

General Approach

- Remove duplicative policies
- Update policy language consistent with changes to Countywide Planning Policies and state law
- Update policies to reflect PSRC 2050 Vision Plan and Washington State Department of Commerce periodic update checklist

Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Goal 9



Current adopted goal language

Quality and reliable public services and infrastructure are delivered to the City's current and future residents.

Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Infrastructure Maintenance



- Adopt level of service standards to accommodate growth concurrent with development.
- Seek grants to fund capital improvements whenever feasible, and plan for available funding to support the City's share of planned improvements.
- Manage City debt to effectively while maintaining reserves for emergencies.
- Allocate City sewer and water connection fees primarily for capital improvements related to facility expansion.
- Size essential capital facilities to meet the long-term demands of the community, and when feasible, phase facility development to match capital investments with actual community needs.

Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Infrastructure Maintenance



- Evaluate new and existing sources of funding for services, maintenance and infrastructure.
- Ensure parks facility users are paying a reasonable share of the costs of operating and maintaining the facilities.
- Provide adequate infrastructure in applicable areas to support the development of regional centers.*
- Avoid growth in areas that cannot be adequately served by utilities.*
- Define essential public facilities, consistent with the Revised Code of Washington and the Growth Management Act.*

Note: * indicates a policy added for compliance with PSRC or state regulations

Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Regional Coordination



- Annually adopt by reference the Snoqualmie Valley School District Six-Year Capital Facility Plan and update school impact fees on new residential units to ensure that school facilities will be provided to meet projected growth.
- Participate in inter-jurisdictional efforts to site essential capital facilities and pursue agreements among jurisdictions to mitigate against the disproportionate burden that may fall on the jurisdiction which becomes the site of a facility.

Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Regional Coordination



- If the City is selected as a state or regional capital facility site, or is otherwise impacted by such a facility, ensure appropriate mitigation for local impacts is provided.
- Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions on infrastructure projects that cross city boundaries in planning, development, and design.*
- Work with Snoqualmie Valley School District to meet existing and future community needs, including safe, walkable schools.*

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Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Utility Reliability



- Plan for the general locations for major or “trunk” utility facility locations and consider designating routes and locations suitable for facility improvements, subject to development regulations.
- Coordinate with other jurisdictions to implement multi-jurisdictional facility improvements, and attempt to coordinate land use procedures for consistent decision making.
- Ensure that utility improvements minimize neighborhood impacts, are environmentally sensitive, aesthetically pleasing, safe and provided in a timely manner to serve planned growth.

Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Utility Reliability



- To the maximum extent feasible, require the undergrounding of all new electrical and communication lines, the undergrounding of existing lines during road and utility improvements, and/or architectural compatibility of all new above-ground facilities.
- Encourage the joint use of utility corridors for agriculture or passive recreation uses, provided that such uses are consistent with prudent legal and utility practice.
- Require the joint use or co-location of utility trenches, conduits and poles to minimize poles and aboveground structures, and to provide for the expansion, maintenance and upgrading facilities with the least amount of service disruption.

Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Utility Reliability



- Increase the resilience of utilities and infrastructure by preparing for disasters and planning for system recovery.*
- Provide residents with access to high quality drinking water that meets or is better than state and federal requirements.*
- Reduce per capita rate of water consumption through conservation, efficiency, reclamation, and reuse.*
- Replace failing septic systems within the urban growth area with sanitary sewers or alternative technology that is comparable or better.*
- Allow natural boundaries to help determine the routes and placement of infrastructure connections and improvements.*

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Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Capital Facilities Maintenance



- Establish level of service standards to guide delivery of quality services to current and future residents and businesses.
- Consider the impacts of climate change, economic, and health impacts when siting and building essential capital facilities.
- Site or expand capital facilities in a manner that considers impacts on historically marginalized communities.*
- Do not locate capital facilities outside the urban growth area unless it is demonstrated that non-urban sites are the most appropriate location.*

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Draft Public Facilities and Utilities Policies: Capital Facilities Maintenance



- Reduce and mitigate noise and light pollution caused by capital facilities.*
- Design capital facilities to achieve community development objectives and improve neighborhoods.*
- Plan for the long-term renewal or replacement of aging capital facilities as needed to maintain target service levels.
- Coordinate capital investment projects and programs across departments.

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