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Chapter 10. Utilities

CITY-MANAGED UTILITIES

GOAL UT-1

Provide the development and maintenance of all city-managed utilities at the appropriate levels of service to accommodate the City of Poulsbo's projected growth.

Policy UT-1.1

The City shall adopt design and construction standards for all City-managed utilities. The City shall review their utility construction standards at a minimum of every five years to ensure the City's standards remain contemporary and relevant to the changing needs of the city.

Policy UT-1.2

It is the City's policy not to hold itself as a public utility and therefore generally requires that properties annex to the city limits before City public utilities are to be extended. There may be circumstances, however, that the City may decide, at its sole and absolute discretion, to allow extension of utility service to property prior to annexation. The Poulsbo Municipal Code establishes the procedures and policies for utility extensions prior to annexation.

Policy UT-1.3

Require sewer and water connections for all new development and land use redevelopment, consistent with ~~be to~~ City construction standards. {Suggested by Engineering staff}

Policy UT-1.4

Allow existing single family homes with working septic systems and private wells to continue to utilize these facilities, providing there are no health or environmental problems.

Policy UT-1.5

All new water and sewer mains shall be installed in public right-of-way, and the use of private easements for such locations shall be minimized to the extent feasible. ~~avoided as much as possible.~~ {Suggested by Engineering staff}

Policy UT-1.6

Sewers intended to serve new development shall be gravity, unless topography or technical design reasons prevent obtaining gravity flow. In those specific cases where gravity flow cannot be achieved, lift stations may be considered by the City.

Policy UT-1.7

Provide a water supply that complies with ~~meets~~ all federal and Washington State Department of Health drinking water regulatory requirements and quality standards. {Suggested by Engineering staff}

Policy UT-1.8

Provide for adequate design, construction, sampling, management, maintenance and operation practices to supply safe and high-quality drinking water in a reliable manner with quality suitable for intended use including for domestic usage, irrigation usage, and sufficient supply for emergencies and fire flow protections. ~~Provide reliable water service for domestic use, fire flow protection and emergencies.~~ {Suggested by Engineering staff; based on WAC related to water supply}.

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Policy UT-1.9

Develop and implement a proactive water use efficiency and conservation program, based upon the goals and recommendations set forth in the most current water system functional plan. Any such efficiency and conservation program shall identify incentives for water conservation.

Policy UT-1.10

Maintain water quality by looping new water systems and connecting to existing systems to the extent feasible. ~~Ensure water quality is maintained by requiring all new water systems to be looped as much as possible.~~ {Suggested by Engineering staff}

Policy UT-1.11

Manage the storm water system in Poulsbo to protect public safety, prevent public and private property damage, protect and work to enhance water quality and improve the water quality in the aquatic habitat, and provide for the safety and enjoyment of citizens. {Suggested by Engineering staff}

Policy UT-1.12

The City shall implement programs, projects, and maintenance measures in order to comply with complete and ~~implement the necessary programs, projects and maintenance measures that satisfy~~ the Washington State Department of Ecology Phase II NPDES permit requirements. {Suggested by Engineering staff}

Policy UT-1.13

Maintain a cost-effective and responsive solid waste collection system. Require single-family residential garbage to be collected weekly at the curbside on public streets. Require commercial and multi-family garbage collection in City provide containers.

Policy UT-1.14

Promote the recycling of solid waste materials by providing opportunities for convenient recycling and by developing ~~and~~ distributing educational materials on recycling, composting and other waste reduction methods provided by Kitsap County Solid Waste.

Policy UT-1.15

Continue participating in Kitsap County's solid waste management planning to ensure a regional approach to solid waste management.

NON CITY-MANAGED UTILITIES

GOAL UT-2

Encourage provision of non-City managed utilities, facilities and services that meet the needs of the City and accommodate future population and economic growth.

Policy UT-2.1

Work with providers to appropriately site new utility facilities to maintain a reliable level of service and accommodate growth. Provide data and population projections to assist providers in their utility planning.

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Policy UT-2.2

Ensure the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations are consistent with and does not impair the fulfillment of public service obligations imposed upon utility providers by federal and state law. Work with utility providers to review local regulatory barriers for alternative and renewable energy sources and, if any are found, remove these barriers.

Policy UT-2.3

Ensure reasonable access to rights-of-way for all providers consistent with federal and state laws. Require ~~notification to the city prior to a utility's maintenance or removal of vegetation~~ compliance with the City's permitting process for activity within in city right-of-way. {Suggested by Engineering staff}

Policy UT-2.4

Ensure that utilities are provided consistent with applicable rules, regulations and prudent utility practices.

GOAL UT-3

Locate utilities to minimize impacts on public health and safety, the surrounding development, the environment and interference with other public facilities.

Policy UT-3.1

Place utility facilities along public rights-of-way and encourage underground distribution lines in accordance with City and state rules and regulations. {Suggested by Engineering staff}

Policy UT-3.2

Coordinate the design and timing of installation and repair of utilities with street improvements whenever possible.

Policy UT-3.3

Protect the City's rights-of-way from unnecessary damage and interference and ensure restoration to pre-construction condition or better.

Policy UT-3.4

Minimize siting impacts of personal wireless telecommunication facilities by identifying development standards addressing appropriate permitting, locational priorities, visual impact, screening standards, and others as applicable, all within the regulations of applicable federal law.

Policy UT-3.5

Minimize visual impacts of personal wireless telecommunication facilities (excluding small wireless facilities) by establishing location priorities. Placement for new personal wireless telecommunication facilities shall be in the following priority: 1) ~~Co-locate Attach~~ on existing telecommunication facilities; 2) ~~Co-locate attach~~ on antennas within rights-of-ways and on existing structures (power poles, buildings, water towers); 3) Non-residential zoning districts; 4) Residential zoning districts. {Suggested by City Attorney staff}

Policy UT-3.6

Wireless telecommunication facilities shall be camouflaged by employing the best available technology. This may be accomplished by use of compatible materials, location, color, stealth technologies, and/or other strategies to achieve minimum visibility of the facility as viewed from public streets or residential properties.