

2025 Comprehensive Plan Update Plan Introduction and Schedule

*Balancing Nature and Community:
Tumwater's Path to Sustainable Growth*



General Government Committee, September 10, 2025

Intent

- Review the Plan Introduction
- Discuss the ordinance adoption schedule





Plan Introduction

Format for the Plan Introduction



Chapter 1 – Foundation of the Plan



Chapter 2 – Overall Plan Goals



Appendix A – Thurston County
County-Wide Planning Policies



Appendix B – Ordinance No.
02025-010

Foundation of the Plan

- Purpose of the Comprehensive Plan
- How it is based on the City's vision, mission, and values, as well as the goals of the Growth Management act and the Thurston County County-Wide Planning Policies
- Plan amendment and update processes
- Ongoing Plan review program
- Public participation
- Intergovernmental coordination



Overall Plan Goals

A. Engagement

Goal PI-1 Continuously engage with the community and the region.

B. Coordination

Goal PI-2 Ensure coordination between Elements, Plans, and Subarea Plans of the Comprehensive Plan.



Overall Plan Goals

C. Community Vibrancy

Goal PI-3 Foster livability by evoking a sense of identity through arts, culture, and history and attracting and sustaining desired economic activity that supports the community by making investments that emphasize Tumwater as a welcoming place and enhance community building.



Overall Plan Goals

D. Equity

Goal PI-4 Ensure that all members of the community, especially those whose needs have been systematically neglected, are well served by making decisions and investments through an inclusive process which results in equitable outcomes.



Overall Plan Goals

E. Climate Resilience

Goal PI-5 Increase climate resiliency by promoting sustainability, reducing pollution, promoting healthy habitats, and supporting clean air and water.



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F. Fiscal Stewardship

Goal PI-6 Make wise investments of public and private funds in community infrastructure and projects.

G. Environmental Protection and Enhancement

Goal PI-7 Protect and enhance the environment.





Update Adoption Schedule

Three Separate Ordinances

Three separate ordinances that will be brought forward in the Fall of 2025 and Winter of 2026:

1. 2025 Comprehensive Plan amendment (2026-27 Capital Facilities Plan) (Ord. No. 02025-009)
2. 2025 Comprehensive Plan update (Ord. No. 02025-010)
3. 2025 Development Code update (Ord. No. 02025-011)



2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments – CFP

SEPA Review

- September 15, 2025 – October 15, 2025

State Commerce Notice of Intent Process

- September 15, 2025 – November 14, 2025

Planning Commission Review and Hearing

- September 23, 2025 – Briefing
- October 14, 2025 – Work session
- October 28, 2025 – Hearing



2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendments – CFP

City Council Review and Consideration

- September 18, 2025 – Public Works Committee briefing
- November 12, 2025 – General Government Committee briefing
- November 25, 2025 – Work session
- December 2, 2025 – Consideration



Input Requested

As part of our discussion, staff would like input from the General Government Committee on the following questions:

1. Given the size and the complexity of the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code update ordinance, what are the most important things that you would like staff to focus on to help your discussions?
2. For the joint work sessions with the City Council and the Planning Commission, what are the key areas that you would like to have as the focus for your discussions and how can staff help facilitate those discussions?



Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Update

SEPA Review

- October 17, 2025 – November 12, 2025

State Commerce Notice of Intent Process

- October 17, 2025 – December 17, 2025



Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Update

Planning Commission Review and Hearing

- October 28, 2025 – Briefings
- November 10, 2025 – Work sessions
- **November 24, 2025 – Joint City Council and Planning Commission work sessions**
- December 9, 2025 – Planning Commission hearings



Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Update

City Council Review and Consideration

- January 13, 2026 – Joint City Council and Planning Commission work sessions
- January 27, 2026 – Work sessions
- February 17, 2026 – Considerations



2026 Development Code Update

There will be a second Development Code update ordinance in the first half of 2026 to address the code changes that support the Comprehensive Plan update but are not specifically required to be adopted by December 31, 2025



Submitting Comments or Questions

Written comments or questions are welcome at any time during the periodic update process

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