

TO: City Council
FROM: Kelly Adams, Assistant City Administrator
DATE: August 18, 2026
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2026-012, Council Rules and Procedures

1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution R2026-012, adopting amended City Council Rules and Procedures.

This resolution was recommended for adoption on the consent calendar by City Council at their July 21, 2026, meeting.

2) Background:

The Council rules establish the procedures and norms for Council meetings, Council activities, and interpersonal relations between Councilmembers and between Councilmembers and staff. The rules were first adopted in 2012 and have been amended regularly since then, most recently in 2023. The attached version includes approved changes from the City Attorney and staff as discussed at the July 21, 2026, Council Meeting.

3) Policy Support:

2026-2032 Strategic Plan

Focus Area: Tumwater Excellence

Goal Statement: Refine and sustain a great organization.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Do not update Council Rules.
 - ☐ Move the resolution to considerations for discussion.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

N/A

6) Attachments:

- A. Resolution R2026-012
- B. Council Rules and Procedures – redline showing edits
- C. Council Rules and Procedures – clean with edits incorporated