TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Gene Angel, Economic Development Coordinator; Kelly Adams, Assistant City Administrator; and Sharon Lumbantobing, Deputy Community Development Director

DATE: October 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2026-012 – Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item. No action required.

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2) Background:

The purpose of the Planning Commission briefing is to present the proposed update to the City's Economic Development Plan, which is being considered as part of the 2026 annual Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

As required by the Growth Management Act, the City must review and update its Comprehensive Plan at least once every ten years. Tumwater completed its most recent periodic update in December 2025, except for the Economic Development Plan. The Economic Development Plan was last updated in 2019.

The updated Economic Development Plan reflects changes in Tumwater's economy and establishes policies and actions to support a more diverse and resilient local economy. The update recognizes the City's significant concentration of public-sector employment and the importance of diversifying employment opportunities, supporting business retention and growth, maintaining an adequate supply of commercial and industrial land, and coordinating economic development with housing, transportation, infrastructure, and workforce needs.

The updated Plan also refines and prioritizes economic development policies and implementation actions to provide clearer direction for the City's economic development efforts over the next planning period.

A Planning Commission work session on the proposed amendments is scheduled for October 27, 2026, and a public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for November 10, 2026.

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3) Alternatives:

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4) Attachments:

A. Staff Report
B. Ordinance No. O2026-012
    a. Exhibit A – Economic Development Element Part 1
    b. Exhibit B – Economic Development Element Part 2
C. Presentation

D. Economic Development Element Crosswalk
E. Public Engagement Plan