and water quality and management activity monitoring.
- **Policy 9.3.14** Comply with Metro's Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, Title 3.

CHAPTER 10 – LAND USE DESIGNATIONS AND ZONING

Planning District Objectives.

Zone descriptions retained as currently written, organized into a single chapter.