

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 7, 2024

TO: Environmental Services Commission

FROM: Kate Nesse, PhD, Community Development, Planning Division
Eric LaFrance, Utilities, Engineering Division

SUBJECT: ESC Recommendation - City Comprehensive Plan, Utilities Element Updates

ACTION REQUIRED

The Environmental Services Commission (ESC) will vote to recommend updates to the Comprehensive Plan policies in the Utilities element.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS

Bellevue City Code directs the Environmental Services Commission to advise the City with regard to water, sewer, storm and surface water, and solid waste utility programs on “short and long-range planning, including participating with the Planning Commission in preparing, reviewing, and recommending comprehensive plan updates and subarea plans; provided, that the planning commission shall review and make final recommendations to the City Council on all matters which will be adopted by the City Council as part of the comprehensive plan” (3.55.070.A).

The ESC reviewed updates to policies UT-1 through UT-44 as part of the Periodic Update to Bellevue’s Comprehensive Plan at the February 1, 2024 meeting. This update happens every ten years as directed by Washington State’s Growth Management Act (GMA). The ESC has been involved since Council launched the Update on February 28, 2022, beginning with an introduction to the overall scope of the update on April 7, 2022. On September 15, 2022, the ESC reviewed the specific scope of the Utilities Element, with focus on the sections on the city-managed utilities. On November 3, 2022, the ESC reviewed recommended changes. On February 1, 2024, the ESC reviewed further edits to the policies based on additional analysis. The ESC’s recommendation to Planning Commission will conclude the ESC’s involvement.

For reference, policies relating to the city-managed utilities and the recommended updates are attached.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing these changes.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Transmittal Letter
- B. Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update: Proposed Amendments
- C. Glossary