

#	Item #	Element	Current Text:	Proposed Text:	City Manager Recommendation:
4-1	Policy 9.2 (proposed)	Economic Development	Encourage energy efficiency improvements that realize long-term cost savings and economic benefits as well as environmental benefits.	Encourage energy efficiency improvements that realize long-term cost savings and economic benefits as well as environmental benefits.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. The Climate Action Plan was adopted by reference and includes an extensive list of targets, strategies, and actions related to energy efficiency and environmental benefits.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Buildings and Energy Section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 30 to 32). • CAP Goal (page 30): Reduce GHG emissions from buildings by reducing energy use, electrifying buildings, and transitioning to clean and reliable renewable energy sources. • CAP Strategy #1 (page 31): Transition to non-fossil building energy. (See associated action items). • CAP Strategy #2 (page 31): Reduce energy use in new and existing buildings. Reduce energy use in new and existing buildings. (See associated action items).

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4-2	Policy 9.3 (proposed)	Economic Development	Encourage the development of community solar arrays, enabling properties with significant sun exposure to reduce their energy costs, reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, and sell any excess power generated either back to the grid or to neighbors with less sun exposure.	Encourage the development of community solar arrays, enabling properties with significant sun exposure to reduce their energy costs, reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, and sell any excess power generated either back to the grid or to neighbors with less sun exposure.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. This proposed policy overlaps with strategies and actions in the Climate Action Plan related to solar energy.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAP Action BE1.2 – Solar energy storage & grid resiliency (page 31): Accelerate improvements to the energy grid and storage to facilitate the transition to renewable energy sources. Improvements may include subsidy and grant programs to reduce the cost of battery storage in existing buildings and electric vehicle charging/storage system installations. • CAP Action BE1.6 – Solar panel expansion (page 31): Partner with PSE and other regional partners to promote state and federal renewable energy incentives to fund onsite residential and commercial solar power projects. • CAP Action BE1.7 – Green Power Program (page 31): Host education programs and conduct outreach events to encourage businesses and residents to enroll in the PSE Green Power Program. Partner with other neighboring communities served by the utility to advocate directly with PSE to expand renewable energy production that is local to Mercer Island. • CAP Action BE2.1 – Energy efficiency incentives and programs (page 32): Partner with PSE and other local jurisdictions and organizations to provide and promote energy efficiency incentives and rebate programs for residents and businesses. Partner to offer free home energy audits and upgrade programs for income-eligible residents. • CAP Action BE2.2 – Green Building Campaigns (page 32): Develop a program to promote green building for residential and commercial properties, including educational outreach.
4-3	Policy 9.4 (proposed)	Economic Development	Consider incentives for commercial development that includes innovative sustainability practices.	Consider incentives for commercial development that includes innovative sustainability practices.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. This proposed policy overlaps with strategies and actions in the Climate Action Plan related to sustainability practices.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Buildings and Energy Section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 30 to 32).

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4-4	Policy 9.5 (proposed)	Economic Development	Align the implementation of the economic development element with the City's Climate Action Plan.	Align the implementation of the economic development element with the City's Climate Action Plan.	<p>[Revised 09-13-24] Recommendation: Strike text. or merge/combine with Policy 9.1.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This policy is similar to proposed Policy 9.1. Policy 9.1 currently reads: "Consider Climate Action Plan strategies during economic development decision making."
4-5	Policy 9.6 (proposed)	Economic Development	Encourage green building practices and energy-efficient retrofits in commercial spaces.	Encourage green building practices and energy-efficient retrofits in commercial spaces.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. This policy overlaps with strategies and actions in the Climate Action Plan related to buildings and energy.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Buildings and Energy Section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 30 to 32). CAP Goal (page 30): Reduce GHG emissions from buildings by reducing energy use, electrifying buildings, and transitioning to clean and reliable renewable energy sources. CAP Strategy #1 (page 31): Transition to non-fossil building energy. (See associated action items). CAP Strategy #2 (page 31): Reduce energy use in new and existing buildings. Reduce energy use in new and existing buildings. (See associated action items).
4-6	Policy 9.7 (proposed)	Economic Development	Enhance sustainability infrastructure in the Town Center.	Enhance sustainability infrastructure in the Town Center.	<p>[Revised 09-13-24] Recommendation: Strike text. This policy overlaps with strategies and actions in the Climate Action Plan related to buildings and energy.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See responses to item #4-5 CP-5.
4-7	Policy 9.7A (proposed)	Economic Development	Increase the presence of compost and recycling bins.	Increase the presence of compost and recycling bins.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. This proposed policy overlaps with strategies and actions in the Climate Action Plan related to consumption and disposal.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Consumption and Disposal Section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 36 & 37) and associated strategies and actions.

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4-8	Policy 9.7B (proposed)	Economic Development	Work with providers for seamless collection-bin pick-up during events.	Work with providers for seamless collection-bin pick-up during events.	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. This proposed policy is operational in nature and overlaps with strategies and actions in the Climate Action Plan related to consumption and disposal.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Consumption and Disposal Section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 36 & 37) and associated strategies and actions.
4-9	Policy 9.7C	Economic Development	Add solar-powered streetlights, carbon-reducing plantings, and other improvements consistent with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP).	Add solar-powered streetlights, carbon-reducing plantings, and other improvements consistent with the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP).	<p>Recommendation: Strike text. This proposed policy overlaps with strategies and actions in the Climate Action Plan related to municipal buildings, commercial buildings, energy efficiency, and natural systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See responses to CP-2. • See Cross-Cutting & Municipal Section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 27 to 29). • See Buildings and Energy Section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 30 to 32). • See Natural Systems section of the Climate Action Plan (pages 38 to 40).