

TO: City Council
FROM: Kelly Adams, Assistant City Administrator
DATE: July 14, 2026
SUBJECT: Council Rules

1) Recommended Action:

Discuss potential changes to the Council rules.

2) Background:

The Council rules establish the procedures and norms for Council meetings, Council activities, and interpersonal relations between Councilmembers and between Councilmembers and staff. The rules were first adopted in 2012 and have been amended regularly since then, most recently in 2023. The attached version includes proposed changes from the City Attorney and staff to address various needs.

3) Policy Support:

2026-2032 Strategic Plan

Focus Area: Tumwater Excellence

Goal Statement: Refine and sustain a great organization.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Do not update Council Rules.
 - ☐ Discuss Council Rules at a different time.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

N/A

6) Attachments:

A. Council Rule – redline – 6.25.26