

This packet includes proposed policy amendments. The “New Number” column reflects proposed policy enumeration. All policy numbers in the notes column refer to the new number unless the number is preceded by (old number). ~~Strikethrough~~ means the text is deleted. Underline means the text is new.

Policies marked with \* indicate they have changed since last reviewed by the Commission.

Key			
	Repealed (moved, old location)		New Policy
	Modified		Retained (moved, new location)

New Number	Old Number	Proposed Policy Change	Reason for Change/CPP/Note
<b>Utilities</b>			
General Utility System			
UT-1	UT-1	Manage utility systems effectively in order to provide reliable, sustainable, quality service, <u>and to mitigate service disruptions.</u>	Note: Broadened the policy to include more management concerns.
UT-2	UT-2	Build and manage city-owned utility infrastructure assets to reduce the likelihood of <u>service disruption and risks to public safety, economic vitality, property and the environment, and disruption due to asset failure.</u>	Note: Updated to clarify policy intent.
UT-3	UT-3	Use design and construction standards that are environmentally sensitive, safe, cost-effective, and appropriate.	
UT-4	UT-4	Encourage public-private partnerships to take advantage of the city’s fiber optic network to facilitate innovation, service delivery, and competition for broadband deployment throughout the city.	

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UT-5	UT-5	Encourage new and cost-effective emerging information and telecommunications technologies that would benefit city utility users and improve utility service and efficient water and energy use.	
UT-6	UT-6	Ensure that the location, type, and size of all public facilities is determined and/or approved by the city.	
UT-7	UT-7	Base the extension and sizing of system components on the land use plan of the area. System capacity will not determine land use.	
UT-8	UT-8	Design, construct, and maintain facilities to minimize their impact on surrounding neighborhoods.	
UT-9	UT-9	Encourage the joint use of public facilities such as the development of a storm and surface water detention area as passive recreation.	
UT-10	UT-10	Emphasize cost effective management of city utility systems over their lifetime, including planning for their renewal and replacement, balancing risk, and maintaining desired service levels. Forecast future capital and maintenance costs and manage rates so that customer rate revenue funds the cost of ownership equitably across generations.	
UT-11	UT-11	Educate and inform utility providers, consumers and the community about the costs and benefits of emerging technologies.	

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UT-12	UT-12	Develop and periodically update functional utility system plans that forecast system capacity and needs for at least a 20 year planning horizon.	
UT-13	UT-13	<del>Consider</del> <u>Require</u> Low Impact Development principles to minimize impervious surfaces and native vegetation loss on all infrastructure improvement projects.	Note: Updated to reflect current state requirements and industry standards.
Utility Coordination			
UT-14	UT-14	<del>Make</del> <u>Maintain</u> the city's utility service areas coincide with <u>so they include all</u> the Potential Annexation Area.	Note: Clarified policy intent.
UT-15	UT-15	<del>Expand</del> <u>the service area boundaries in cooperation with King County and neighboring jurisdictions. In unincorporated areas, expand the service area only if landowners requesting service have begun the annexation process or have made prior agreements with city the land is part of the Potential Annexation Area.</u>	Note: Clarified policy intent and removed overlap with UT-14.
*UT-16	UT-16	<del>Use</del> <u>Utilities may be extended outside the city within the service area if the annexation process has begun, through a pre-annexation agreements only agreement if immediate annexation cannot be required or is not reasonable, or through an interlocal agreement.</u>	Note: Clarified conditions of utility extension.
UT-17	UT-17	<del>Extend water and wastewater utility service to unserved areas of the utility service area, including extensions into potential annexation areas, if the city's costs are reimbursed and provided that service will be extended only upon annexation to the city.</del>	Note: Removed overlap with UT-14 and UT-15 to focus on cost reimbursement.

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UT-18	UT-18	Coordinate with other jurisdictions and governmental entities in the planning and implementation of multi-jurisdictional utility facility additions and improvements.	
UT-19	UT-19	Coordinate with the appropriate jurisdictions to ensure that utility facilities that are to be constructed in potential annexation areas are designed and built in accord with City of Bellevue standards.	
UT-20	UT-20	Coordinate emergency preparedness and response with local and regional utility partners.	
Hazardous Waste			
UT-21	UT-21	Cooperate with other private and public agencies in the region to manage and control hazardous waste and moderate risk waste, including medical wastes and hazardous household substances.	
UT-22	UT-22	Educate the public in the proper handling and disposal of hazardous household waste and on the use of alternative products or practices which result in reducing the use and storage of hazardous materials in homes and businesses.	
UT-23	UT-23	Provide for the safe and convenient disposal of hazardous household waste through a permanent and conveniently located collection facility for Bellevue residents.	
Solid Waste			

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UT-24	UT-24	Promote the recycling of solid waste materials by providing opportunities for convenient recycling and by developing educational materials on recycling, composting, and other waste reduction methods. <del>Discussion: Waste reduction and source separation are the city's preferred strategies for managing solid waste. Materials remaining after effective waste reduction and source separation should be handled in accordance with the King County Solid Waste Plan.</del>	Note: Removed discussion. Will be addressed in narrative introduction.
UT-25	UT-25	Encourage and actively seek an effective regional approach to solid waste management.	
*UT-26	UT-26	Use a public review process in the selection and approval of sites for any disposal facility, to study and consider sensitivity to aesthetics, <u>equitable distribution of burdens and benefits</u> , health effects and the environment.	Note: Updated to include equity in elements to consider.
UT-27	UT-27	Maintain a safe, cost-effective and responsive solid waste collection system that provides convenient, efficient, environmentally-friendly and visually unobtrusive components and services.	
UT-28	UT-28	Manage solid waste collection to minimize litter and neighborhood disruption.	
UT-29	UT-29	Work with King County to maintain a geographically balanced system of solid waste transfer and disposal facilities and avoid disproportionate impacts to any individual community.	

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UT-30	UT-30	Explore transfer and disposal options for the period after the city's current contract with King County terminates in mid-2028.	
Wastewater Utility			
UT-31	UT-31	Provide a <del>reliable</del> wastewater disposal system that ensures public health and safety, and protects the environment.	Note: Removed reliable because it is addressed in UT-1, retained focus on public health, safety and the environment.
UT-32	UT-32	Require wastewater connections for all new development, including single family plats, unless otherwise allowed by state or county regulations.	
UT-33	UT-33	<u>Encourage homeowners with septic systems to connect to wastewater systems where available.</u> Allow existing single family homes with septic systems to continue to use septic systems, provided they remain in compliance with Seattle-King County Public Health requirements. <del>Homeowners are encouraged to connect to wastewater systems where available.</del> If existing septic systems fail to maintain compliance with Seattle-King County Public Health standards and cannot be brought into compliance, homeowners <del>should be</del> <u>are</u> required to connect to the wastewater system <u>where available</u> .	Note: Updated to strengthen language around connection to wastewater systems consistent with CPP-PF-12 (no change to that policy). Clarified financial responsibility.
Storm and Surface Water Utility			

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UT-34	UT-34	Provide <u>and maintain</u> a storm and surface water system that controls damage from storms, protects surface water quality, provides for the safety and enjoyment of citizens, supports fish and wildlife habitat, and protects the environment.	Note: Updated to include maintenance. Updated to use more inclusive language.
UT-35	UT-35	Participate in regional watershed based efforts with the goals of achieving local drainage basin health and addressing Endangered Species Act issues. Manage the storm and surface water system within a system wide, watershed based context.	
UT-36	UT-36	Design context-appropriate stormwater management facilities that reflect the unique character of the neighborhood in which the site is situated.	Note: Updated to remove subjective language.
UT-37	UT-37	Educate the public about water quality issues.	
UT-38	UT-38	<del>Encourage</del> Require the use of low impact development and stormwater best management practices <u>where feasible</u> to manage stormwater runoff, which may result in smaller facilities constructed on- and off-site for flow control, conveyance, and water quality.	Note: Updated to reflect current state requirements and industry standards.
Water Utility			
UT-39	UT-39	Provide a <del>reliable</del> , cost-effective supply of safe, secure, high quality drinking water that meets the community's water needs in an environmentally responsible manner.	Note: Updated to remove overlap with UT-41.

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UT-40	UT-40	Provide a water supply that meets all federal and state drinking water quality standards.	
UT-41	UT-41	Provide reliable water service for domestic use, <u>and</u> fire flow protection, <u>and</u> under normal operations. <u>Proactively mitigate system vulnerabilities to improve performance and service restoration during and after emergencies.</u>	Note: Update to reflect system performance needs during emergencies.
UT-42	UT-42	Promote conservation and the wise and efficient use of the public water supply and discourage the waste of this valuable resource.	
UT-43	UT-43	Improve the quality and quantity of the water supply of well water users by allowing access to the city water system as contained in the Water System Functional Plan, and provided that at least the fair share costs are paid by the benefiting parties.	
UT-44	UT-44	Serve as a role model for the community in the efficient use of water.	