



2024 Comprehensive Plan Update

Chapter Summary - Introduction

STAFF NOTES:

- Not a required Chapter per RCW 36.70A (Growth Management Act)
- You can find a ~~strickethrough~~ and underline (with notes) version online [here](#) and a “clean copy” of the chapter allowing for ease of reading [here](#).
- Includes basic information on “Planning Context” for Growth Management Act, Vision 2025, Countywide Planning Policies, public participation, and document organization.

NOTABLE AMENDMENTS:

Recommended **Vision Statement:**

Poulsbo is a vibrant community distinguished by its unique location on the shore of Liberty Bay, with access to natural beauty and urban amenities, and historic, small-town quaint character. Situated at the cross-roads of Puget Sound, Poulsbo recognizes that our past and future is connected to the natural resources and systems we depend on and enjoy, as well as the local and regional cultural and economic relationships that have developed over time. We envision a future in which our fiscal and environmental health are in balance and wisely stewarded. Poulsbo is an inclusive community, aware of our connections to each other and respectful of our differences, where civic groups, local government, families, and neighbors work collaboratively to continually maintain and improve quality of life for all.

Recommended **Guiding Principles:**

- *Respect the historic small-town feel of downtown and existing neighborhoods and districts with the energy and vitality of a growing and changing community.*
- *Create opportunities for the market to provide a diversity of housing types, sizes, densities, and prices to serve all economic segments and households.*
- *Connect the City, neighborhoods, and neighbors through Complete Streets designed to provide safe mobility for all users.*
- *Recognize, celebrate, and promote the cultural and social diversity of the city.*
- *Provide residents of all ages with diverse and accessible recreational and cultural opportunities, including active recreation and social and educational activities that change with trends in the city’s demographics.*
- *Improve and sustain the beauty and health of the surrounding natural environment while to impacts from climate change.*
- *Develop an economically sustainable balance of services, amenities, and infrastructure that accommodate anticipated levels of growth, protect public health and safety, and enhance the quality of life.*
- *Support a business-friendly environment that retains small and locally owned businesses, attracts large internationally recognized businesses, expands the jobs and tax base, and encourages innovation and creative partnerships.*
- *Establish processes that engage residents and community partners and implement policies that reflect the desires and concerns of community members.*