

TO: Planning Commission  
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DATE: April 23, 2024  
SUBJECT: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Housing

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1) Recommended Action:

Discussion item only.

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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 December 31, 2025.

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 City Council and Planning Commission met for a joint Housing Tour of Olympia and Tumwater on April 9, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The focus of the tour was on existing middle housing opportunities in Olympia and Tumwater, looking at what has worked and what can be improved to start discussion on Housing Element policy development and outcomes.

The purpose of today's item is to discuss Planning Commissioners findings from the joint housing tour with the City Council on April 9, 2024, and next steps, which include affordable housing conversations between staff and various community organizations and the community conversation on housing scheduled in person for May 29, 2024 and an online version that will be available for two weeks starting May 29, 2024.

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3) Alternatives:

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4) Attachments:

None.