



CITY OF KIRKLAND

Planning and Community Development Department
123 Fifth Avenue, Kirkland, WA 98033 425.587-3225
www.ci.kirkland.wa.us

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission

From: David Barnes, Green Building Lead and Project Manager
Paul Stewart, Deputy Planning Director

Date: April 18, 2011

Subject: Green Codes Project
File NO. ZON10-00031

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Planning Commission review the draft code language and provide feedback and direction for future refinements.

BACKGROUND

At the March 24th 2011 Planning Commission meeting, Staff presented options and recommendations prior to drafting code amendments. Direction was received on how to proceed and changes were suggested. The Planning Commission comments have been incorporated into the draft code language provided in this memo.

Staff met with the Houghton Community Council on March 28, 2011 to present recommendations. Notes from that meeting are summarized in the comment section below along with corresponding Planning Commission comments.

The **Planning Commission Review** items shown on the Phase One Sustainable Actions Matrix (See Attachment 1) have been previously discussed, but the **City Council Review** items (See Attachment 1) need to be addressed at the next meeting along with the exceptions noted below:

1. Allowing Low Impact Development facilities in the Right-of-Way (Issue B1) received some resistance from the Public Works Department. It may be feasible to allow this type of facility on a case by case basis. A memo will be provided at the next meeting to continue the discussion on this issue.
2. The Low Impact Development/Clustered housing (Issue B2) draft code needs more study and refinement and will be presented at the next meeting.
3. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EVI) draft code (Issue A3).

DISCUSSION

Staff would like to review the draft code for each of the issues in the sequence suggested below so that the proposed code amendments can be approved or modified as necessary. In the column under "Proposed Code Change" new text is indicated as **bold** and deleted text is indicated with ~~strikeouts~~.

Green Infrastructure

ISSUE (A1): Bicycle stalls are required for all new development (except single family and duplex) at the rate of one space for each 12 parking stalls (KZC 105.32). However, covered bicycle stalls or storage is not a requirement in the Zoning Code or design regulations. This does not promote usage of required bicycle stalls during inclement weather and lack of bicycle storage requirements does not encourage employees of commercial establishments or residents of multi-family residential development to bike to work or as an alternative transportation option

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Language
KZC 105.34	New Section	If covered and secured bicycle storage is provided on site, a credit towards parking requirements at a ratio of one less parking stall per 6 bicycle spaces will be granted. The Planning Official may increase credits according to size of development and anticipated pedestrian and bicycle activity and proximity to transit facilities.
KZC 5.177	New Definition for Covered Bicycle Storage	A facility that provides covered protection from inclement weather and racks to secure the bicycles.

Planning Commission Comments: Concept is ok, but showers and changing facilities may be needed for larger businesses. Don't need to provide parking stall break.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Do not make this mandatory.

ISSUE (A2): Kirkland's Parking Regulations do not reflect priority parking for hybrid, low emission, electric or fuel efficient vehicles.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Language
KZC 105.67 Parking Area Design - Preferential Parking Allowance	New Section	Parking Stalls may be allocated for Preferential Parking. Preferential Parking is defined as parking for carpools, HOV's, high efficiency/low emission, electric and alternative fuel vehicles. A restriction on types of vehicles using preferred stalls applies from 7AM-9AM daily.
KZC 5.036	New definition	An alternative fuel vehicle is a vehicle that runs on a fuel other than "traditional" petroleum fuels (petrol or diesel); and also refers to any technology of powering an engine that does not involve solely petroleum (e.g. electric car, hybrid electric vehicles, solar powered)
KZC 5.388	New definition for HOV	High-occupancy vehicle (HOV): a <u>car</u> or other vehicle carrying a required minimum number of passengers, usually two.

Planning Commission Comments: Limiting the parking restriction from 7-9AM was recommended as being supportable. Look at ideas for moped/motorcycle parking. Agree that electric vehicle charging stations parking stalls should count towards parking requirements.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Split on this issue, but the 7-9AM parking restriction for preferred vehicles was viewed favorably. Motorcycle and moped parking should be encouraged but not required.

ISSUE (A3): Compliance with Washington State Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EVI) regulations requires Kirkland to provide allowances in the Zoning Code for EVI charging stations and battery exchange stations. The terminology that Washington States uses for EVI includes Electric Vehicle charging stations and Electric Vehicle Battery Exchange Stations. The State's language says that for Kirkland, that EVI shall be permitted in all zones except Residential, Resource and Critical Areas. The draft language below allows usage of Electric Vehicle Charging equipment for personal vehicles in Residential Zones.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Language
115.33	Discuss at next meeting	

Planning Commission Comments: Moving in right direction. If M/F outlets are recommended by Staff, provide data or study to support it.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Moving in right direction. Staff was asked to consider an incentive for multiple charging stations placed in same parking facility.

Stormwater and Landscaping

ISSUE (B1 & B2): Stormwater runoff when uncontrolled from impervious surfaces, such as roofs and paved surfaces, can lead to channel and soil erosion. The growing area of impervious surfaces in Kirkland contributes to the increase of both volume and velocity of polluted runoff. This section discusses revisions to lot coverage. Staff is continuing to work on this approach and considering revisions to the proposed code changes.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Change
<p>KZC 115.90 Calculating Lot Coverage</p>	<p>1. General – The area of all structures and pavement and any other impervious surface on the subject property will be calculated as a percentage of total lot area. If the subject property contains more than one (1) use, the maximum lot coverage requirements for the predominant use will apply to the entire development.</p> <p>2. Exceptions</p> <p>a. Wood decks may be excluded if constructed with gaps between the boards and if there is pervious surface below the decks.</p> <p>b. An access easement or tract that is not included in the calculation of lot size will not be used in calculating lot coverage for any lot it serves or crosses.</p> <p>c. For detached dwelling units in low density zones and having a front yard, 10 feet of the width of a driveway, outside of the required front yard, serving a garage or carport; provided, that:</p> <p>1) This exception cannot be used</p>	<p>1. General – The area of all structures and pavement and any other impervious surface on the subject property will be calculated as a percentage of total lot area. If the subject property contains more than one (1) use, the maximum lot coverage requirements for the predominant use will apply to the entire development. The following exceptions can be applied to an area equal to ten percent of the total lot area. Lot area not calculated under lot coverage must be dedicated as open space.</p> <p>2. Exceptions</p> <p>a. The use of low impact development (LID) techniques described in 2009 King County Surface Water Design Manual, the Kirkland Addendum to the King County manual, and LID design criteria found within COK PW Pre-Approved Plans. A technique's exemption is based on flow control BMP facility sizing credits outlined in the 2009 Surface Water Design Manual.</p> <p>a. Wood decks may be excluded if</p>

	<p>for flag or panhandle lots;</p> <p>2) The portion of the driveway excepted from lot coverage calculations shall not exceed 10 percent of the lot area; and</p> <p>3) The portion of the driveway excepted is not located in an access easement.</p> <p>d. Grass grid or brick pavers and compact gravel, when installed over a pervious surface, will be calculated as impervious surface at a ratio of 50 percent of the total area covered.</p> <p>e. Outdoor swimming pools.</p> <p>f. Pedestrian walkways required by Chapter 83 KZC and KZC 105.18.</p> <p>g. Pervious areas below eaves, balconies, and other cantilevered portions of buildings.</p> <p>h. Landscaped areas at least two (2) feet wide and 40 square feet in area located over subterranean structures if the Planning Official determines, based on site-specific information submitted by the proponent and prepared by a qualified expert, soil and depth conditions in the landscaped area will provide cleansing and percolation similar to that provided by existing site conditions.</p> <p>i. Retaining walls not immediately adjacent to other impervious areas.</p>	<p>constructed with gaps between the boards and if there is pervious surface below the decks.</p> <p>b. An access easement or tract that is not included in the calculation of lot size will not be used in calculating lot coverage for any lot it serves or crosses.</p> <p>e. For detached dwelling units in low density zones and having a front yard, 10 feet of the width of a driveway, outside of the required front yard, serving a garage or carport; provided, that:</p> <p>1) This exception cannot be used for flag or panhandle lots;</p> <p>2) The portion of the driveway excepted from lot coverage calculations shall not exceed 10 percent of the lot area; and</p> <p>3) The portion of the driveway excepted is not located in an access easement.</p> <p>d. Grass grid or brick pavers and compact gravel, when installed over a pervious surface, will be calculated as impervious surface at a ratio of 50 percent of the total area covered.</p> <p>e. Outdoor swimming pools.</p> <p>f. Pedestrian walkways required by Chapter 83 KZC and KZC 105.18.</p> <p>cg. Pervious areas below eaves, balconies, and other cantilevered portions of buildings.</p> <p>dh. Landscaped areas at least two (2) feet wide and 40 square feet in area located over subterranean structures if the</p>
--	---	--

		<p>Planning Official determines, based on site-specific information submitted by the proponent and prepared by a qualified expert, soil and depth conditions in the landscaped area will provide cleansing and percolation similar to that provided by existing site conditions.</p> <p>i. Retaining walls not immediately adjacent to other impervious areas.</p>
KMC 22.28	Present Concept at next meeting	Clustered housing/LID Planned Unit Development Concept
KZC 5.610 Open Space Definition	Land not covered by buildings, roadways, parking areas or surfaces through which water can percolate into the underlying soils.	Land not covered by buildings, roadways, parking areas or surfaces through which water can percolate into the underlying soils. Open space shall not include buildings, driveways, streets, parking lots or spaces, sidewalks, plazas, terraces, patios, swimming pools, decks or other similar impervious or semi-impervious surfaces.
KZC/KMC 19.04 Storm LID in r-o-w	Present draft Code at next meeting	*Public Works will provide memo at next meeting with their recommendation.

Planning Commission Comments: Moving in right direction. Make sure there are flexible options. Keep Fire Department in loop if access requirements are reduced for Fire Department vehicles.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Moving in right direction. Don't want to remove the exemption for swimming pools.

ISSUE (B3): Development Standards do not allow pervious surfaces for driveways, private roads and parking lots. KZC requires surfaces comparable to right-of-way.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Change
KZC 105.100 Parking Area Design – Surface Materials	1. General – The applicant shall surface the parking area and driveway with a material comparable	1. General – The applicant shall surface the parking area and driveway with a material

	<p>or superior to the right-of-way providing direct vehicle access to the parking area.</p> <p>2. Exception – Grass grid pavers may be used for emergency access areas that are not used in required permanent circulation and parking areas.</p>	<p>comparable or superior to the right-of-way providing direct vehicle access to the parking area.</p> <p>Pervious surfaces (such as pervious concrete or asphalt, and modular grid pavement) can be used in compliance with the stormwater design manual adopted in KMC 15.52.060. Approval by the Public Works Director is required for areas containing a public utility.</p> <p>2. Exception – Grass grid pavers may be used for emergency access areas that are not used in required permanent circulation and parking areas.</p>
<p>KZC 105.10 Vehicular Access Easement or Tract Standards</p>	<p>2. General (item d)</p> <p>d. The paved surface in an easement or tract shall have a minimum of two inches of asphalt concrete over a suitably prepared base which has a minimum thickness of four inches of crushed rock or three inches of asphalt-treated base. The Department of Public Works is authorized to modify the standards for a paved surface on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>2. General (item d)</p> <p>d. The paved surface in an easement or tract shall have a minimum of two inches of asphalt concrete over a suitably prepared base which has a minimum thickness of four inches of crushed rock or three inches of asphalt-treated base. The Department of Public Works is authorized to modify the standards for a paved surface on a case-by-case basis. Pervious surfaces (such as pervious concrete or asphalt, and modular or grassed modular grid pavement) can be used in compliance with the stormwater design manual adopted in KMC 15.52.060. Approval by the Public Works Director is required for areas containing a public utility.</p>
<p>KZC 105.77 Parking Area Design - Curbing</p>	<p>All parking areas and driveways, for uses other than detached dwelling units, must be surrounded by a 6-inch high vertical concrete curb.</p>	<p>All parking areas and driveways, for uses other than detached dwelling units, must be surrounded by a 6-inch high vertical concrete curb.</p> <p>Curb cuts are allowed for stormwater runoff, as approved by the Public Works Director.</p>
<p>KZC 110.25 Required Public Improvements</p>	<p>2.b.3) The applicant shall pave outward 20 feet from the curb adjacent to his/her property or as</p>	<p>2.b.3) The applicant shall pave outward 20 feet from the curb adjacent to his/her property or as</p>

	<p>required by the Public Works Director.</p> <p>3. In all cases except for alleys, if the access point for the subject site is not connected to an existing improved street by an improved hard surface, the applicant shall provide a hard surface improvement, of at least 20 feet in width, to the existing improved street. The applicant may request a modification, deferment or waiver of this requirement through KZC 110.70.</p>	<p>required by the Public Works Director. Pervious pavement can be used.</p> <p>3. In all cases except for alleys, if the access point for the subject site is not connected to an existing improved street by an improved hard surface, the applicant shall provide a hard surface improvement, of at least 20 feet in width, to the existing improved street. Pervious pavement can be used as the hard surface. The applicant may request a modification, deferment or waiver of this requirement through KZC 110.70.</p>
<p>KZC 110.27 Alleys</p>	<p>The pavement width of an alley must be at least 12 feet but may be required to be increased by the Public Works Director or Fire Marshall. For all commercial, industrial, office, or multifamily projects, the applicant shall improve the alley abutting the subject property and extend it to the existing improved street, and may be required to improve an additional 30 feet past the property frontage to provide emergency turnaround. For single-family dwellings using the alley for primary vehicular access, the applicant shall pave a 12-foot-wide asphalt apron extending 20 feet from the nearest improved street toward the subject property. For all types of development permits, the Public Works Director shall determine the extent and nature of other improvements required in alleys on a case-by-case</p>	<p>The pavement width of an alley must be at least 12 feet but may be required to be increased by the Public Works Director or Fire Marshall. For all commercial, industrial, office, or multifamily projects, the applicant shall improve the alley abutting the subject property and extend it to the existing improved street, and may be required to improve an additional 30 feet past the property frontage to provide emergency turnaround. For single-family dwellings using the alley for primary vehicular access, the applicant shall pave a 12-foot-wide asphalt apron extending 20 feet from the nearest improved street toward the subject property. For all types of development permits, the Public Works Director shall determine the extent and nature of other improvements required in alleys on</p>

	<p>basis. Typical improvements include, but are not limited to, replacement of the alley driveway apron and curb, installation of storm drainage, repair of existing paving, and installation of crushed rock in gravel alleys.</p>	<p>a case-by-case basis. Typical improvements include, but are not limited to, replacement of the alley driveway apron and curb, installation of storm drainage, repair of existing paving, and installation of crushed rock in gravel alleys. The use of pervious pavement in alleys will be considered if approved by the Public Works Maintenance and Operations Division.</p>
--	---	---

Planning Commission Comments: Moving in right direction.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Moving in right direction.

ISSUE (B4): Natural drainage solutions such as bio-swales, rain gardens, bio-infiltration boxes, native plants and amended soil are not mentioned in Zoning Code as an option.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Change
<p>KZC 95.44 Internal Parking Lot Landscaping Requirements</p>	<p>1. The parking lot must contain 25 square feet of landscaped area per parking stall planted as follows: a. The applicant shall arrange the required landscaping throughout the parking lot to provide landscape islands or peninsulas to separate groups of parking spaces (generally every eight stalls) from one another and each row of spaces from any adjacent driveway that runs perpendicular to the row. This island or peninsula must be surrounded by a six-inch-high vertical curb and be of similar dimensions as the adjacent parking stalls. b. Landscaping shall be installed pursuant to the following standards: 1) At least one deciduous tree, two inches in caliper, or a coniferous tree five feet in height. 2) Groundcover shall be selected and planted to achieve 60 percent coverage within two years. c. Exception. The requirements of</p>	<p>1. The parking lot must contain 25 square feet of landscaped area per parking stall planted as follows: a. Natural drainage landscapes (such as rain gardens, bioinfiltration swales, and bioretention planters) are encouraged when designed in compliance with the stormwater design manual adopted in KMC 15.52.060. ab. The applicant shall arrange the required landscaping throughout the parking lot to provide landscape islands or peninsulas to separate groups of parking spaces (generally every eight stalls) from one another and each row of spaces from any adjacent driveway that runs perpendicular to the row. This island or peninsula must be surrounded by a six-inch-high vertical curb and be of similar dimensions as the adjacent parking stalls. Curb cuts are allowed for stormwater</p>

	<p>this subsection do not apply to any area that is fully enclosed within or under a building.</p>	<p>runoff, as approved by the Public Works Director.</p> <p>bc. Landscaping shall be installed pursuant to the following standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) At least one deciduous tree, two inches in caliper, or a coniferous tree five feet in height. 2) Groundcover shall be selected and planted to achieve 60 percent coverage within two years. <p>ed. Exception. The requirements of this subsection do not apply to any area that is fully enclosed within or under a building.</p>
--	--	--

Planning Commission Comments: Moving in right direction.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Moving in right direction.

ISSUE (B5): Specific soil criteria for amended soil and for compost are not specified in KZC 95.50. Therefore, it is not likely that existing soil or soil brought to site will help retain moisture or provide fertile grounds for new or existing vegetation.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Change
<p>KZC 95.50 Installation Standards for Required Plantings</p>	<p>4. Soil Specifications. Soils in planting areas shall have adequate porosity to allow root growth. Soils which have been compacted to a density greater than one and three-tenths grams per cubic centimeters shall be loosened to increase aeration to a minimum depth of 24 inches or to the depth of the largest plant root ball, whichever is greater. Imported topsoils shall be tilled into existing soils to prevent a distinct soil interface from forming. After soil preparation is completed, motorized vehicles shall be kept off to prevent excessive compaction and underground pipe damage. The organic content of soils in any landscape area shall be as necessary to provide adequate nutrient and moisture-retention levels for the establishment of plantings. See</p>	<p>4. Soil Specifications. Soils in planting areas shall have adequate porosity to allow root growth. Soils which have been compacted to a density greater than one and three-tenths grams per cubic centimeters shall be loosened to increase aeration to a minimum depth of 24 inches or to the depth of the largest plant root ball, whichever is greater. Imported topsoils shall be tilled into existing soils to prevent a distinct soil interface from forming. After soil preparation is completed, motorized vehicles shall be kept off to prevent excessive compaction and underground pipe damage. The soil quality organic content of soils in any landscape area shall comply with the soil quality section of Washington State Dept. of Ecology BMP T5.13, Post-</p>

	<p>subsection (9) of this section for mulch requirements.</p>	<p>Construction Soil Quality and Depth, from the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington. be as necessary to provide adequate nutrient and moisture retention levels for the establishment of plantings. See subsection (9) of this section for mulch requirements.</p>
--	---	---

Planning Commission Comments: Moving in right direction.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Moving in right direction.

ISSUE (B6): KZC 95.32 only provides for retention of high value trees and does not allow applicant to propose those same variations for the retention of moderate value trees. The intent of this Code Amendment is to allow more flexibility and incentivize applicants to preserve moderate value trees when possible.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Change
<p>KZC 95.32</p>	<p>In order to retain trees, the applicant should pursue provisions in Kirkland's codes that allow development standards to be modified. Examples include but are not limited to number of parking stalls, right-of-way improvements, lot size reduction under Chapter 22.28 KMC, lot line placement when subdividing property under KMC Title 22, Planned Unit Developments, and required landscaping, including buffers for lands use and parking/driving areas.</p> <p>Requirements of the Kirkland Zoning Code may be modified by the Planning Official as outlined below when such modifications would further the purpose and intent of this chapter as set forth in KZC 95.05 and would involve trees with a high retention value.</p> <p>1. Common Recreational Open Space. Reductions or variations of the area, width, or composition of required common recreational open space may be granted.</p>	<p>In order to retain trees, the applicant should pursue provisions in Kirkland's codes that allow development standards to be modified. Examples include but are not limited to number of parking stalls, right-of-way improvements, lot size reduction under Chapter 22.28 KMC, lot line placement when subdividing property under KMC Title 22, Planned Unit Developments, and required landscaping, including buffers for lands use and parking/driving areas.</p> <p>Requirements of the Kirkland Zoning Code may be modified by the Planning Official as outlined below when such modifications would further the purpose and intent of this chapter as set forth in KZC 95.05 and would involve trees with a high or moderate retention value.</p> <p>1. Common Recreational Open Space. Reductions or variations of the area, width, or composition of required common</p>

	<p>2. Parking Areas and Access. Variations in parking lot design and/or access driveway requirements may be granted when the Public Works and Planning Officials both determine the variations to be consistent with the intent of City policies and codes.</p> <p>3. Required Yards. Initially, the applicant shall pursue options for placement of required yards as permitted by other sections of this code, such as selecting one (1) front required yard in the RSX zone and adjusting side yards in any zone to meet the 15-foot total as needed for each structure on the site. The Planning Official may also reduce the front or side required yards; provided, that:</p> <p>a. No required side yard shall be less than five (5) feet; and</p> <p>b. The required front yard shall not be reduced by more than five (5) feet in residential zones. There shall not be an additional five (5) feet of reduction beyond the allowance provided for covered entry porches.</p> <p>4. Storm Water. Requirements pertaining to stormwater may be varied if approved by the Public Works Official under KMC 15.52.060.</p> <p>5. Additional Variations. In addition to the variations described above, the Planning Official is authorized to require site plan alterations to retain trees with a high retention value. Such alterations include minor adjustments to the location of building footprints, adjustments to the location of driveways and access ways, or adjustment to the location of walkways, easements or utilities. The Planning Official and the applicant shall work in good faith to find reasonable solutions</p>	<p>recreational open space may be granted.</p> <p>2. Parking Areas and Access. Variations in parking lot design and/or access driveway requirements may be granted when the Public Works and Planning Officials both determine the variations to be consistent with the intent of City policies and codes.</p> <p>3. Required Yards. Initially, the applicant shall pursue options for placement of required yards as permitted by other sections of this code, such as selecting one (1) front required yard in the RSX zone and adjusting side yards in any zone to meet the 15-foot total as needed for each structure on the site. The Planning Official may also reduce the front or side required yards; provided, that:</p> <p>a. No required side yard shall be less than five (5) feet; and</p> <p>b. The required front yard shall not be reduced by more than five (5) feet in residential zones. There shall not be an additional five (5) feet of reduction beyond the allowance provided for covered entry porches.</p> <p>4. Storm Water. Requirements pertaining to stormwater may be varied if approved by the Public Works Official under KMC 15.52.060.</p> <p>5. Additional Variations. In addition to the variations described above, the Planning Official is authorized to require site plan alterations to retain trees with a high retention value. Such alterations include minor adjustments to the location of building footprints, adjustments to the location of driveways and</p>
--	---	--

		<p>access ways, or adjustment to the location of walkways, easements or utilities. The Planning Official and the applicant shall work in good faith to find reasonable solutions</p>
--	--	--

Planning Commission Comments: Moving in right direction.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Moving in right direction, but cautious about protection of moderate trees being a requirement in the future.

Energy Efficiency and Independence

ISSUE (C1): There are barriers to installation of solar panels and the KZC is silent on language that could help residents and businesses place solar panels and small scale wind appurtenances on their rooftops.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Language
<p>KZC 115.60.2.a.4</p>	<p>New code language</p>	<p>Solar panels on sloped roof forms (greater than 2/12) may exceed the height limits by a maximum of six (6) inches.</p> <p>Solar panels on flat roof forms (less than or equal to 2/12) may exceed the height limits by a maximum of twenty (20) inches.</p>
<p>KZC 116.60.2.b.4</p>	<p>New code language</p>	<p>Solar panels on sloped roof forms (greater than 2/12) may exceed the height limits by a maximum of six (6) inches.</p> <p>Solar panels on flat roof forms (less than or equal to 2/12) may exceed the height limits by a maximum of twenty (20) inches.</p>

KZC 5.882	New code language	Solar Panel: A panel designed to absorb the sun's rays for generating electricity or heating.
KZC 5.872	New code language	Sloped Roof: Roof form greater than 2/12 slope.

Planning Commission Comments: Moving in right direction. Draft code is a manner that does not allow panels to go above height requirements if not necessary.

Houghton Community Council Comments: Moving in right direction. Look for opportunities to go higher with neighbor approval and where views are not blocked nor solar access denied to others.

ISSUE (C2): The Passive House movement in the United States is now certifying homes that meet rigid standards for energy efficiency. The design and implementation using these Passive House concepts can be used when retrofitting existing structures to help them perform better and use less energy. Passive houses are designed to have exterior wall thicknesses of 12 inches and often include rigid insulation.

Zoning Code	Current Code Language	Proposed Code Language
KZC 115.115.3.p	New Code language – Option 1	115.115.3.p) - Existing structures may install exterior rigid insulation and encroach into required yards by 4 inches unless precluded by Fire or Building Codes.
	New code language –Option 2	115.115.3.p) Existing structures may install exterior rigid insulation and encroach into required yards by 6 inches unless precluded by Fire or Building Codes.
	New code language – Option 3	115.115.3.p) Existing structures may install exterior rigid insulation and encroach into required yards by 8 inches unless precluded by Fire or Building Codes.

Planning Commission Comments: This is a good idea. Evaluate compatibility with Fire Code. Also consider impact of greater encroachments in 5 foot setback yard.

Houghton Community Council Comments: This is a good idea. Evaluate compatibility with Fire Code.

Public Outreach

Memo to the Planning Commission

April 18, 2011

Page 15 of 15

The project's public outreach has included the creation of a web page on the Planning Departments web page. In addition, a list-serv has been established so that the public can sign up to receive additional information about Green Codes and how they can become involved in the project. Staff is creating a survey to be sent to list-servs to gauge public awareness and support for the Green Codes project. On May 11th 2011 staff will present a brief overview of the Green Codes Project to the Kirkland Alliance of Neighborhoods.

Attachments

1. Phase One Sustainable Actions Matrix

PHASE ONE - SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS			
CITY COUNCIL REVIEW			
		PROJECT TEAM	REQUIRED ACTION
A SUSTAINABLE "GREEN" INFRASTRUCTURE			
1	LEED Gold certification for all new facilities and LEED Silver for all renovated facilities	Green Building Team (GBT)	Policy Decision/Ordinance
	Create ordinance requiring all new City facilities to achieve a LEED Gold certification and all renovated facilities to meet LEED Silver certification and/ or meet Energy Star requirements. Currently, policy is to achieve LEED Certification, but the level is not defined.	Scott Guter/Green Building Intern	
2	Evaluate existing policies for City Capital Improvement Roads Projects and consider comparing to Green Roads program or similar rating program.	GBT, CIP Department	
	Currently, best management practices are used and certification programs are being tested for possible use as a standard.		
3	Develop measurable goals for the Green Building Section of the Climate Protection Action Plan with an emphasis on GHG reduction.	Green Building Team	Policy Decision
	Revise Green Building section of the Climate Protection Action Plan to include new Green Building Program goals. The Green Building Program will establish goals for GHG reduction through updated program incentives. Possible program amendments to include a deconstruction v.s.demolition program.		
4	Require all project applicants to complete a Sustainability and/or Carbon Footprint checklist with building permit applications.	GBT	Policy Decision
	Require all building permit applicants to complete a Sustainability Feasibility Checklist (Pierce Co), or Carbon Calculator Checklist (King Co) prior to submitting building permit. New SEPA rules may require this.		
B POTABLE WATER CONSERVATION			
1	Develop tools to help manage gray water and its reuse by creating an educational program	GBT	Educational Program
C STORMWATER & LANDSCAPING			
1	Adopt the the City of Seattle's "Green Factor" list after comparing with current landscaping standards.	GBT	Policy Decision/Ordinance
	Need to compare with existing landscape standards and note differences. Green Factor will require additional City staff time in review and inspection.		
2	Modify Surface Water Utility Rate to give discounts for storm Low Impact Development (LID) installed on site	GBT, Jenny, Rob	Policy Decision
	Consider a discounted rate for new single-family, Multi-family and Commercial development based on actual impervious area. We would need to increase basic rate, and require verification of discount eligibility.		
3	Provide a rebate ("Treebate") to residential homeowners to encourage them to plant trees on their private property.	GT, UF	Policy Decision/Program

PHASE ONE - SUSTAINABLE ACTIONS, CONTINUED			
PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW			
		PROJECT TEAM	REQUIRED ACTION
A SUSTAINABLE "GREEN" INFRASTRUCTURE			
1	Modify design regulations to incorporate bicycle storage and low-emission & fuel-efficient vehicle parking.	Green Building Team (GBT)	Zoning Code Amendment
	Increase ratio of bicycle racks to required parking stalls. Require a portion of parking areas to include stalls for low emission & fuel efficient vehicles (much like requirements for ADA stalls). LEED Req. for commercial & multi-family.		
2	Create regulations for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (EVI) in Use Zones as required by WA State Law	GBT	Zoning Code Amendment
	Amend Zoning Code Chapter 115 for allowed zones and chapter 5 for definitions for EVI.		
B STORMWATER & LANDSCAPING			
1	Promote LID through lot coverage/open space standards. Incorporate vegetated roof provisions into KZC Chapter 5 (definitions) and KZC 115.90 (lot coverage exemptions).	GBT, UF, PW and PCD	Zoning Code Amendment
	The issue is that most storm LID uses more open space than traditional sw structures (like dispersion and rain gardens vs. underground pipes). Possibly reduce standard lot coverage from 50% to 40% (or other), but allow 50% if the applicant uses stormwater LID. Goal is to keep more existing trees and existing landscape. Trees and existing landscape detain more runoff. Reducing allowable lot coverage to 40% would help keep some existing landscape. Use KC definition for compatibility with KMC standards. Example: Reduce lot coverage from 50 to 40%, but then allow back up to 50% if structure has vegetated roof.		
2	Provide incentives for single family use regulations to encourage clustered housing (like King County).	GBT, Jeremy	Zoning /Municipal Code Amendment
	Consider modifying subdivision regulations removing minimum lot size requirements and replacing with units per acre.		
3	Revise standards to encourage pervious surfaces for driveways, private roads and parking lots.	GBT, Jenny, Rob	Zoning Code Amendment
	Modular grid pavement, grassed modular grid pavement, or ribbon grass strips for residential driveways or private streets - incorporate into KZC Chapter 105? Recently added LID section to 2010 Pre-Approved Plans, with rain gardens and porous concrete sidewalks. Could be expanded to include other pervious pavement, bioinfiltration boxes, etc. Verify if other standards should be updated.		
4	Revise landscape regulations to incorporate natural drainage structures and native plants requirements for commercial and multi-family sites	GBT	Zoning Code Amendment
	Incorporate natural drainage landscapes (bioswales, rain gardens, and bioengineered planting strips) within parking lots in KZC Chapter 105 and 95.		
5	Incorporate soil amendment provisions into KZC Chapter 95	GBT, Jenny, Rob	Zoning Code Amendment
	Zoning code requires amended soil for tree installation, but does not define amended soil. Apply Ecology definition of amended soil for consistency with stormwater KMC.		
C ENERGY EFFICIENCY & INDEPENDENCE			
1	Create regulations and incentives for small scale wind, photovoltaic, solar hot water, and passive solar design.	GBT	Zoning Code Amendment
	1. Possible incentives: height exemption for solar equipment installations 2. Add code language to prevent development from impeding the solar access of neighboring properties. 3. Allow height and setback encroachments for small scale wind energy systems (KZC 115.60 and 115.115)		
	Allow building envelopes to encroach into required setback yards for exterior rigid insulation	GBT	Zoning Code Amendment
2	Add language to allow reasonable encroachment into required yards to exceed energy code in new construction or to retro fit existing structure. Consider using Passive House concepts as a guideline.		