

TO: General Government Committee  
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager  
DATE: February 9, 2022  
SUBJECT: Tumwater Housing Action Plan – Potential Measures for Addressing Tenant Protections

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1) Recommended Action:

Discuss potential actions in the attached memorandum and schedule further discussion at the City Council worksession on February 22, 2022.

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2) Background:

After the City Council adopted Resolution No. R2018-016 in the summer of 2018, the City has undertaken a number of actions to address homelessness, increase affordable housing, and continue to work with other jurisdictions and agencies to explore regional solutions to these issues. As part of that process, the City has been reviewing tenant protections to look for ways to make it easier for people in the City who rent to access housing and stay housed.

In September 2021, the City Council adopted the Tumwater Housing Action Plan, which will inform the City's Comprehensive Plan policies and development regulations and guide implementation strategies to help the City meet its housing needs.

The attached memorandum discusses potential actions that could be taken by the City alone or on a regional basis to address tenant protection issues listed in order of action to be taken. The second attachment provides an update on where the City of Olympia is in working on the issue.

The General Government Committee discussed a draft of the attached memorandum at their January 12, 2022 meeting and asked staff to revise the memorandum.

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3) Policy Support:

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

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4) Alternatives:

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5) Fiscal Notes:

This is an internally funded work program task, although individual actions may have a cost if eventually pursued.

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6) Attachments:

- A. Tumwater Housing Action Plan – Potential Measures for Addressing Tenant Protections Memorandum
- B. Olympia Rental Housing Solutions: Interim Council (LUEC) Brief - Working Draft: 10-26-2021