



OLYMPIA

Public Safety

2045



- August 2024 – First draft presented to Planning Commission and Social Justice & Equity Commission
- September/October 2024 – Planning Commission public hearing and deliberations
- October 2024 – Community Livability & Public Safety (CLPS) review and referral to Council study session
- December 2024 – Study session referred the chapter back to CLPS
- January-May 2025 – Major Re-Write of Several Sections
- May 2025 – CLPS reconsideration with new goal and policies regarding public demonstrations
- July 2025 – Second study session, resulted in inclusion of reaffirmation of Olympia as a Sanctuary City

Major Updates

- Moved Schools, Social Services, Sustainability and Housing to separate chapters
- Chapter includes sections that cover the Olympia Fire Department, Olympia Police Department, and Code Enforcement
- Revisions to goals and policies that better incorporate the Reimagining Public Safety efforts

Community Input

- Resident Satisfaction Survey
- One Community Plan
- Reimagining Public Safety
- Community Oversight of Policing
- Social Justice and Equity Commission
- Staffing Study
- Strategic Plans



Key Fire Updates

- Created separate disaster planning and response goal and policies
- Added policy for CARES
- Added performance level reporting accountability



Key Police Updates

- Reorganized for clarity and accessibility
- Introduction emphasizes equity, community engagement and accountability
- Removed policies that were unclear or not in alignment with Reimagining Public Safety or OPD's Strategic Plan
- Emphasizes transparency, data use, and civilian oversight
- Added policies to address additional recommendations from Reimagining Public Safety



Code Enforcement Updates

- Changes better reflect current work and mission of Code Enforcement
- Reframes code enforcement as a broad community safety and livability tool
- Emphasizes voluntary compliance and education
- Requires performance measures and annual reporting for accountability

New Public Demonstrations Goal & Policies

- Goal GS10 – implements findings from 2020 review of public demonstration responses to maintain appropriate crowd management and public safety strategies
- Supported by three policies:
 - Maintain public safety while preserving freedom of speech
 - Establish communications with the community before, during and after demonstrations
 - Provide training for first responders related to First Amendment rights and de-escalation

Inclusion of Climate Goal & Policies

- GS3 The community proactively provides emergency preparedness education and training to help prepare our community for catastrophic emergencies and respond to climate change (Climate).
- Build community resilience to disasters and climate hazards
- Implement all-hazard emergency management and recovery
- Develop extreme heat and wildfire smoke response, prioritizing vulnerable groups
- Support resilience hubs with resources and backup systems
- Educate households on 72+ hour self-sufficiency
- Integrate climate risks into emergency planning

Notable Social Justice & Equity Policies

- Non-fiscal Code Enforcement solutions
- Community Risk Assessment & Mitigation Plan for equity
- Outreach and partnerships to reduce reliance on 911
- Focus on staff culture, retention, diversification
- Policies for communication and community involvement
- Staffing policy to facilitate relationship building time

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve a Resolution accepting the updated Public Safety Chapter of the Olympia 2045 Comprehensive Plan



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