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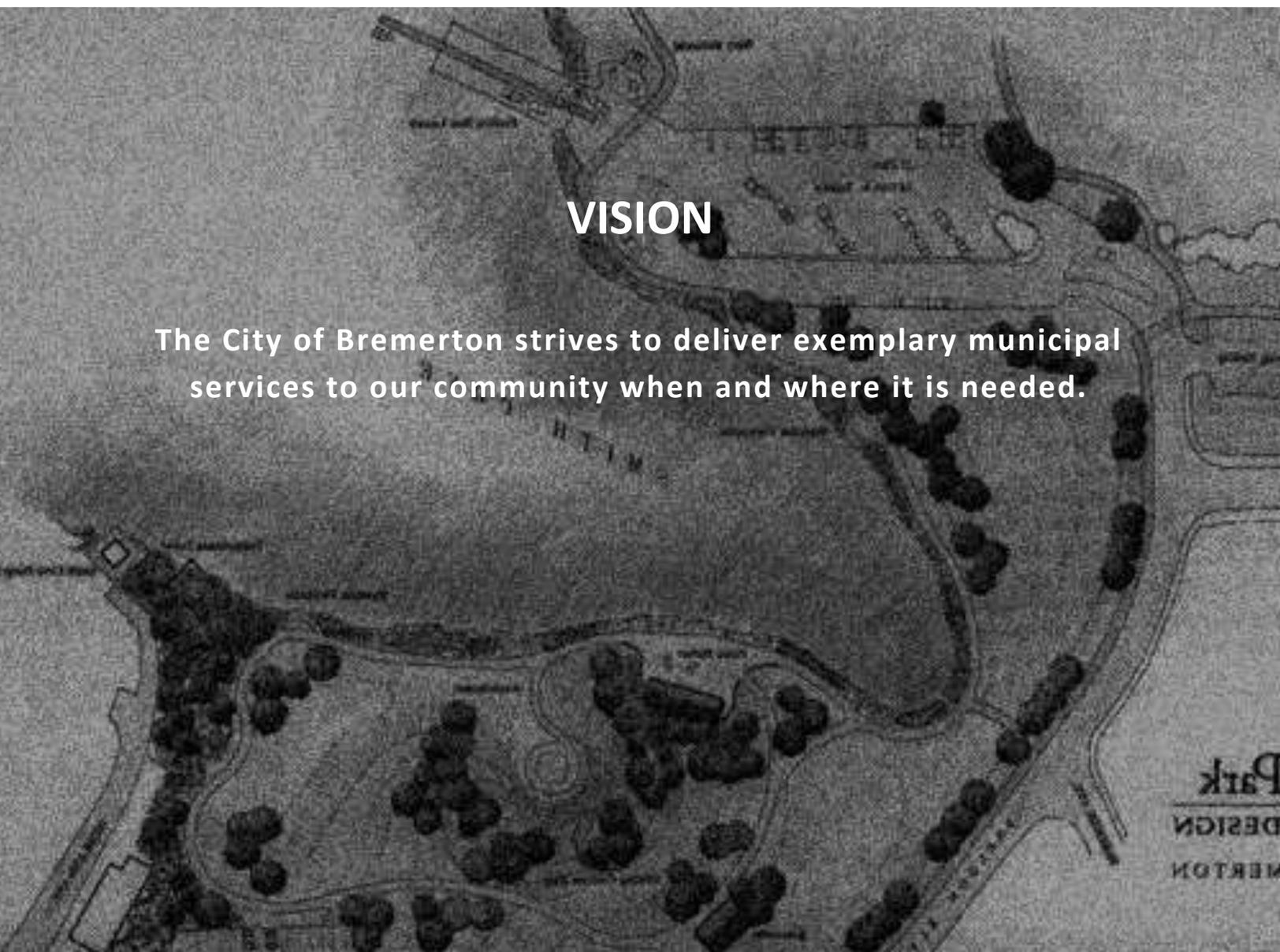


Element 6

CITY SERVICES



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City Services Introduction

The City Services Element addresses services that are essential to a community and its ability to grow. These services are crucial to the health, safety, and welfare of community members. This Element guides how the provision of services, such as water, sewer, parks, and schools support the future growth and development of Bremerton.

This City Services Element combines the function of two plan elements required under the Growth Management Act: The Utilities Element and the Capital Facilities Element. The following section includes the goals and policies for the City of Bremerton City Services. The City Service Appendix includes the technical foundation for the City Services Chapter, including city services inventory, existing and targeted Level of Service standards, funding sources, and the Capital Facility Plan.

Please note that though this Chapter focuses on administrating public facilities to Bremerton’s citizens, other portions of the Comprehensive Plan also address public facilities that should be considered in conjunction with this chapter. Such as: when reviewing this chapter for planning of public facilities like street improvements, the Transportation Element should also be considered.



Vision

The City of Bremerton strives to deliver exemplary municipal services to our community when and where it is needed.

Goals & Policies

The following goals and policies form the foundation of Bremerton’s city services strategy for the future for City and public utilities and facilities. These goals and policies are to support the overall city service vision stated above.

City Services Goals

CS1. Provide municipal services that enhance the quality of life in Bremerton.

CS2. Encourage the safety and health of residents and visitors.

CS3. Provide adequate capital facilities that:

- *Address deficiencies and anticipate growth needs;*
- *Achieve acceptable levels of service;*
- *Use fiscal resources efficiently; and*
- *Meet realistic timelines.*

CS4. Provide safe and reliable utility service to citizens, while balancing economic, aesthetics and environmental factors.

City Services Policies

Goal CS1. Provide municipal services that enhance the quality of life in Bremerton.

Implementing Policies for Goal CS1:

CS1(A): Improve accessibility to City Services including implementing new technology to provide information and services more conveniently.

CS1(B): Educate the citizenry about City services and citizen responsibilities.

CS1(C): Provide meaningful opportunities for community involvement. Provide regular volunteer opportunities to the general public and enlist residents for their talents (work to identify specific community assets and invite identified groups and citizens) to participate in governance.

CS1(D): Provide public facilities and services conveniently and equitably throughout the community and ensure that the prescribed Level of Service standards are pursued.

CS1(E): Provide safe and well-maintained street infrastructure throughout the City.

CS1(F): Improve and maintain sidewalks through the City with an emphasis on accessibility.

CS1(G): Provide a wide range of recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

CS1(H): Promote open spaces and “green spaces” for everyone’s enjoyment and recognize recreational needs in open space planning. Encourage the installation of Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMPs) in open spaces, including bioretention facilities and permeable pavement. Include public education elements in LID BMPs in open spaces. Encourage the installation of Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMPs) in open spaces, including bioretention facilities and permeable pavement. Include public education elements in LID BMPs in open spaces.

CS1(I): Provide trash receptacles and waste conveniences in public places, especially in City parks and encourage citizen responsibility regarding proper waste disposal, including pet waste disposal.

CS1(J): Continue coordination with the school district, recognizing that schools provide a unifying social and physical amenity that is a key focus for successful neighborhoods.

CS1(K): Work actively through public and private partnerships to develop and implement a viable urban forestry management plan.

CS1(L): Facilitate public and private beautification efforts, especially on City properties and public rights-of-way.

- *Provide adequate maintenance of public landscaping.*
- *Use trees and plants that are well-suited for an urban environment.*

CS1(J): Promote the success of Bremerton's youth through land use and infrastructure investment decisions. Continue the coordination with the Kitsap Public Health District, School Districts and other youth groups.

CS1(K): Grow communities that support multiple generations by providing safe and convenient opportunities for recreation and social gathering, along with accessible housing to meet the needs of youth, families and older adults.

Goal CS2. Encourage the safety and health of residents and visitors.

Implementing Policies for Goal CS2:

CS2(A): Prepare emergency preparedness plans including instruction for public staff and for citizens regarding services and support locations available immediately following an incident.

CS2(B): Work actively to reduce crime and work through civic partnerships to address the plague of substance abuse and addiction.

CS2(C): Provide community gathering points within neighborhoods, supported by Programming like City Parks and Recreation and crime prevention education.

CS2(D): Improve citizen safety after dusk by enhancing lighting for pedestrians, especially around and leading to places of activity.

CS2(E): Collaborate with citizens, public organizations, and non-profit agencies towards a proactive approach to social needs.

CS2(F): Encourage social services that meet needs of a diverse population and develop appropriate criteria for locating social service facilities.

CS2(G): Demonstrate awareness and consideration for special-needs populations.

Goal CS3. Provide adequate capital facilities that: address deficiencies and anticipate growth needs; achieve acceptable levels of service; use fiscal resources efficiently; and meet realistic timelines.

Discussion: Capital facilities include all services provided, planned for, paid for, and delivered by the City including water systems, sanitary sewer systems, stormwater facilities, streets, parks and recreational facilities, police and fire protection facilities.

Implementing Policies for Goal CS3:

CS3(A): Apply growth strategies to fiscal investment decisions to expand service areas or infrastructure capacities.

CS3(B): Provide a public process for monitoring, review, and planning of all City services and facilities, including municipal facilities, parks, streets, community meeting places and buildings.

CS3(C): Monitor the expenditure of capital resources, ensuring the prescribed level of service for the following services and facilities: potable water, sanitary sewer, stormwater management, street maintenance, law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical service, transportation, solid waste, and parks.

CS3(D): Maintain, rehabilitate or reuse existing facilities wherever feasible and still meet the capital needs of the population.

CS3(E): Establish adequate funding for public facilities and services for existing development and new growth including pursuing alternative and creative funding mechanisms for public services and facilities.

CS3(F): Establish adequate funding for infrastructure critical to the health, well-being, and economic development of the City.

CS3(G): Establish priorities for funding that are specified in the prescribed Level of Service standards.

- *Review capital projects as part of the City's budget process, (1) to ensure an ongoing review of capital needs, and (2) so that capital and operating budgets can be considered together.*

CS3(H): Manage a comprehensive maintenance program and consider future maintenance and repair costs of new capital items when making selection and expenditure decisions on new capital facilities.

CS3(I): Apply cost-effectiveness criteria to capital investments.

CS3(J): Work with the development community to provide adequate infrastructure, such as roads, sewer, water, and stormwater for new growth. Explore options for a strategic impact fee program or other funding sources.

CS3(K): Improve sidewalks throughout the City with an emphasis on accessibility.

CS3(L): Provide street infrastructure that is well maintained, has sufficient capacity, meets all compliance requirements for accessibility.

- *Identify dedicated revenue to adequately maintain the existing investment in street infrastructure;*
- *Develop revenue sources to allow full implementation of the Capital Improvement Plan. Consider new revenue such as transportation impact fees, or re-direct existing revenue; and*
- *Eliminate barriers to accessibility with sidewalks and city facilities. Prioritize implementation using citizen groups and focus improvements in the areas with the most use.*

CS3(M): Participate in the planning of the Urban Growth Areas (UGA). Achieve coordinated planning for the City's urban growth areas with Kitsap County (including the Countywide Planning Policies), other jurisdictions and service providers, especially for the provision of capital facilities and services.

- *Work towards development standards within the UGA that are uniform or complimentary to the City's development standards;*
- *Safeguard urban level of service within the UGA which are comparable to the levels set within the City;*
- *Identify development concerns within the UGA and inventory challenges to address; and*
- *Ensure quality residential development in the UGA that has both urban and strictly residential qualities, including walkability.*

CS3(N): Adopt Level of Service (LOS) standards for public facilities, reflecting community preferences for quality of service delivery. Additionally consider adopting LOS standards that support and encourage the development of Centers.

CS3(O): Adopt a Concurrency Management Ordinance (requiring capital facilities meet adopted Level of Service standards at the same time with development) in order to maintain the community's identified desired level of service.

CS3(P): Adopt six year capital facilities programs (CIPs), including Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) on an annual basis to demonstrate funding capability that supports the land use patterns and other goals and policies adopted within this Plan.

CS3(Q): Ensure that the land use element, capital facilities plan element, and financing plan are coordinated and consistent for the 6 and 20-year planning period. If adequate facilities are currently unavailable and public funds are not committed to provide such facilities, developers must provide such facilities at their own expense in order to develop, or the City may consider other funding sources. If the probable funding falls short of meeting the capital facility needs of the anticipated future land uses and population, the type and extent of land uses planned for the City must be reassessed.

Goal CS4. Provide safe and reliable utility service to citizens, while balancing economic, aesthetics and environmental factors.

Discussion: Utilities include all services provided, planned for, paid for, and delivered by providers other than the jurisdiction (such as electrical, telecommunication, natural gas, ports, and libraries).

Implementing Policies for Goal CS4:

CS4(A): Encourage utility providers to co-locate for aesthetics and efficiency and prioritize utility placement under the paved section of the right-of-way where there are fewer conflicts with installations of roadside Low Impact Development (LID) Best Management Practices (BMPs).

CS4(B): Develop an under-grounding ordinance and encourage Local Improvement Districts, to install utilities underground, and in the paved section of the existing right-of-way, when appropriate.

CS4(C): Create standards and processes for locating wireless telecommunications facilities that assure adequate services while protecting neighborhoods and other portions of the City from negative impacts.

- *Provide incentives for co-location as an alternative to building new towers; and*
- *Provide adequate setbacks, buffers, and camouflaging requirements to assure attractive installations, protection of adjacent land uses and residential neighborhoods. Encourage the use of Low Impact Development (LID) techniques and Best Management Practices (BMPs) within setbacks and buffers where appropriate.*