

TO: City Council
FROM: Dana Bowers, Associate Planner
DATE: October 14, 2025
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2025-015 Food System Plan

1) Recommended Action:

Place Resolution No. R2025-015 on consideration for adoption at the November 3, 2025, City Council meeting.

The resolution was recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission after their September 23, 2025, public hearing.

2) Background:

To address community concerns about food insecurity at the local level, the City Council included the preparation of a Food System Plan in the 2024 and 2025 Long Range Planning Work Program.

City staff have been working with our consultant Rebeca Potasnik to prepare a plan that develops a strategy to promote providing healthy food for all members of the community, reducing food waste, and supporting food production and processing.

The final plan will identify strengths and gaps in the current food system, define goals and policies to direct the work, and create a strategy to support improving local food systems. Implementation will focus on eliminating barriers, addressing gaps in the current system, producing solutions to implement at appropriate scale, and identifying how to maintain and update resource materials with jurisdictional and community partners.

Work on this project has been done with extensive coordination with the Planning Commission and the General Government Committee to ensure that outcomes align with the vision of the community.

The intent of this meeting is to present the Planning Commission's recommendation on the Food Systems Plan, discuss with the City Council, and request the resolution be placed on consideration for the November 3, 2025 City Council meeting.

3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority: Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity.

4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

Preparation of the Plan is internally funded. Funding for implementation of the Plan will be a

part of future discussions.

6) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Resolution No. R2025-015
- C. Tumwater Food System Plan
- D. Presentation
- E. Public Comments