

TO: Planning Commission  
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DATE: August 13, 2024  
SUBJECT: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Housing

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1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item about the Housing Element for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update.

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2) Background:

On a ten-year cycle, the City is required to conduct a Growth Management Act periodic update of its Comprehensive Plan and related development regulations. For the current cycle, the City is required to complete work on the periodic update by June 30, 2025. Work on the periodic update started last fall.

The updated Comprehensive Plan will address diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the Plan. [2025 Comprehensive Plan Update | City of Tumwater, WA](#) contains links to guidance material and information about the update.

The initial Planning Commission review of the Housing Element started on August 22, 2023, with a discussion of the current version of the Housing Element, continued with a presentation of the new state Housing Element update requirements from Laura Hodgson, a senior housing planner with Growth Management Services at the State Department of Commerce on September 26, 2023, and a joint City Council and Planning Commission middle housing tour on April 9, 2024.

Work on the regional Land Capacity Analysis and final regional Housing Allocation are still underway. The intent of this work session is to continue the discussion of the Housing Element by reviewing proposed amendments to goals, policies, and implementation actions.

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3) Alternatives:

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4) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions
- C. State Department of Commerce Expanded Housing Checklist
- D. State Department of Commerce Periodic Update Checklist
- E. Tumwater Housing Action Plan