

TO: City Council  
FROM: Dana Bowers, Associate Planner; Sharon Lumbantobing, Deputy Community Development Director  
DATE: November 3, 2025  
SUBJECT: Resolution No. R2025-015 Food System Plan

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1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Resolution No. R2025-015, concerning the Food System Plan.

This resolution was recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission after a public hearing on September 23, 2025.

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2) Background:

To address community concerns about food insecurity at the local level, the City Council included the preparation of a Food System Plan in the 2024 and 2025 Long Range Planning Work Program. City staff have been working with consultant Rebeca Potasnik to prepare a plan that develops a strategy to promote providing healthy food for all members of the community, reducing food waste, and supporting food production and processing. The final plan identifies strengths and gaps, defines goals and policies, and creates a strategy to support improving local food systems. Implementation will focus on eliminating barriers, addressing gaps in the current system, producing solutions to implement at appropriate scale, and maintaining relationships with jurisdictional and community partners.

The City Council discussed the Planning Commission recommendation on Resolution No. R2025-015 on October 14, 2025, and placed discussion of the resolution on the consideration calendar for the City Council's November 3, 2025, meeting.

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3) Policy Support:

Strategic Priority: Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity.

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4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

Preparation of the Plan is internally funded. Funding for implementation of the Plan will be a part of future discussions.

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6) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Resolution No. R2025-015
- C. Tumwater Food System Plan