

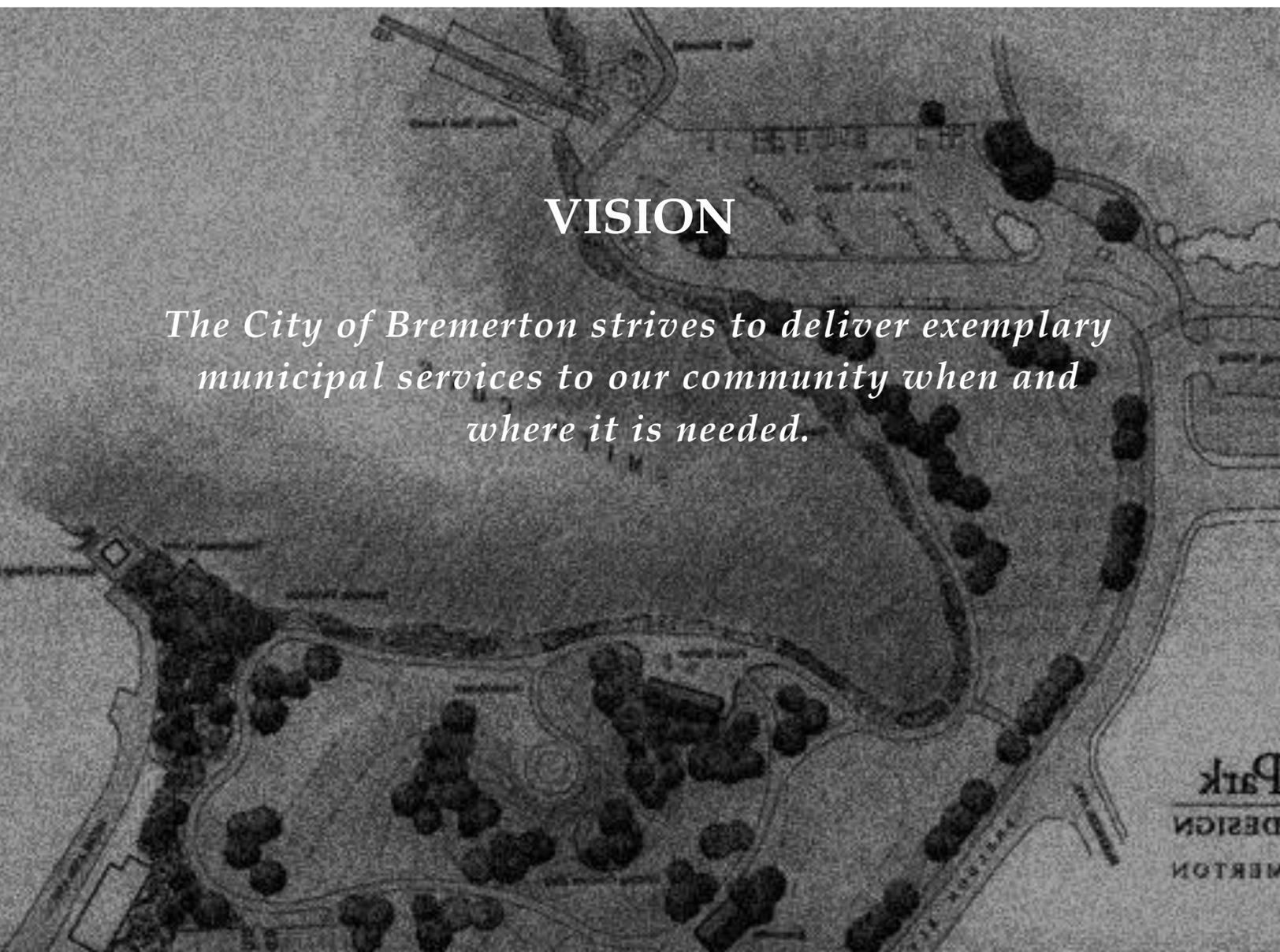
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CITY OF BREMERTON



Element 6

CITY SERVICES





VISION

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

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Introduction

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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 (under separate cover) 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.



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Goals and Policies

The community's vision for City Services was offered at the beginning of the element. The following section presents the goals and policies to support implementation of the vision.

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.**

Policies

Associated policies have been created to support and implement the vision established by the goals.

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

Implementing Policies:

- CS1A** Improve accessibility to City Services including implementing new technology to provide information and services more conveniently.
- CS1B** Educate the citizenry about City services and citizen responsibilities.
- CS1C** 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.
- CS1D** Provide public facilities and services conveniently and equitably throughout the community and ensure that the prescribed Level of Service standards are pursued.
- CS1E** Provide safe and well-maintained street infrastructure throughout the City.

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CS1F Ensure all pedestrian facilities including sidewalks, parks, and government buildings are ADA compliant to ensure accessibility for all citizens and visitors to Bremerton.

CS1G Provide a wide range of recreational opportunities for people of all ages.

CS1H Promote open spaces and “green spaces” for everyone’s enjoyment and recognize recreational needs in open space planning.

CS1I 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.

CS1J Continue coordination with the school district recognizing that schools provide a unifying social and physical amenity that is a key focus for successful neighborhoods.

CS1K Work actively through public and private partnerships to develop a viable urban forestry management plan.

CS1L 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.

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

Implementing Policies:

CS2A Prepare and distribute emergency preparedness plans including instruction for public staff and for citizens regarding services and support locations available immediately following an incident.

CS2B Work actively to reduce crime and work through civic partnerships to address the plague of substance abuse and addiction.

CS2C Provide community gathering points within neighborhoods, supported by public facilities, City services such as crime prevention, and Parks and Recreation programming.

CS2D Improve citizen safety after dusk by enhancing lighting for pedestrians, especially around and leading to places of activity.

CS2E Collaborate with citizens, public organizations, and non-profit agencies towards a proactive approach to social needs.

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CS2F Encourage social services that meet needs of a diverse population and develop appropriate criteria for locating social service facilities.

CS2G 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, storm water facilities, streets, parks and recreational facilities, police and fire protection facilities.

Implementing Policies:

CS3A Apply growth strategies to fiscal investment decisions to expand service areas or infrastructure capacities.

CS3B Provide a public process for monitoring, review, and planning of all City services and facilities, including municipal facilities, port facilities, libraries, parks, streets, community meeting places and buildings.

CS3C Monitor the expenditure of capital resources, ensuring the prescribed level of service for the following services and facilities: potable water, sanitary sewer, storm-water management, street maintenance, law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical service, transportation, solid waste, and parks.

CS3D Maintain, rehabilitate or reuse existing facilities wherever feasible and still meet the capital needs of the population.

CS3E 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.

CS3F Establish adequate funding for infrastructure critical to the health, well-being, and economic development of the City.

CS3G 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.

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CS3H 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.

CS3I Apply cost-effectiveness criteria to capital investments.

CS3J Protect City revenue sources.

CS3K Work with the development community to provide adequate infrastructure for new growth. Explore options for a strategic impact fee program.

CS3L Improve sidewalks throughout the City with an emphasis on accessibility.

CS3M 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.

CS3N 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.

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CS3O Encourage neighborhood revitalization by providing of City facilities, improvements, and services. Consider locating focal point(s) within each neighborhood for the dissemination of public services.

CS3P 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.

CS3Q 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.

CS3R 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.

CS3S 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. Reassess the land use element if probable funding falls short of meeting existing capital facilities' needs.

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, and natural gas, etc.).

Implementing Policies:

CS4A Encourage utility providers to co-locate for aesthetics and efficiency.

CS4B Develop an under-grounding ordinance and encourage Local Improvement Districts, to install utilities underground, when appropriate.

CS4C 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.