

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-015

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, adopting the 2025 Food System Plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater believes that access to food is fundamental to community health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Thurston, which was adopted by the Thurston Regional Planning Council in 2013, sets a goal to support local food systems to increase community resilience, health, and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston County Countywide Planning Policies support nurturing urban agricultural and food-oriented businesses to build a vital, diverse, and strong local economy, including job opportunities that support community and household resilience, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, a goal of Tumwater's Strategic Priorities and Goals 2025 – 2026 is to develop innovative partnerships and strategies with community human and social services organizations to improve service delivery to communities facing barriers, including senior citizens, low-income residents, and others; and

WHEREAS, Tumwater's Comprehensive Plan includes policies and actions that promote access to healthy food, including diverse meal options and fresh produce; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved 2024 and 2025 long range planning work programs that directed staff to prepare a Tumwater Food System Plan that focused on how to provide healthy food to the community, reduce food waste, support local food processing, eliminate barriers, address gaps in the current system, produce solutions to implement at appropriate scale, and identify how to maintain and update resource materials through jurisdictional and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission had a briefing on the Plan on November 26, 2024, and work sessions on February 11, 2025, April 22, 2025, and July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the General Government Committee had briefings about the Plan on November 13, 2024, March 18, 2025, and May 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council had a work session on the Plan on July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission had a work session on the resolution on September 9, 2025, and held a public hearing on September 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing and deliberations, the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Plan by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council discussed the Planning Commission's recommendation at a work session on October 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the 2025 Food System Plan is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, supports the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Tumwater, and will benefit the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Acceptance. The 2025 Food System Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted.

Section 2. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF TUMWATER

Debbie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney