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<i>No existing policy.</i>	<u>New . Policy LU-1.#: Identify opportunities to simplify development standards in zoning districts by completing actions such as: renaming zones to better describe the allowed mix of uses therein; consolidating multiple zones into a single, simplified zone to simplify future Zoning Code amendments; standardizing development standards across similar zones, etc.</u>	<u>New . Policy LU-1.3: Identify opportunities to simplify development standards in zoning districts by completing actions including, but not limited to:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Consolidating the number of individual zones into related and simplified groups based on existing conditions and planning objectives (e.g., consolidating existing lower density residential zones such as RS, RSX, and RSA into a single zone type);</u> • <u>Renaming zones to better describe the allowed mix of uses therein;</u> • <u>Reducing zones that only apply to a limited number of parcels; and</u> • <u>Standardizing development standards across similar zones.</u> 	V.2: Revised format; revised language related to condensing zones; added bullet point about reducing small zones that only apply to limited areas per PC comments.	Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.
Policy LU-1.3: Encourage attractive site and building design that is compatible in scale and in character with existing or planned development.	Policy LU-1.3: Encourage attractive site and building design that promotes valued community characteristics such as pedestrian activation, high quality materials, publicly accessible and welcoming spaces, and transition strategies to mitigate differences in scale between areas with varying allowed heights and in character with existing or planned development.	Policy LU-1.3 4: Encourage attractive site and building design that promotes valued community characteristics such as pedestrian activation, high quality materials, publicly accessible and welcoming spaces, and transition strategies that bridge in scales between areas with varying land use intensities and in character with existing or planned development.	V.2: Revised language related to transition strategies.	
Policy LU-1.4: Create effective transitions between different land uses.	Policy LU-1.4: Create effective transitions between different land uses.	Removed.	Consider removing in lieu of revised Policy LU-1.3.	
Policy LU-1.5: Regulate land use and development in environmentally sensitive areas to improve and protect environmental quality and avoid unnecessary public and private costs.	Policy LU-1.5: Regulate land use and development in environmentally sensitive areas to improve and protect environmental quality, and avoid unnecessary public and private costs, <u>and encourage public access.</u>	No change from v.1.		

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<p>Goal LU-2: Promote a compact, efficient, and sustainable land use pattern in Kirkland that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports a multimodal transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods; • Minimizes energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and service costs; • Conserves land, water, and natural resources; and • Provides sufficient land area and development intensity to accommodate Kirkland's share of the regionally adopted population and employment targets. 	<p>Goal LU-2: Promote a compact, efficient, and sustainable land use pattern in Kirkland that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports a multimodal transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods; • Minimizes energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and service costs; • Conserves land, water, and natural resources; and • Provides sufficient land area and development intensity to accommodate <u>growth likely to occur in Kirkland based on regional planning objectives and local goals</u> Kirkland's share of the regionally adopted population and employment targets; • <u>Preserves cultural resources and support of new cultural resources identified; and,</u> • <u>Promotes access to opportunity, particularly for: Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; immigrants and refugees; people with low incomes; people with disabilities; seniors; and communities with language access needs.</u> 	<p>Goal LU-2: Promote a compact, efficient, and sustainable land use pattern in Kirkland that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports a multimodal transportation system that efficiently moves people and goods, <u>and connects neighborhoods within the City;</u> • Minimizes energy use, greenhouse gas emissions, and service costs; • Conserves land, water, and natural resources; and • Provides sufficient land area and development intensity to accommodate <u>growth likely to occur in Kirkland based on regional planning objectives and local goals</u> Kirkland's share of the regionally adopted population and employment targets; • <u>Preserves cultural resources and supports new identified cultural resources; and</u> • <u>Promotes access to opportunity, particularly for: Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color communities; immigrants and refugees; people with low incomes; people with disabilities; seniors; renters; and communities with language access needs.</u> 	<p>V.1: Incorporates King County Equity policies and explicitly recognizes historically underserved communities; adds suggested reference to cultural resources per Comprehensive Plan Equity Review.</p> <p>V.2: Added "renters" to last bullet and more language about connectivity per PC comments.</p>	<p>King County Countywide Planning Policies; Equity Review</p>
<p>Policy LU-2.1: Support a range of development densities in Kirkland, recognizing environmental constraints and community character.</p>	<p>Policy LU-2.1: Support a range of development densities intensities in Kirkland, recognizing environmental constraints <u>while enabling development to accommodate growth</u> and community character.</p>	<p>Policy LU-2.1: Support a range of development densities intensities in Kirkland <u>that enables development to accommodate growth and supports equitable access to housing and jobs,</u> while recognizing environmental constraints and community character.</p>	<p>V.1: Removing references to ambiguous phrases such as "community character."</p> <p>V.2: Staff suggested edits.</p>	<p>Equity Review</p>
<p>Policy LU-2.2: Facilitate infill development and encourage redevelopment of underutilized land.</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>	<p>No change from v.1.</p>		
<p>Policy LU-2.3: Ensure an adequate supply of housing units and commercial floorspace to meet the required growth targets.</p>	<p>Policy LU-2.3: Ensure an adequate supply of housing units and commercial floorspace to meet the required growth targets, <u>while also considering additional capacity that promotes the City's Vision and enables smart growth principles.</u></p>	<p>No change from v.1.</p>	<p>Adds additional consideration of meeting Kirkland's Vision to recognize that planning considers smart growth principles beyond the required growth targets.</p>	
<p>Table LU-3: Comparison of Growth Targets and Available Capacity.</p>	<p>New Table LU-34: Comparison of Growth Targets and Available Capacity.</p>	<p>No change from v.1.</p>	<p>Final capacity analysis pending (12/30/2023)</p>	<p>State GMA</p>

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<i>No existing policy.</i>	<u>New. Policy LU 3-#: Consider reducing or removing minimum parking requirements in the Zoning Code for residential uses, including low-density, middle-housing, and stacked dwelling unit housing types.</u>	Removed (combined with LU-3.7).	V.2: Combined with revised Policy LU-3.7.	Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.
Policy LU-3.8: Create a complementary relationship between adjoining land uses and the Cross Kirkland Corridor and Eastside Rail Corridor, both in terms of short term nonmotorized access and future opportunities for high capacity transit.	<i>No change</i>	No change from v.1.		
Policy LU-3.9: Encourage vehicular and nonmotorized connectivity.	Policy LU-3.9: Encourage vehicular and nonmotorized, <u>active transportation connectivity, while prioritizing network improvements that will contribute to reducing the City's Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT).</u>	No change from v.1.	Updated to link with specific Sustainability Strategic Plan action to reduce VMT, and including explicit reference to "active transportation."	Sustainability Strategic Plan; Equity Review
Goal LU-4: Protect and enhance the character and quality of residential neighborhoods while accommodating the City's growth targets.	Goal LU-4: Enhance opportunities for residential growth citywide, <u>including infill development in lower-density residential areas, while accomodating the City's growth targets and enabling production of housing options for people of all income levels.</u>	Goal LU-4: Enhance opportunities for residential growth citywide, <u>including infill development in lower-intensity residential areas, while accomodating the City's growth targets and enabling production of housing options for people of all income levels that are widely distributed throughout all neighborhoods.</u>	V.2: Language revised in goal and policies to incorporate Environmental Justice lens per PC comment.	
Policy LU-4.1: Maintain and enhance the character of Kirkland's residential areas.	Policy LU-4.1: Maintain and enhance <u>the community's vision for safe, walkable, bikeable, and friendly neighborhoods that are connected to each other</u> the character of Kirkland's residential areas.	Policy LU-4.1: Maintain and enhance <u>the community's vision for safe and welcoming neighborhoods that are well-connected to each other via all modes of travel</u> the character of Kirkland's residential areas.	V.1: Remove ambiguous phrasing such as "character" and replace with more specific values for neighborhoods. V.2: Revised per PC and Council discussion.	Equity Review
<i>No existing policy.</i>	<u>New. Policy LU-4.2: Identify opportunities to simplify development standards in primarily residential zones by completing actions such as: renaming "single-family residential zones" to better describe the allowed multi-family and commercial uses therein; consolidating low-density residential zones into a single zone to simplify future Zoning Code amendments; standardizing development standards across low-density residential zones, etc.</u>	No change from v.1.	New policy will support adopted Planning Work Program tasks to implement new WA State housing legislation, optimize middle housing development standards, etc.	Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.

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<i>No existing policy.</i>	New. Policy LU-4.3: Establish a new minimum lot size, applied throughout residential zones, that would allow for the construction of a minimum 1,200-square-foot house to support affordability and housing supply objectives.	New. Policy LU-4.3: Establish a new, reduced minimum lot size applied throughout residential zones to support affordability, more opportunities for fee-simple ownership, and housing supply objectives.	V.1: New policy will support adopted Planning Work Program tasks to implement new WA State housing legislation, optimize middle housing development standards, etc. V.2: Revised to remove a guaranteed minimum dwelling unit size per PC comment; added reference to enabling more fee-simple lots per Council comment.	Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.
Policy LU-4.2: Locate the highest density residential areas close to shops and services and transportation hubs.	Policy LU-4.2 4: Locate the highest density intensity residential areas close to shops and services and transportation hubs.	Policy LU-4.2 4: Locate the highest density intensity residential areas close to shops and services, <u>employment centers</u> , and transportation hubs.	V.2: Revised per staff suggestion.	
Policy LU-4.3: Allow for new residential growth consistent with the basic pattern of land use in the City.	Policy LU-4.3 5: Encourage Allow for new residential growth to meet City objectives of environmental sustainability, economic growth, and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging principles consistent the basic pattern of land use in the City, and including Washington State required allowances for middle-housing types such as Accessory Dwelling Units, Cottages, and multi-plexes in lower-density neighborhoods.	No change from v.1.	Explicitly refencing increased density allowances in lower density neighborhoods.	WA State HB 1110 (adopted 2023)
Policy LU-4.4: Consider neighborhood character and integrity when determining the extent and type of land use changes.	Remove. Policy LU-4.4: Consider neighborhood character and integrity when determining the extent and type of land use changes.	No change from v.1.	Remove ambiguous phrasing such as "character" and replace with more specific values for neighborhoods. Policy redundant with revised Policy LU-4.1.	Equity Review
Policy LU-4.5: Allow neighborhoods to propose small scale neighborhood-oriented commercial uses within residential areas to meet local needs and reduce reliance on vehicle trips to meet daily needs.	Policy LU-4.5 6: Develop standards that allow neighborhoods to propose small scale neighborhood-oriented commercial uses within residential areas, <u>including corner stores and commercial uses operated within homes</u> , to meet local needs and reduce reliance on vehicle trips to meet daily needs.	No change from v.1.		Per PC/City Council study issue for Land Use Element.
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New. Policy LU-4.7: Evaluate planning in the Totem Lake and Greater Downtown regional growth centers and high-capacity transit station areas for their potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of marginalized residents and businesses, and use a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts.	No change from v.1.	Incorporates PSRC Vision 2050 requirement.	MPP-DP-23

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Fig. LU-2: Commercial and Mixed Use Areas	New Fig. LU-2: Commercial and Mixed Use Areas	No change from v.1.	Update if there any changes to the map with proposed land use designation changes.	
Goal LU-5: Plan for a hierarchy of commercial and mixed use areas serving neighborhood, community, and/or regional needs.	<i>No change.</i>	No change from v.1.		
<p>Policy LU-5.1: Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for commercial and mixed use areas:</p> <p>Urban Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create lively and attractive districts with a human scale. • Create attractive, pedestrian-oriented streets through building placement and design and by minimizing the obtrusive nature of parking lots. • Support a mix of retail, office, and residential uses in multistory structures. • Create effective transitions between commercial areas and surrounding residential neighborhoods. <p>Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage multimodal transportation options. • Promote an intensity and density of land uses sufficient to support effective transit and pedestrian activity. • Promote a street pattern that provides through connections, pedestrian accessibility and vehicular access. • Encourage pedestrian travel to and within commercial and mixed use areas by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Safe and attractive walkways; o Close groupings of stores and offices; o Placement of parking in structures, underground, or to the back or side of buildings. 	<p>Policy LU-5.1: Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for commercial and mixed use areas:</p> <p>Urban Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create lively and attractive districts with a human scale. • Create attractive, pedestrian-oriented streets through building placement and design and by minimizing the obtrusive nature of parking lots. • Support a mix of retail, office, and residential uses in multistory structures. • Create effective transitions between <u>areas of varying intensities</u> commercial areas and surrounding residential neighborhoods. <p>Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Develop</u> Encourage multimodal transportation options. • Promote an intensity and density of land uses sufficient to support effective transit and pedestrian activity. • Promote a street pattern that provides through connections, pedestrian accessibility and vehicular access. • Encourage pedestrian travel to and within commercial and mixed use areas by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Safe and attractive walkways; o Close groupings of stores and offices; o Placement of parking in structures, underground, or to the back or side of buildings. 	No change from v.1.	With more mixed-use zones in the City, policy revised to refer to focusing on transitions more between different intensities (e.g., height, bulk, mass) than different uses.	
Policy LU-5.2: Maintain and strengthen existing commercial and mixed use areas by focusing economic development within them.	<i>No change.</i>	Policy LU-5.2: Maintain and strengthen existing commercial and mixed use areas by focusing economic development <u>and affordable housing</u> within them.	V.2: Revised per staff suggestion.	
Policy LU-5.3: Enhance and strengthen Kirkland’s commercial and mixed use areas consistent with the neighborhood plan for each area.	<i>No change.</i>	Policy LU-5.3: Enhance and strengthen Kirkland’s commercial and mixed use areas consistent with the <u>City's 2044 Vision, growth targets,</u> <u>and the neighborhood plan</u> for each area.	V.2: Revised per staff suggestion.	
Policy LU-5.4: Provide opportunities for a variety of employment.	<i>No change.</i>	Policy LU-5.4: No change from v.1.		

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Policy LU-5.5: Support the Greater Downtown area as an Urban Center/Regional Growth Center.	Policy LU-5.5: Support the Greater Downtown area as an Urban Center/Regional Growth Center.	Removed; no change from v.1.	Remove; obsolete policy with certification of Greater Downtown Regional Growth Center by PSRC in 2023.	
Policy LU-5.6: Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s diverse Neighborhood Centers to serve as business centers and as walkable focal points for the local community. Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and enhance neighborhood-serving retail, especially grocery stores. • Promote a mix of complementary uses. • Support redevelopment at an intensity that helps meet Kirkland’s required growth targets in walkable neighborhoods with good transit service. • Create gathering places and opportunities for social interaction. • Create and maintain unique places that complement and reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhood. 	Policy LU-5.6 5: Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s diverse Neighborhood Centers to serve as business centers and as walkable focal points for the local community. Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and enhance neighborhood-serving retail, especially grocery stores. • Promote a mix of complementary uses. • Support redevelopment at an intensity that helps meet Kirkland’s required growth targets in walkable neighborhoods with good transit service. • Create gathering places and opportunities for social interaction. • Create and maintain unique places that <u>promote the City's 2044 Vision complement and reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhood.</u> 	Policy LU-5.6 5: Maintain and enhance Kirkland’s diverse Neighborhood Centers to serve as business centers and as walkable focal points for the local community. Reflect the following principles in development standards and land use plans for these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and enhance neighborhood-serving retail, especially grocery stores. • Promote a mix of complementary uses. • Support redevelopment at an intensity that helps meet Kirkland’s required <u>affordable housing and growth</u> targets in walkable neighborhoods with good transit service. • Create gathering places and opportunities for social interaction. • Create and maintain unique places that <u>promote the City's 2044 Vision complement and reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhood.</u> 	V.1: Remove ambiguous phrasing such as "character" and replace with more specific values/vision identified by the community. V.2: Revised per staff suggestion.	Equity Review
Policy LU-5.7: Encourage redevelopment and adaptive reuse of Kirkland’s Light Industry/Office areas in a manner that supports the existing mix of allowed uses while enabling these areas to evolve into innovative areas for commerce and employment.	<i>No change.</i>	Policy LU-5.7 6: No change from v.1.		
Policy LU-5.8: Allow for innovative land use and development within the Cross Kirkland Corridor Overlay where such innovation enhances the recreational, transportation, and economic development potential of the Corridor.	<i>No change.</i>	Policy LU-5.8 7: Allow for innovative land use and development within the Cross Kirkland Corridor Overlay where such innovation enhances the recreational, transportation, <u>environmental</u> , and economic development potential of the Corridor.	V.2: Revised per staff suggestion.	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New. Policy LU-5.8: Conduct a study to identify regulatory barriers to development in the City's Neighborhood Commercial Centers including, but not limited to: reducing minimum parking requirements, removing land aggregation or minimum parcel size requirements, increasing nearby housing densities, and removing minimum lot size per housing unit requirements.	New. Policy LU-5.8: Identify and remove regulatory barriers to development in the City's Neighborhood Commercial Centers including, but not limited to: reducing or eliminating minimum parking requirements, removing land aggregation or minimum parcel size requirements, increasing nearby housing densities, identifying opportunities for mid-block connections, and removing minimum lot size per housing unit requirements.	V.2: Strengthened policy and added language about mid-block connections per PC comments.	

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<i>No existing policy.</i>	New. Policy LU-5.9: Identify potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of existing businesses that may result from redevelopment and market pressure. Use a range of strategies to mitigate displacement impacts to the extent feasible.	New. Policy LU-5.9: Identify potential physical, economic, and cultural displacement of existing businesses that may result from redevelopment and market pressure. Use a range of strategies to mitigate direct displacement impacts to the extent feasible.	V.2: Added "direct" displacement per PC comment.	
Goal LU-6: Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space throughout the City that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserves natural systems, • Protects wildlife habitat and corridors, • Provides land for recreation, and • Preserves natural landforms and scenic areas. 	Goal LU-6: Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space throughout the City that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserves natural systems, • Protects wildlife habitat and corridors, • Provides land for recreation, • Promotes actions from the <u>Sustainability Strategic Plan</u>, and • Preserves natural landforms and scenic areas. 	No change from v.1.		
Policy LU-6.1: Distribute parks and open spaces throughout the City, with particular focus on new facilities in areas of the City facing the greatest population growth, in areas where facilities are deficient, and/or in areas where connections of the open space network could be made.	<i>No change.</i>	Policy LU-6.1: Distribute parks and open spaces throughout the City, <u>prioritizing historically underserved communities, and with particular focus on new facilities in areas of the City facing the greatest population growth, in areas where facilities are deficient, and/or in</u> in areas where connections of the open space network could be made.	V.2: Added a priority to serve historically underserved communities in alignment with Parks element draft policy.	
Policy LU-6.2: Work with adjacent jurisdictions; County, State, federal, and tribal governments; and nonprofit groups to identify and protect open space networks to be preserved within and around Kirkland.	<i>No change.</i>	No change from v.1.		
Policy LU-6.3: Consider the City's streets and the Cross Kirkland Corridor as integral parts of the overall open space network.	<i>No change.</i>	Policy LU-6.3: <u>Identify strategies to incorporate</u> Consider the City's streets and the Cross Kirkland Corridor as integral parts of the overall open space network.	V.2: Revised policy to clarify what "Consider" means per PC comment.	
Policy LU-6.4: Preserve Kirkland's urban separators.	<i>No change.</i>	Policy LU-6.4: Preserve Kirkland's <u>Growth Management Act-designated</u> urban separators.	V.2: Revised to clarify Urban Separator is a GMA defined term.	
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New. Policy LU-6.4: Identify opportunities to work with private property owners to designate publicly accessible open space to create a <u>more connected greenspace network.</u>	No change from v.1.		
Goal LU-7: Protect and enhance Kirkland's natural resources.	<i>No change.</i>	No change from v.1.		
Policy 7.1: Continue to designate and protect critical areas based on best available science, with special consideration to preserving and enhancing anadromous fisheries.	<i>No change.</i>	No change from v.1.		

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Policy LU-7.2: Decrease energy use, promote renewable energy, and promote public health through land use strategies that promote a mix of housing, employment, and services at intensities sufficient to promote walking, bicycling, and transit.	Policy LU-7.2: Decrease energy use, promote renewable energy, and promote public health through land use strategies that promote a mix of housing, employment, and services at intensities sufficient to promote <u>active transportation</u> walking, bicycling, and transit.	No change from v.1.	Made language inclusive of all active transportation modes instead of just walking and biking.	Equity Review
Goal LU-8: Maintain criteria, regulations and procedures that allow for the siting of essential public facilities as well as government and community facilities.	Goal LU-8: Maintain criteria, regulations and procedures that allow for the siting of essential public facilities as well as government and community facilities, <u>and provide flexible options that allow for timely responses to emerging needs in the community.</u>	No change from v.1.		
Policy LU-8.1: Work cooperatively with King County, the State and/or other cities to site essential public facilities.	<i>No change</i>	No change from v.1.		
Policy LU-8.2: Consider the following in siting essential public facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility to the people served; • Public involvement; • Protection of neighborhoods; • Preservation of natural resources; • The cost-effectiveness of service delivery; • Location near transit and mixed-use centers; and • The goals and policies of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. 	<i>No change</i>	Policy LU-8.2: Consider the following in siting essential public facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility to the people served; • Public involvement, <u>especially from historically marginalized communities;</u> • Protection of neighborhoods; • Preservation of natural resources; • The cost-effectiveness of service delivery; • Location near transit and mixed-use centers; • <u>Mitigating climate change, economic, and health impacts;</u> and • The goals and policies of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. 	V.2: Revised to comply with regional and county requirements.	PSRC Vision 2050 MPP-PS-20; King County CPP PF-24.
Policy LU-8.3: Design essential public facilities as well as government and community facilities to reduce incompatibility with adjacent land uses.	<i>No change</i>	No change from v.1.		
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New. <u>Policy LU-8.4:</u> Prioritize services and access to opportunity for <u>people of color, people with low incomes, and historically underserved communities to ensure all people can attain the resources and opportunities to improve quality of life and address past inequities.</u>	No change from v.1.	Adds equity considerations for siting of public facilities and provision of public services.	PSRC Vision 2050 MPP-RC-2
<i>No existing policy.</i>	New. <u>Policy LU-8.5:</u> Identify opportunities to locate services for <u>community members experiencing homelessness on publicly-owned properties, and create a streamlined process to approve the siting of such facilities.</u>	No change from v.1.	Adds equity considerations for siting of public facilities and provision of public services; provides support for City to identify creative solutions to respond to homelessness.	PSRC Vision 2050 MPP-RC-3
<i>No existing goal.</i>	New. <u>Goal LU-9:</u> Intentionally advance the City's Sustainability goals <u>and policies with patterns of land use and future amendments to development standards.</u>	No change from v.1.		Kirkland Sustainability Strategic Plan

Land Use Element Goal and Policy Updates

(V.1 highlighted policies (in blue) were discussed by Planning Commission focus at the Land Use Element Policy Briefing #1, January 2024. V.2 highlighted policies(in yellow) are suggested for PC focus at Policy Briefing #2, March 2024.)

Deleted text shown in strikethrough. Added text shown in underline.

EXISTING LAND USE ELEMENT GOALS AND POLICIES	PROPOSED GOAL AND POLICY REVISIONS [v.1]	PROPOSED GOAL AND POLICY REVISIONS [v.2] (Edits based on January 2024 PC feedback, staff consistency notes from other Elements, and March 2024 Council feedback on Housing policies)	NOTES FOR PLANNING COMMISSION	REVISION REQUIRED PER: (State, Regional, County, Equity Review etc.)
Policy CC-4.7: Enhance City and neighborhood identity through features that provide a quality image that reflects the City’s unique characteristics and vision.	Not included in v.1 briefing.	Policy LU-11.5: Enhance City and neighborhood identity through <u>identifying and protecting features that are valued and unique to different areas in the City, including built and natural environment components, and provide a quality images that reflects the City’s unique characteristics and vision.</u>	Propose to move from Community Character Element into Land Use Element Removing vague language to better articulate intent of policy.	Equity Review
Policy CC-4.8: Provide public information signs that present clear and consistent information and a quality image of the City.	Not included in v.1 briefing.	Policy LU-11.6: Provide public information signs that present clear and consistent information and an <u>intentional visual representation quality image</u> of the City.	Propose to move from Community Character Element into Land Use Element Revised vague language.	Equity Review
Policy CC-4.9: Implement sign regulations that equitably allow visibility in the display of commercial information and protect Kirkland’s visual character.	Not included in v.1 briefing.	Policy LU-11.7: Implement sign regulations that equitably allow visibility in the display of commercial information and protect <u>Kirkland’s visual character promote a cohesive design aesthetic that is in context with district design guidelines, where present.</u>	Propose to move from Community Character Element into Land Use Element.	
Policy CC-4.10: Maintain and enhance the appearance of streets and other public spaces	Not included in v.1 briefing.	Policy LU-11.8: Maintain and enhance the appearance of streets and other public spaces	Propose to move from Community Character Element into Land Use Element.	
Policy CC-4.11: Minimize impacts on residential neighborhoods.	Not included in v.1 briefing.	Policy CC-4.11: Minimize impacts on residential neighborhoods.	Propose to remove as other Land Use policies address cohesion and scale compatibility across different land uses and intensities.	