

TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Brad Medrud, Deputy Community Development Director, and Erika Smith-Erickson, Housing and Land Use Planner
DATE: March 25, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Housing

1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item about the Housing Element for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update.

2) Background:

On a ten-year cycle, the City is required to conduct a Growth Management Act periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan and related development regulations. For the current cycle, the City is required to complete work on the periodic update by December 31, 2025.

The updated Comprehensive Plan will address diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the Plan. [2025 Comprehensive Plan Update | City of Tumwater, WA](#) contains links to guidance material and information about the update.

The initial Planning Commission review of the Housing Element started on August 22, 2023, with a discussion of the current version of the Housing Element, continued with a presentation of the new state Housing Element update requirements from Laura Hodgson, a senior housing planner with Growth Management Services at the State Department of Commerce on September 26, 2023, a joint City Council and Planning Commission middle housing tour on April 9, 2024 and a discussion of the draft goals, policies, and implementation actions on August 13, 2024.

Staff have also met with the housing stakeholder group, which is made up of housing developers, service providers, and residents in the spring and fall of 2024.

Work on the technical section of the Housing Element is underway. The intent of this work session is to continue the discussion of the Housing Element by reviewing proposed goals, policies, and implementation actions and their presentation in the new section.

3) Alternatives:

None.

4) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Housing Element Part 1 – Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions