

October 5, 2023 UAC Review Draft – Staff Proposal

Community Values & Vision

Utilities

What Olympia Values:

Current Language:

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Staff Proposal – Clean Version:

Olympians value community decision making and control afforded through its city-owned utilities; its high quality drinking water supply which exceeds all drinking water regulatory standards; protecting Puget Sound and local waterways by preventing pollution and effectively treating stormwater and wastewater before it is discharged into Puget Sound and local waterways, and; a clean sanitary city where waste products are disposed of properly and a reduction in use occurs to conserve energy and resources.

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Our Vision for the Future:

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