

Coffee with the Mayor Recap

Date: May 19, 2016

<b>Policy Issues</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Resolution/Action/Notes</b>
How many non-city residents are connected to Sequim's system? Do they pay a higher rate for service?	There are 3 single family residences and 1 multifamily connected to City water. These customers pay 1.5 times the City resident rate.  There are 283 sewer customers. They pay 1.5 times the city resident rate per contract. There are 27 paying 1.6 times the City resident rate per contract and 17 paying 2 times the City resident rate per Sequim Municipal Code.
There does not seem to be an orderly transition from single family through industrial zoning.	There is no industrial zoning or use in the City currently. The historic growth patterns of the City created many abrupt interfaces between residential and non-residential districts. Design standards that are designed to mitigate impacts of these edges were added to the zoning code in 2003.
Are there any minimum lot sizes per unit when more than one housing unit is built on the same site?	Yes. There are minimum lot sizes and density limits in all zones except the Downtown District that is governed by bulk, height and parking limits.
Are mobile homes allowed in any residential zone?	Yes. However, they must adhere to the same building code standards as a site-built house and conform to all standards of the zoning district in which located. (Allowance is mandated by State law.)
Are there any off-street parking requirements per unit? If so, how many parking spaces are required per unit? Covered or uncovered?	There are minimum parking requirements for most permitted uses. Required parking does not have to be covered but it must be paved. For residential uses, the requirement varies from 2 spaces per dwelling unit for 1-4 unit structures to 1.5 per unit for structures with five or more units. Mobile home parks must provide two per unit.
Buildings, vegetation and fences obscure visibility at several intersections. Are there any set back or height requirements?	The current code generally allows structures in all Community Business, General Business, and Downtown District zones to be located to the front and side property lines. In all other zones including residential, the code requires that a "clear-view triangle" be maintained at all intersections. The code limits visual obstacles to no more than 42" high within the triangle that connects lines 15 feet back from the corner of the front and side property lines.

Are there any requirements for property owners to cut or disc weeds on vacant properties?	The City code requires that property owners control all vegetation to preclude health and safety hazards. This includes controlling weeds so not to exceed 12” to avoid a “nuisance” condition. Staff responds to weed complaints for correction regularly.
Are there any laws which would require owners to clean up trash in yards? (boats, inoperable cars, etc. in front or side yards visible from the street)	Trash accumulation that creates a health or safety hazard is prohibited – the City’s Code Compliance Officer addresses these conditions, including junk vehicles, regularly throughout the City. The City Council recently adopted new code provisions to increase the financial penalty of chronic code violations. A new Property Maintenance Code is pending Council consideration. These issues are enforced on a complaint basis so it is important to contact the City’s Code Compliance Officer at 683-4908 if you have a concern.

<b>Operational Issues</b>	
Topic	Resolution/Action/Notes
Alley near Bell off 5 <sup>th</sup> – plans?	There are currently no plans for this area.
East on Washington and making left on 7 <sup>th</sup> light on green arrow only allows 3 cars to turn	A traffic engineer is currently studying these issues.
Speeding on Spruce & 7 <sup>th</sup> stop sign – running	Speed enforcement will take place during the month of August
Site lines an issue at intersections	See above. (The standards for site lines are in SMC 18.44.050.)
Yard waste is it possible to have more service every week during summer? 2 cans?	Please contact DM Disposal for this information. Their phone number is 452-7278.
Regular recycling – too much (huge can) – no glass	Note: Is there still a dumpster near the shop for recycling glass?
Making a left from Washington onto 5 <sup>th</sup> and Sequim Avenue	A traffic engineer is currently studying these issues.
Can we give a break on fees to build a house for low-income residents?	There is not a provision for this in our municipal code.
Speed and reckless driving on East Fir all day	Speed enforcement will take place during the month of August.
Cars in the yard on Govan off of Fir	This has been forwarded to our Code Compliance Officer for investigation. Cars must be parked on an improved (paved) surface.
Drug dealing in the alley.	Please call 9-1-1 when these activities are taking place.
Camera on totem	A camera has been purchased to increase coverage on the totem. It is scheduled to be installed soon.
<b>County issues</b>	

<p>Carlsborg sewer – will their payment be based on gallons of sewerage or a flat fee? Is there a deadline for hooking to the sewer: are all house branches being installed as part of the original contract? Will the whole area be sewerred?</p>	<p>Payment will be based on gallons. A percentage of project costs will also be billed for upgrades and repairs. Other questions can be answered by Clallam County.</p>
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