

TO: General Government Committee
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: January 12, 2022
SUBJECT: Tumwater Housing Action Plan – Potential Measures for Addressing Tenant Protections

1) Recommended Action:

Discuss potential actions in the attached memorandum that could be brought back to a future City Council worksession for further discussion and action.

2) Background:

After the City Council adopted Resolution No. R2018-016 in the summer of 2018, the City has undertaken a number of actions to address homelessness, increase affordable housing, and continue to work with other jurisdictions and agencies to explore regional solutions to these issues. As part of that process, the City has been reviewing tenant protections to look for ways to make it easier for people in the City who rent to access housing and stay housed.

In September 2021, the City Council adopted the Tumwater Housing Action Plan, which will inform the City's Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations and guide implementation strategies to help the City meet its housing needs.

The attached memorandum discusses potential actions that could be taken by the City alone or on a regional basis to address tenant protection issues. The second attachment provides an update on where the City of Olympia is in working on the issue.

3) Policy Support:

Housing Element Goal H-3: To provide adequate, affordable housing for residents of all income groups, including sufficient housing affordable to low and moderate-income groups.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This is an internally funded work program task, although individual actions may have a cost if eventually pursued.

6) Attachments:

A. Tumwater Housing Action Plan – Potential Measures for Addressing Tenant Protections Memorandum

B. Olympia Rental Housing Solutions: Interim Council (LUEC) Brief - Working Draft: 10-26-2021