TO: Planning Commission

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

DATE: November 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2026-012 – 2026 Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Adoption of Economic Development Element Update

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1) Recommended Action:

Staff requests that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing and forward a recommendation to the City Council to approve Ordinance No. O2026-012, amending the Comprehensive Plan to adopt the Economic Development Element.

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2) Background:

As required by the Growth Management Act, Tumwater must review and update its Comprehensive Plan at least once every ten years. The most recent periodic update was adopted 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.

The General Government Committee is scheduled to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment at its November 18, 2026 work session. The ordinance is scheduled for City Council consideration and adoption on December 15, 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