

Comparison Matrix of draft 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

October 15, 2019 (First Reading) to December 3, 2019 (Second Reading)

Policy / Goal #	October 15, 2019 (1st Reading)	December 3, 2019 (2nd Reading)	Note
Amendment No. 1:			
Remove Specific Town Center Subarea designations from the Land Use Element			
	Delete Figure TC-1 and re-number remaining figures in Land Use Element	Delete Figure TC-1 and re-number remaining figures in Land Use Element	No change
Amendment No. 2:			
Establish goals and policies to prevent and/or mitigate the impacts of climate change			
Background / introduction text			Background / introduction paragraphs were re-ordered and edited for clarity; no policy change was included. For brevity, this background material is omitted from the matrix.
Land Use Goal 28	<u>Goal 28: Reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions</u>	<u>Goal 28: Reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions</u>	No change
Land Use Policy 28.1	<u>28.1 Collaborate with King County and cities as a member of the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) to increase the efficiency of efforts to reduce GHG emissions.</u>	<u>28.1 Partner with the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) to mitigate climate change.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision
Land Use Policy 28.2	<u>28.2 Dedicate staff to represent the City in K4C and to coordinate City programs and actions to mitigate climate change.</u>	<u>28.2 Establish, and support annual reporting on, Mercer Island GHG emission reduction targets consistent with K4C's.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (consolidates October 15 policies 28.3, 28.5)
Land Use Policy 28.3	<u>28.3 Update and adopt Mercer Island GHG reduction targets consistent with K4C, as amended.</u>	<u>28.3 Provide public information and support to individual and community efforts to mitigate climate change.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (consolidates October 15 policies 28.6, 28.7, 28.15)
Land Use Policy 28.4	<u>28.4 Prioritize for implementation those K4C-recommended strategies that are relevant and feasible for Mercer Island.</u>	<u>28.4 Evaluate and prioritize K4C-recommended actions to reduce GHG emissions.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (consolidates October 15 policies 28.4 and 28.8)
Land Use Policy 28.5	<u>28.5 Support annual reporting of Mercer Island GHG emissions to K4C and the public.</u>	<u>28.5 Encourage the reduction of emissions from passenger vehicles through the</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (consolidates October 15 policy 28.9)

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		<u>development of zero- or low-greenhouse gas emitting transportation options and by reducing single-occupancy vehicle trips.</u>	
Land Use Policy 28.6	<u>28.6 Engage individuals, community organizations, and businesses in a collaborative effort to mitigate climate change.</u>	<u>28.6 Promote an energy-efficient built environment by:</u> <u>1. Focusing development where utility and transportation investments have been made;</u> <u>2. Promoting the use of renewable and zero- and low-GHG emitting energy sources; and</u> <u>1.3. Encouraging the use of carbon-efficient building materials and building design.</u> <u>2.4. Mitigate urban heat island effects by expanding tree canopy and vegetation cover.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (consolidates October 15 policies 28.10, 28.11, 28.12, 28.13, 28.14)
Land Use Policy 28.7	<u>28.7 Provide public outreach and information to citizens about how they can mitigate and respond to climate changes.</u>	<u>28.7 Promote renewable power generation in the community.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (consolidates October 15 policies 28.10, 28.11)
Land Use Policy 28.8	<u>28.8 GHG reduction strategies should be evaluated and used to set a priority for actions. Community acceptance and legal requirements should be considered.</u>		See above notes regarding consolidation
Land Use Policy 28.9	<u>28.9 Consider for early action the reduction of emissions from passenger vehicles.</u> a) <u>Work with the community to develop zero-greenhouse gas emitting transportation option for traveling intra-</u>		See above notes regarding consolidation

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	<p><u>Island to or from community connection points. These options should be popular enough in use to substantially reduce aggregate GHG emissions from passenger vehicles. The program should be in place by 2023 when light rail arrives.</u></p> <p>b) <u>Promote electric vehicles.</u></p>		
Land Use Policy 28.10	<p><u>28.10 Consider for early action the reduction of energy use in in buildings.</u></p> <p>a) <u>Determine the best methods to promote a transition from natural gas to electricity for the energy needs of new buildings and retrofit of existing buildings as the regional source of power moves entirely away from fossil fuels.</u></p> <p>b) <u>Encourage and provide incentives for energy-saving retrofits of existing homes and buildings, in partnership with Puget Sound Energy and other organizations.</u></p> <p>c) <u>Determine the best methods to promote the use of construction materials that embody the least carbon feasible in manufacture and use. Consider building code changes, as necessary, to accommodate this transition.</u></p> <p>d) <u>Consider adopting a local building energy-benchmarking and disclosure ordinance.</u></p>		See above notes regarding consolidation

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	e) <u>Support green power community challenges and other programs to reduce building energy use.</u>		
Land Use Policy 28.11	<p><u>28.11 Promote renewable power generation in the community.</u></p> <p>a) <u>Support campaigns to install solar energy and other power generation methods.</u></p> <p>b) <u>Continue to offer streamlined renewable energy installation permitting, when possible, incentives, and other means to encourage power generation.</u></p> <p>c) <u>Consider building code changes, as necessary, to accommodate community renewable power generation.</u></p>		See above notes regarding consolidation
Land Use Policy 28.12	<u>28.12 Focus future land development where utility and transportation investments have been made and encourage land use patterns to be carbon efficient.</u>		See above notes regarding consolidation
Land Use Policy 28.13	<u>28.13 Strive to increase carbon sequestration and resilience to urban heat island effects by expanding tree canopy and vegetation cover. Consider the use of cool roofs and pavements (reflective, for example), reduced pavement widths, green roofs, and other potentially useful strategies.</u>		See above notes regarding consolidation
Land Use Policy 28.14	<u>28.14 Consider development of an Urban Forest Management Plan to assess canopy cover, set goals, and establish implementation strategies.</u>		See above notes regarding consolidation

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Land Use Policy 28.15	<u>28.15 Encourage residents using fossil fuels, such as home heating oil, to convert to clean and renewable energy sources.</u>		See above notes regarding consolidation
Land Use Goal 29	<u>Goal 29: Develop a Climate Action Plan. Consider development of a Climate Action Plan including the following components:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A summary of City actions to date;</u> • <u>A broad examination of actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;</u> • <u>Re-evaluation of the recommendations from the 2012 Sustainability Policy Recommendations Report;</u> • <u>Provisions to monitor progress of implementation; and</u> • <u>Provisions to update the plan in response to changing conditions and new opportunities.</u> 	<u>Goal 29: Develop and implement a Climate Action Plan.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision
Land Use Goal 30	<u>Goal 30: Adapt to climate change. Place the highest priority on mitigating climate change but respond to indications of impacts in the community that may require an adaptive response.</u>	<u>Goal 30: Adapt to and mitigate local climate change impacts.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision
Land Use Policy 30.1		<u>30.1 Prioritize the prevention of climate change.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (incorporates October 15 policy 28.8)
Land Use Policy 30.2		<u>30.2 Develop an adaptive response to expected climate change impacts on the community.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (incorporates “adaptive” aspect of October 15 goal 30)
Land Use Policy 30.3		<u>30.3 Increase carbon sequestration through expanding tree canopy and vegetation cover.</u>	Planning Commission leadership / Staff revision (incorporates October 15 policy 28.13)

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Utility Policy 5.2	5.2 The City shall actively promote and support recycling, composting and waste reduction techniques among the single-family, multi-family and commercial sectors <u>with the aim of meeting or exceeding King County diversion goals.</u>	5.2 The City shall actively promote and support recycling, composting and waste reduction techniques among the single-family, multi-family and commercial sectors <u>with the aim of meeting or exceeding King County diversion goals.</u>	No change
Capital Facilities Policy 1.20	1.20 City operations should be optimized to minimize carbon footprint impacts, especially with respect to energy consumption and waste reduction. New Capital Facilities should incorporate and encourage the sustainable stewardship of the natural environment, and consider the benefit of creating cutting-edge, demonstration projects, <u>and favor options that have the lowest feasible carbon footprint and greatest carbon sequestration potential. The adoption of greenhouse gas emission reduction targets recommended by King County-Cities Climate Collaboration should be considered.</u>	1.20 City operations should be optimized to minimize carbon footprint impacts, especially with respect to energy consumption and waste reduction. New Capital Facilities should incorporate and encourage the sustainable stewardship of the natural environment, and consider the benefit of creating cutting-edge, demonstration projects, <u>and favor options that have the lowest feasible carbon footprint and greatest carbon sequestration potential. The adoption of GHG emission reduction targets recommended by K4C should be considered.</u>	Minor edit
Capital Facilities Policy 1.23	1.23 Parks & Open Space <u>Capital Facilities – Identify measures to reduce carbon footprint and GHG emissions when planning projects, choosing options with the lowest feasible carbon footprint and greatest carbon sequestration potential.</u> Implement sustainability measures identified within the City’s Parks and Recreation Management Plan, including special attention to direct sustainability measures, such as tree retention, preference for native vegetation and habitat creation, minimized use of	1.23 Parks & Open Space <u>Capital Facilities – Identify measures to reduce carbon footprint and GHG emissions when planning projects, choosing options with the lowest feasible carbon footprint and greatest carbon sequestration potential.</u> Implement sustainability measures identified within the City’s Parks and Recreation Management Plan, including special attention to direct sustainability measures, such as tree retention, preference for native vegetation and habitat creation, minimized use of	No change

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	chemicals, and reductions in energy and fuel use.	chemicals, and reductions in energy and fuel use.	
Amendment No. 3: Placeholder for the development of goals and policies supporting economic development on Mercer Island			
Land Use Goal 14	GOAL 14: <u>Support the continued Continue to encourage vitality through the support of economic development of Mercer Island, particularly activities in the Town Center.</u>	Goal 14: <u>Support the further Continue to encourage vitality through the support of economic development of Mercer Island, particularly activities in the Town Center.</u>	No change
New Land Use Policy 14.1		14.1 <u>Develop an Economic Development Plan.</u>	New policy direction following City Council meeting on October 15, 2019. Resulted in re-numbering policies under Goal 14.
Land Use Policy 14.4 & new Land Use Policy 14.5	14.4 Investigate formation of a business improvement area (BIA), or other mechanism authorized by state law, to help promote Island businesses, to support Town Center activities, and to finance improvements and amenities. Identify a staff person who will help coordinate economic development activities.	14.5 4 Investigate formation of a business improvement area (BIA), or other mechanism authorized by state law, to help promote Island businesses, to support Town Center activities, and to finance improvements and amenities. 14.6 Identify a staff person who will help coordinate economic development activities.	City Council direction on October 15, 2019.
Land Use Policy 14.6 / 14.8 (renumbered)	14.6 Create a healthy economic environment where Town Center businesses can serve the needs of Mercer Island residents as well as draw upon broader retail and commercial market areas.	14.8 6 Create a healthy <u>and safe</u> economic environment where Town Center businesses can serve the needs of Mercer Island residents as well as draw upon broader retail and commercial market areas.	City Council direction on October 15, 2019.
Land Use Policy 14.7 / 14.9 (renumbered)	14.7 <u>Engage residents, community organizations, and businesses in a collaborative effort to establish a strategy for Mercer Island economic development.</u>	14.9 <u>Proactively and persistently engage residents, community organizations, and businesses in a collaborative effort to establish a strategy for Mercer Island economic development.</u>	City Council direction on October 15, 2019.
Amendment 4: Goals and policies supporting the review and possible establishment of multi-modal transportation level of service			
Transportation Policy 7.8	7.8 <u>Strive to create a complete, connected active transportation system allowing direct</u>	7.8 <u>Strive to create a complete, connected active transportation system allowing direct</u>	No change

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	<u>and safe access for active transportation modes.</u>	<u>and safe access for active transportation modes.</u>	
Transportation Policy 7.9	<u>7.9 New or remodeled public institution, commercial mixed use and multifamily facilities should have sufficient storage for bicycles and other active transportation modes.</u>	<u>7.9 New or remodeled public institution, commercial mixed use and multifamily facilities should have sufficient storage for bicycles and other active transportation modes.</u>	No change
Transportation Policy 10.6	<u>10.6 Levels of service for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit transportation modes should be established.</u>	<u>10.6 Levels of service for pedestrian, bicycle, and transit transportation modes should be established.</u>	No change
Transportation Policy 12.4	<u>12.4 Strive to build community through the in-person interactions facilitated by active transportation at community connection points (schools, library, community centers, bikeshare hubs, etc.)</u>	<u>12.4 Strive to build community through the in-person interactions facilitated by active transportation at community connection points (schools, library, community centers, bikeshare hubs, etc.)</u>	No change
Transportation Policy 12.5	<u>12.5 Areas near schools and commercial areas should have higher levels of service for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit.</u>	<u>12.5 Prioritize areas near schools and commercial areas for a higher level of service for pedestrians, bicycles, and transit.</u>	City Council direction on October 15, 2019