

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY ELEMENT

COMMUNITY LIVABILITY GOALS AND POLICIES

This element includes a section on goals and policies. The City must implement and be consistent with all goals and policies of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

(Note: Each goal is identified by a lettering and numbering system related to the name of the comprehensive plan element where it is located. For example, the goal in the Community Livability Element is indicated by “CL”.)

Goals

The Community Livability Element contains one primary goal:

GOAL CL-1. Livability for current and future generations

Policies

The City must implement Comprehensive Plan policies through regulations, strategies, programs, and other actions. The following policies correspond with the Community Livability goal.

Policy CL-1.1 Promote a positive image of the city as a vibrant, thriving, and desirable place in which to live, work, shop, and play.

Policy CL-1.2 Strive to achieve the Community Vision identified in this element.

Policy CL-1.3 Provide for the enjoyment of natural resources through the preservation or enhancement of public open space, greenbelts, and trails.

Policy CL-1.4 Promote a pedestrian-friendly environment.

Policy CL-1.5 Encourage community events and activities.

Discussion: A sense of community begins with people seeing each other and having an opportunity for interaction. Activities especially benefit the community when they are held in an open, welcoming manner and help a variety of people to get acquainted, learn about issues, share ideas, appreciate art and music, accomplish a project, or just have fun.

Policy CL-1.6 Create opportunities for public education and participation in community planning.

Policy CL-1.7 Consider social, environmental, and economic factors in community development.

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- Policy CL-1.8 Encourage the community’s diversity of lifestyles and neighborhoods.
- Discussion: Mountlake Terrace represents a broad cross-section of people and neighborhoods. Appreciation of these differences should be encouraged, while maintaining community standards of health and safety.
- Policy CL-1.9 Provide quality library services, responding to the needs of the region’s residents.
- Policy CL-1.10 Provide recreational programs, parks, and trails that accommodate a variety of interests and abilities.
- Policy CL-1.11 Be proactive in identifying and preserving resources of historic or cultural significance.
- Policy CL-1.12 Coordinate with other jurisdictions and agencies on matters of public safety and welfare.
- Policy CL-1.13 Promote a strengthened downtown commercial core and a healthy local economy.
- Policy CL-1.14 Encourage beautification efforts, including but not limited to landscaping and signage, and a clean, well-kept environment.
- Policy CL-1.15 Provide civic buildings, parks, and plazas that encourage friendly neighborhood interaction and meet other citizen needs.
- Policy CL-1.16 Promote high-quality design and development.
- Policy CL-1.17 Support an excellent school system.
- Policy CL-1.18 Encourage housing and neighborhoods in which people want to live.
- Policy CL-1.19 Enforce City regulations to control nuisances and meet other requirements.
- Policy CL-1.20 Continue an animal control program.