

TO: City Council
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DATE: August 26, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update – Land Use Element

1) Recommended Action:

This is a discussion item about the Land Use Element for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan periodic update.

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. Work on the periodic update started last fall.

The updated Land Use 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 intent of this briefing is to present the complete draft Land Use Element for discussion by the City Council.

3) Policy Support:

Comprehensive Plan 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 annual work program task.

6) Attachments:

- A. Staff Report
- B. Presentation
- C. Land Use Element, Part 1 – Goals, Policies, and Implementation Actions
- D. Land Use Element, Part 2 – Technical Information
- E. Land Use Element, Land Use Maps