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# CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

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## PLANNING COMMISSION

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**To:** Planning Commission

**From:** Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director

**Date:** February 11, 2021

**RE:** ZTR21-001 Goldbach I Code Amendment (Comprehensive Plan Implementation)

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### SUMMARY

The proposed code amendment repeals MICC 19.15.230(I), removing from the city code direction on how the Comprehensive Plan is to be implemented. Instead, this will be governed by state statute.

### BACKGROUND

On January 20, 2021, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed code amendment. The Commission did not request further revisions to the amendment, and the proposal for consideration at the February 17, 2021 meeting is unchanged. This meeting will include a public hearing on the proposal, and then the Commission will have time for discussion and a recommendation.

The Mercer Island City Code specifies the following decision criteria for code amendments (MICC 19.15.250 (D)), which should be used to evaluate the proposed amendment:

*Criteria.* The [city](#) may approve or approve with modifications a proposal to amend this code only if:

1. The amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan; and
2. The amendment bears a substantial relation to the public health, safety, or welfare; and
3. The amendment is in the best interest of the community as a whole.

City staff believe this proposal meets all three criteria and recommend adopting the proposed amendment.

### NEXT STEPS

Hold the public hearing and receive public comment. After hearing public comments on the proposal, the Commission should make a recommendation to the City Council.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed amendment to MICC 19.15.230