

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

1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item about the current Land Use Element for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update. Please review the attached memorandum 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.

The intent of this work session is to present and discuss the current Land Use Element and update guidance for the periodic update.

3) Policy Support:

Goal LPP-1: Provide sufficient and efficient services to Tumwater and the Urban Growth Area.

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.

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. Land Use Element, Amended 2021
- D. Land Use Element, Citywide Land Use Map, Amended 2021
- E. Land Use Element, Neighborhoods Use Map, Amended 2019
- F. Land Use Element, Appendix F Glossary, 2016
- G. Commerce Urban Growth Area Guidebook 2012