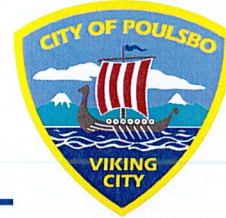


City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States, providing an opportunity to recognize the important role that planning plays in creating healthy, vibrant, and resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, community planning helps Poulsbo respond thoughtfully to growth and change while protecting the qualities that make our community special, including its historic downtown, waterfront, neighborhoods, natural environment, and strong sense of community; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and appreciate the professional planners and other City employees who work every day to translate community goals into plans, policies, regulations, projects, and partnerships that serve the public and guide Poulsbo's future; and

WHEREAS, Poulsbo has made housing choice and affordability a significant planning priority, through initiatives such as middle housing, pre-approved accessory dwelling unit plans and the Blue Ribbon Commission on housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poulsbo is committed to making planning information understandable, accessible, and available to the community, including through its interactive public GIS portal, monthly Spotlight publication and other tools; and

WHEREAS, the City has embraced an approach of embedded planning, bringing planning staff, information, and opportunities for engagement directly into the community, making it easier for residents to ask questions, share ideas, and participate in planning for Poulsbo's future; and

WHEREAS, National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to recognize the dedication of the Poulsbo Planning Commission and City Council whose members contribute their time, knowledge, and perspectives to help shape the future of our community; and

WHEREAS, Poulsbo's planning efforts have benefited from strong regional and community partnerships with Kitsap County and its cities, the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council, the Kitsap Builders Association, Housing Kitsap, Habitat for Humanity, and many other community partners; and

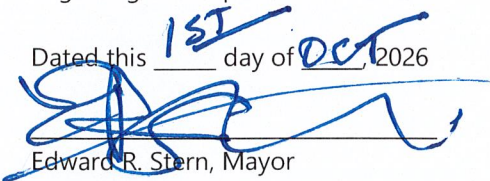
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim that October 2026 is designated as:

NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.



Dated this 1st day of Oct, 2026


Edward R. Stern, Mayor