



# PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

October 23, 2024

<b>TO:</b>	City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Angela Battazzo, Planning Commission Chair
<b>DATE:</b>	October 23, 2024
<b>RE:</b>	2025 Docket Recommendation – Proposed Amendments 1-15
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	A. PCB 24-18 dated October 23, 2024 B. Docket Recommendation Summary

## PLANNING COMMISSION 2025 ANNUAL DOCKET RECOMMENDATION

On behalf of the Planning Commission, I present this recommendation for the 2025 Annual Docket.

The City opened the annual docket submittal process during the month of September 2024, and received fifteen submissions from the public. These proposals are included in Exhibit A. The Planning Commission reviewed each docket request at the regular meeting held on October 23, 2024.

At the October 23 meeting, the proponents for several docket proposals spoke briefly about the merits of placing their proposals on the 2025 Annual Docket. City staff provided a brief presentation covering each of the proposals and discussed whether they appeared to meet the docketing criteria outlined in MICC 19.15.230(E). Public comments were received in person, via Zoom, and in writing from several members of the public in support and in opposition to many of the proposed amendments.

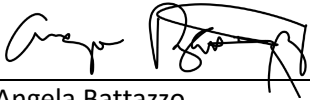
In addition to the public comments and presentations, the Planning Commission considered the materials submitted by the applicants and the staff memo, PCB24-18, dated October 23, 2024 (Exhibit A). In making its recommendation, the Planning Commission considered the docketing criteria contained in MICC 19.15.230(E). After considerable discussion and deliberation, the Planning Commission approved the following recommendations for the 2025 Annual Docket (also summarized in Exhibit B).

- **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 abstains)
- **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

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- **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 is, therefore, already under consideration by the City Council. The comments presented in Proposed Amendment 2 will be considered and reviewed in ongoing deliberations by the City Council as a public comment on the draft 2044 Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission agreed with this approach. Likewise, Proposed Amendment 7 pertaining to downhill façade height was also determined to be ineligible by Staff since a very similar proposal was added to the 2024 annual docket. The planning Commission also agreed with this determination.

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.



Angela Battazzo  
Planning Commission Chair  
City of Mercer Island

November 8, 2024

Date