

**ORDINANCE NO. O2026-015**

**AN ORDINANCE** of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, amending Tumwater Municipal Code Section 2.10.040, Chief of police appointment/duties, to provide for council confirmation as more particularly described herein.

**WHEREAS**, RCW 35A.12.020 provides the appointive officers shall be those provided for by ordinance and shall include a chief law enforcement officer; and

**WHEREAS**, RCW 35A.12.090 grants the mayor the power of appointment and removal of all appointive officers; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 35A.12.090 confirmation by the city council of appointments of officers and employees shall be required only when the city council by ordinance provides for confirmation of such appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council now desires for the position of the chief of police to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the city council,

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER, STATE OF WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Section 2.10.040, Chief of police appointment/duties, of the Tumwater Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2.10.040 Chief of police appointment/duties.**

A. There is created the position of chief of police for the city. The chief of police shall be appointed by the mayor; Such appointment shall be subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the city council. ~~with such compensation~~ Compensation payable to the chief ~~as~~shall be established in each annual budget.

B. The chief of police shall have charge of the police department employees and shall perform those duties and have such responsibilities as are prescribed by law and as may be determined from time to time by the city administrator and/or mayor.

(Ord. O2011-002, Amended, 03/01/2011; Ord. O96-030, Amended, 10/15/1996; Ord. 1117, Amended, 07/07/1987; Ord. 247, Added, 07/07/1948)

**Section 2. Corrections.** The City Clerk and codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

**Section 3. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 4. Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

CITY OF TUMWATER

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Leatta Dahlhoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

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