

TO: General Government Committee
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: September 13, 2023
SUBJECT: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Housing

1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item about the current Housing Element for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update. Please review the attached memorandum and other materials and be prepared to discuss.

2) Background:

On a ten-year cycle, the City is required to 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 June 30, 2025. Work on the periodic update started last fall.

The Comprehensive Plan document that will come out of the periodic update process will be shorter, leaner, and more user friendly and consist of shorter individual Elements focusing on goals, policies, and actions with appendices containing the required technical information. At the end of the process, there will also be a brief Comprehensive Plan goal and policy guide for use by staff and policymakers.

The updated Comprehensive Plan will address diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the Plan. [2025 Comprehensive Plan Update | City of Tumwater, WA](#) contains links to guidance material and information about the update.

The intent of this General Government Committee briefing is to present and discuss the current Housing Element and update guidance for the periodic update.

3) Policy Support:

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

Policy H-3.1 Encourage the development of innovative plans, codes, standards, and procedures in order to take advantage of new private and public sector approaches to housing provision.

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This is primarily an internally funded work program task. The City has filed an application for a Washington State Department of Commerce grant funding to support the periodic update of \$125,000 and is preparing two Washington State Department of Commerce grant applications for funding to support addressing the new state missing middle housing requirements and the development of a Climate Element.

6) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Presentation
- C. Housing Element, Amended 2021
- D. Commerce Periodic Update Checklist March 2023
- E. Guidance for Updating Your Housing Element
- F. Racially Disparate Impacts Guidance
- G. Commerce Housing Introduction - Periodic Update Presentation
- H. Example - City of SeaTac Housing Element