

TO: General Government Committee
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DATE: July 9, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – 2025 Development Code Update

1) Recommended Action:

No action requested. This is an opportunity for a discussion about the draft amendments to meet the state requirements regarding certain development regulations and Design Review processes due December 31, 2025, and next steps.

2) Background:

On a ten-year cycle, the City must 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 December 31, 2025.

[2025 Comprehensive Plan Update | City of Tumwater, WA](#) has links to guidance material and information about the update.

The intent of this General Government Committee work session is to discuss the City's approach to meeting the state requirements for development code updates throughout Tumwater Municipal Code and Design Review.

3) Policy Support:

Goal LU-1: Ensure the Land Use Element is implementable and coordinated with all applicable City plans and the plans of other jurisdictions in the Thurston region.

Policy LU-1.9: Ensure consistency between the Land Use Element and the Tumwater Zoning Code.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This is primarily an internally funded work program task. The City used a Washington State Department of Commerce grant for \$75,000 to have consultant help staff to address the new state middle housing requirements.

6) Attachments:

A. Draft table for the 2025 Development Code Update Ordinance No. 02025-011