

TO: City Council  
FROM: Sharon Lumbantobing, Deputy Community Development Director  
DATE: February 17, 2026  
SUBJECT: Preliminary Docket for 2026 Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments

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1) Recommended Action:

Adopt the 2026 Preliminary Docket of Comprehensive Plan text amendments.

The 2026 Preliminary Docket of Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments was recommended for adoption on the consent calendar by the General Government Committee at their February 11, 2026, meeting.

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2) Background:

Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan may be proposed by the City Council, Planning Commission, property owners, or City staff. Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan, including map and text amendments and any related rezones, are considered only once per calendar year through the City's annual docket process, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.130 and TMC 18.60.025(A)(2).

City-sponsored proposed amendments were identified through the City's annual work-planning process and included in the 2026 Long-Range Planning Work Program, which was approved by City Council on January 20, 2026.

As required by TMC 18.60.025(A), proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments are compiled into a Preliminary Docket for review by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation on the Preliminary Docket to City Council.

The 2026 Preliminary Docket includes three City-sponsored Comprehensive Plan amendments:

- Update the Economic Development Plan
- Update the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan
- Updates to the Thurston County Joint Plan and related development codes

A Planning Commission work session on the Preliminary Docket was held January 27, 2026, to review the proposed docket and forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council. The General Government Committee discussed the recommendation at their February 11, 2026, meeting and placed the item on the Council's consent calendar.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to begin consideration of the Final Docket of Comprehensive Plan amendments in the fall of 2026, consistent with the City's annual update cycle.

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3) Policy Support:

Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Plan Policy 1.B.3. Review the Economic

Development Plan on a regular basis to ensure that it continues to work with other City strategic priorities, plans, and regulations.

Comprehensive Plan Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan Goal 1. Create effective and efficient methods of acquiring, developing, operating and maintaining parks and recreation facilities, services, and programs that equitably distribute costs and benefits to public and private interests.

Comprehensive Plan Joint Plan Goal 1. Ensure that the Joint Plan Land Use Element is implementable and coordinated with all applicable City of Tumwater and Thurston County plans and regulations and the plans of other jurisdictions in the Thurston region.

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4) Alternatives:

None.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

Internally funded long range planning work program item.

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6) Attachments:

A. 2026 Preliminary Docket Table