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May 20, 2021

Thurston County Board of Commissioners
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Subject: Planning Commission Recommendation on Thurston County-Tumwater UGA Joint Plan Update

The Thurston County Planning Commission has completed its review of the Tumwater Joint Plan. The Planning Commission held two (2) work sessions on March 31 and April 15, 2021 and a public hearing on May 20, 2021. The Planning Commission produced a recommendation of seven-to-zero (7 yays, 0 nays, and 1 absent).

The Thurston County Planning Commission recommends approval of the Tumwater Joint Plan, including six separate land use and zoning amendments, with an amendment to strike Section 11.1.6 “Recommended Amendments to the Thurston County Code”. The Planning Commission further recommends approval of amendments to the Thurston County Code, Titles 20 and 22 to amend regulations to the Airport Hazard Overlay in the rural county and the Tumwater Urban Growth Area, and to Title 22 to repeal Chapter 22.21 “Commercial Development” and Chapter 22.28 “Business Park”.

The Planning Commission produces this recommendation with the following findings:

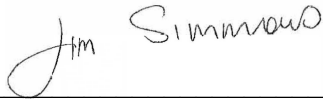
Findings:

1. The recommendation for the updated Joint Plan is consistent with the Growth Management Act 36.70A RCW.
2. The recommendation for the updated Joint Plan is consistent with the Thurston County County-Wide Planning Policies.
3. The recommendation for the updated Joint Plan is considers the 1995 Memorandum of Understanding between Thurston County and the City of Tumwater.
4. The Thurston County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 20, 2021, as required by Thurston County Code Chapter 2.05 Growth Management Public Participation

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Tumwater Joint Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Simmons". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jim Simmons, Chair

Attachments:

- Tumwater Joint Plan (Draft)
- TCC 20.03, 20.30D, 22.04 and 22.32 (Draft)
- Zoning Amendment Maps (1-6)

cc: Thurston County Planning Commission
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