



# PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

PCB 24-19  
November 25, 2024  
Special Business

## AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	PCB 24-19: 2025 Annual Docket Summary of Amendments	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve a summary recommendation to the City Council on the docket proposals to include in the final docket.	

<b>STAFF:</b>	Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director Molly McGuire, Senior Planner
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. 2025 Docket Proposal Summary

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City provides an annual opportunity for the public to propose amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations. The proposed amendments are compiled, along with the City’s proposed amendments, on a docket. The docket is preliminarily reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council for a determination on which, if any, proposed amendments will be advanced for full review in the coming year. Amendments selected by the City Council for the “final docket” are then put on the Community Planning and Development (CPD) work program, typically for the next calendar year or when time and resources permit.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments at its regular meeting on October 23, 2024, and passed individual motions on each docket item. These motions were reflected in the minutes (included) and serve as the Planning Commission recommendation. However, a motion summarizing the Planning Commission’s recommendations on the docket was not made. For consistency with past practice, the Planning Commission was asked to reconvene for a Special Meeting to address the summary motion.

## BACKGROUND

Detailed background on the Docket Process, Docketing Criteria, CPD Work Plan, and Proposed Amendments are included in the Planning Commission Agenda Bill from October 23, 2024 ([PCB24-18](#)).

On October 23, the Planning Commission made the following individual motions on the proposed amendments:

- **Proposed Amendment 1: ADD to the Docket**
  - Motion to accept passed 3-0
- **Proposed Amendment 2: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
  - Motion to dismiss passed 3-0
- **Proposed Amendment 3: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
  - Motion to accept failed 2-1
- **Proposed Amendment 4: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
  - Motion to accept failed 3-0
- **Proposed Amendment 5: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
  - Motion to dismiss passed 2-1
- **Proposed Amendment 6: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
  - Motion to accept failed 2:0:1 (Rhageb abstained)

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- **Proposed Amendment 7: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to dismiss passed 3-0
  - **Proposed Amendment 8: ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to accept passed 3-0
  - **Proposed Amendment 9: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to accept failed 2-1
  - **Proposed Amendment 10: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to accept failed 2-1
  - **Proposed Amendment 11: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to dismiss passed 2-1
  - **Proposed Amendment 12: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to dismiss passed 3-9
  - **Proposed Amendment 13: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to accept failed 2-1
  - **Proposed Amendment 14: DO NOT ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to accept failed 2-1
  - **Proposed Amendment 15: ADD to the Docket**
    - Motion to accept passed 3-0

Prior to Planning Commission review, staff determined Proposed Amendment 2 was not eligible to be considered for the 2025 Annual Docket as it relates to the draft 2044 Comprehensive Plan and was, therefore, already under consideration by the City Council. The comments presented in Proposed Amendment 2 were considered and reviewed as a public comment in the deliberations of the City Council on the draft 2044 Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission supported this approach.

Included with the Planning Commission’s formal recommendation above, is a suggestion to consolidate the review of Proposed Amendments 8 and 15 as these proposals are very similar.

## ISSUE/DISCUSSION

A motion summarizing the Planning Commission’s recommendations from October 23 is necessary for consistency with past practices. The summary motion will be added to the record and included in the materials provided to the City Council for consideration on December 3, 2024.

## NEXT STEPS

The City Council will review the Planning Commission and staff recommendations at its December 3, 2024, meeting and set the final docket for 2025.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve a summary recommendation to the City Council on the docket proposals to include in the final docket.