

# SCENIC VIEWS

## Olympia Comprehensive Plan Update – City Council Public Hearing Draft

### Proposed Land Use and Urban Design Goal 8 and Related Policies

- GL8 Community views are protected, preserved, and enhanced.
- PL8.1 Implement public processes, including the use of digital simulation software, to identify important landmark views and observation points.
- PL8.2 Use visualization tools to identify view planes and sightline heights between the landmark view and observation point.
- PL8.3 Prevent blockage of landmark views by limiting the heights of buildings or structures on the west and east Olympia ridgelines.
- PL8.4 Avoid height bonuses and incentives that interfere with landmark views.
- PL8.5 Set absolute maximum building heights to preserve publicly-identified observation points and landmark views, which may include:

#### Views:

- Olympic Mountains
- Puget Sound
- Mt. Rainier
- State Capitol Group
- Forested hills and slopes
- Capitol Lake /Estuary
- Black Hills

#### Observation Points:

These may be static or dynamic points-of-view from the examples below, or other parts of Puget Sound, Capitol Campus, public parks, public rights-of-ways, downtown Olympia, or elsewhere in the community:

- Puget Sound Marine Navigation Channel
- Capitol Campus Law Enforcement Memorial
- West Bay Park, Priest Point Park, North Point of Port Peninsula, Sunrise Park, Madison Scenic Park, and Percival Landing
- State Avenue, 4th Avenue, Harrison Avenue, Deschutes Parkway, West Bay Drive, East Bay Drive, the 4th Avenue Bridge, Olympia Avenue, Boulevard Road, Pacific Avenue, Martin Way, Brawne Street, Foote Street, and Capitol Way
- The Olympia Waterfront Route (see 2010 [Parks, Arts, and Recreation](#) Plan)
- Hands-on Children's Museum
- Olympia City Hall
- Lee Creighton Justice Center