

2025 Docket Proposal Summary

Item No.	Proposed By	Potentially Affected Section, Goal or Policy	Summary of Proposal
1	Jessica Clawson	MICC 19.01.050 Nonconforming structures, sites, lots, and uses and MICC 19.16.010 Definitions	This amendment would exclude “exterior alteration” of non-single-family nonconforming structures outside of the Town Center from the determination of nonconforming status during a remodel and add the definition of “enlargement” to the definitions section.
2	Sarah Fletcher	Mercer Island 2044 Comprehensive Plan	Comments on the Open Space and Housing elements of the draft 2044 Comprehensive Plan. <i>Note: This proposal pertains to a draft Comprehensive Plan amendment currently under consideration by the Mercer Island City Council.</i>
3	Matthew Goldbach	MICC 19.15.240(C) Criteria for reclassification of properties (rezones)	This amendment would prohibit single-family, residentially zoned property from being rezoned to any other zone. <i>Note: This proposal has previously been suggested for the docket. In 2023, the Planning Commission recommended not to docket this proposal, and the City Council elected not to add it to the 2024 Annual Docket.</i>
4	Matthew Goldbach	MICC 19.15.240(C) Criteria for reclassification of properties (rezones)	This amendment would prohibit a non-residential structure or use in the single-family residential zones, including a Conditional Use Permit, from requesting or obtaining a rezone or reclassification of any single-family residentially zoned properties. <i>Note: This proposal has previously been suggested for the docket. In 2023, the Planning Commission recommended not to docket this proposal, and the City Council elected not to add it to the 2024 Annual Docket.</i>
5	Matthew Goldbach	MICC 19.06.110(A)(5) Change after conditional use permit granted	This amendment would add a section to the Conditional Use Permit criteria for a change after a CUP is granted that states that no CUP on a residential property shall be used for any use or purpose by a separate property zoned TC, CO, B, or PBZ.
6	Matthew Goldbach	MICC 19.15.240(C) Criteria for reclassification of properties (rezones)	This amendment would establish criteria to determine whether a proposed reclassification constitutes an illegal, site-specific rezone.

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7	Daniel Grove	MICC 19.16.010 Definitions and MICC 19.02.020(E) Building height limit	This amendment would define “façade” and amend the maximum downhill façade height to include the ability for a building face to be articulated or divided into multiple facades. <i>Note: Amendments to the maximum downhill façade height were included in the 2024 Annual Docket. These changes remain in the existing CPD work plan and work is expected to commence as resources allow.</i>
8	Jeff Haley	Title 19 MICC	This amendment would add a new chapter to Title 19 MICC for a Private Hedge Code. The proposed amendment would provide a voluntary mechanism for the resolution of disputes involving the height of hedges.
9	Adam Ragheb	MICC 19.02.020(G)(2) Parking required	This amendment would require that each residential dwelling unit in a residential zone with a GFA of less than 3,000 square feet shall have at least 2 parking spaces. Any residential unit with a GFA of more than 3,000 square feet shall be treated the same as a single-family residence and subject to existing requirements in MICC 19.02.020(G)(2)(a). <i>Note: A similar proposal has previously been suggested for the docket. In 2023, the Planning Commission recommended not to docket this proposal, and the City Council elected not to add it to the 2024 Annual Docket.</i>
10	Daniel Thompson	MICC 19.02.020(D)(2)(a) Gross floor area	This amendment would reduce ceiling height from 12 feet to 10 feet before it is counted as clerestory space at 150% of gross floor area (GFA). <i>Note: This proposal has previously been suggested for the docket four times. In 2023, the Planning Commission recommended not to docket this proposal, and the City Council elected not to add it to the 2024 Annual Docket.</i>
11	Daniel Thompson	MICC 19.02.020(D)(2) Gross floor area calculation	This amendment would include exterior covered decks in the definition of GFA and include covered porches on the first level in the calculation of GFA. <i>Note: A similar proposal has previously been suggested for the docket. In 2023, the Planning Commission recommended not to docket this proposal, and the City Council elected not to add it to the 2024 Annual Docket.</i>
12	Daniel Thompson	MICC 19.02.040(D)(1) Garages and carports	This amendment would either eliminate the ability to build garages and carports within 10 feet of the property line of the front yard, or, alternatively, eliminate this option for waterfront lots that have flipped their front and back yards per MICC 19.02.020(c)(2)(a)(iii). <i>This proposal has previously been suggested for the docket four times. In 2023, the Planning Commission recommended not to docket this proposal, and the City Council elected not to add it to the 2024 Annual Docket.</i>

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13	Daniel Thompson	MICC 19.02.020(D)(3)(b) Gross floor area incentives for ADUs	This amendment would limit the GFA incentives for ADUs to lots 8,400 square feet or smaller. <i>This proposal has previously been suggested for the docket four times. In 2023, the Planning Commission recommended not to docket this proposal, and the City Council elected not to add it to the 2024 Annual Docket.</i>
14	Daniel Thompson	MICC 19.02.020(G)(2)(a) and (b) Parking Requirements	This amendment would reduce the threshold for requiring only 2 parking spaces from 3,000 square feet to 2,000 square feet. <i>Note: This proposal has previously been suggested for the docket four times. In 2023, the Planning Commission recommended not to docket this proposal, and the City Council elected not to add it to the 2024 Annual Docket.</i>
15	Joe White	MICC 19.02.020(3) Intrusions into required yards and MICC 19.02.050 Fences, retaining walls, and rockeries	This amendment would limit the height of hedges to 12 feet within side yard setbacks unless mutually agreed upon by adjoining property owners.