TO: City Council

FROM: Troy Niemeyer, Finance Director

DATE: November 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. O2026-025 Public Safety Sales Tax

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1) Recommended Action:

Adopt Ordinance No. O2026-025, adding a new 0.1% Public Safety Sales Tax to be used for public safety purposes.

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2) Background:

In 2025 the Washington State Legislature enacted ESHB 2015, codified as RCW 82.14.345, which authorizes city and county governments to impose a local sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) by a legislative act prior to June 20, 2028. The tax must be use for criminal justice purposes.

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3) Policy Support:

2026-2032 Strategic Priorities & Goals: Tumwater Excellence: refine and sustain a great organization. Be good stewards of public funds by following sustainable financial strategies.

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4) Alternatives:

- ❑ Do not adopt the ordinance.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

This will raise the sales tax in Tumwater by 0.1% and is estimated to generate $1.2 million per year, or $2.4 million for the biennium, to be used for public safety purposes. This revenue is included in the Mayor's proposed budget for the 2027-2028 biennium.

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6) Attachments:

A. Ordinance O2026-025 Public Safety Sales Tax