

ORDINANCE NO. O2025-004

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, suspending TMC 18.60.010(B)(3), TMC 18.60.010(C)(3), and TMC 18.60.010(D)(3) related to acceptance of annual Comprehensive Plan amendment applications during the state required periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.130, the City of Tumwater must periodically review, and if needed, revise its Comprehensive Plan and development regulations every ten years to ensure compliance with the Washington State Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.130(5), the City of Tumwater must complete the periodic update on or before December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with TMC 18.60.010, individuals and agencies may submit applications for Tumwater Comprehensive Plan amendments on an annual basis by a date set by the City Council, generally before the first Monday in December for the following year; and

WHEREAS, the periodic update of the Tumwater Comprehensive Plan was started in 2022 using a phased, multiyear approach, involving a multidisciplinary team spanning all City departments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council originally suspended the annual Comprehensive Plan amendment process by Ordinance No. O2022-023 on October 18, 2022 from October 1, 2022 until June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature approved HB 2296 (Chapter 17, Laws of 2024) which was signed by the Governor and extended the deadline for completing the Comprehensive Plan periodic update from June 30, 2025, to December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, accepting proposals for annual Comprehensive Plan amendments may be in conflict with and complicate the periodic update and divert limited resources from the periodic update; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of the annual amendment process, amendment requests may be incorporated into the periodic update and considered together with other proposed changes to the Tumwater Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to plan under Chapter 36.70A RCW, the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance meets the goals and requirements of the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater has adopted a Comprehensive Plan, in accordance with the GMA; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the General Government Committee held a briefing on this Ordinance on February 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this Ordinance on March 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the provisions of this Ordinance are in the best interest of and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER, STATE OF WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Specific Action Approved. TMC 18.60.010(B)(3), TMC 18.60.010(C)(3), and TMC 18.60.010(D)(3) are hereby suspended until December 31, 2025. Proposals for annual Tumwater Comprehensive Plan amendments, as set forth in TMC 18.60.010, shall not be accepted during the periodic update of the Tumwater Comprehensive Plan, November 20, 2022, through December 31, 2025.

Section 2. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Section 3. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF TUMWATER

Debbie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

Published: _____

Effective Date: _____