

City of Olympia Police Evidence Storage Facility Project Narrative

Why we're here:

The Olympia City Council completed the sale of 900 Plum Street in mid-2025. As a result, the various occupancies of the site have to be relocated. One of those occupancies is storage of equipment and evidence. We are proposing to relocate this use, at least temporarily (Jay says 10 years), to the building formerly known as Capital Plumbing and Heating as well as the former Auto Sales lot.

The City has engaged the architectural services of KMB to help define the work to be done. See the attached preliminary plan set (an early version, but will aid in our conversation). The work reflected in these plans includes;

- Seismic bracing improvements
- Hardening of the interior at the windows on west and south facing walls.
- Retrofit bathroom area for ADA accessibility and eyewash station
- Electrical, plumbing and mechanical improvements
- Establish secure storage areas
- Security improvements – cameras, access/egress control
 - Retrofit doors – metal for wood, etc.
- Replace existing roll up doors and install a 3rd roll up door on the east wall
- Construction of a wall around the former Auto Sales lot
 - Vehicle gate and pedestrian door
 - Lighting

No exterior improvements will be made to amend the building footprint.

The wall, noted above, will be constructed to match the existing wall along the south property line of City Hall. Colors for the new wall will compliment the existing building. Material patterns will mimic the smooth surface of the building plus the undulating surface of the roll up doors.

A Boundary Line Adjustment application will be submitted before the end of February, consolidating the lots.

ON ANOTHER NOTE:

As an FYI – other projects associated with the displacement of operations at 900 Plum Street include;

- 2nd floor improvements to accommodate Prosecution Team (KMB)
- Fencing of existing parking at the Artesian lot as well as at the southeast corner of 5th and Jefferson
- Establishment of a shared use – parking/community activation space at the area between the Artesian Well and 4th Avenue.