

TO: General Government Committee
FROM: Sharon Lumbantobing, Deputy Community Development Director
DATE: February 11, 2026
SUBJECT: Preliminary Docket for 2026 Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments

1) Recommended Action:

Review the Planning Commission recommendation and place the 2026 Preliminary Docket of Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments on the City Council consent calendar for the February 17, 2026, meeting.

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 forwards a recommendation on the Preliminary Docket to City Council.

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

- Update to the Economic Development Plan
- Update to 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 on January 27, 2026. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed docket and provided a recommendation to the City Council.

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.

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.

4) Alternatives:

None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

Internally funded long range planning work program item.

6) Attachments:

A. 2026 Preliminary Docket Table

B. Presentation