

UTILITIES ELEMENT

GOALS AND POLICIES

Goal 1 - Assure that the energy and communication facilities and services to support current and future development are available as needed.

- Pol. UT 1.1 The City does not provide natural gas, electrical or communication services. These facilities and services are currently provided by private companies. To facilitate the coordination of these services, the City should discuss and exchange population forecasts, development plans and technical data with the agencies identified in this plan.
- Pol. UT 1.2 New development shall be allowed only when and where all public utilities are adequate, and only when and where such development can be adequately served without reducing level of service elsewhere.
- Pol. UT 1.3 Coordinate City actions with the appropriate activities of the Bonneville Power Administration, Puget Power, Century Tel, AT&T, MCI, Sprint, and Comcast. These coordination efforts should ensure that these providers of services and utilities rely upon the Land Use Element of this Plan to plan future facilities. .
- Pol. UT 1.4 The City of Orting adopts the following level of service guidelines:
- a. Collection service for solid waste shall be available to all properties within the City.
 - b. Coordinate land use and facility planning with Puget Power to allow for siting and construction of electrical transmission and distribution facilities that provide sufficient amounts of power with minimal periods of service interruption.
 - c. Promote the extension of natural gas distribution lines within the City. Coordinate land use and facility planning to allow for construction and replacement of natural gas distribution conduits along roadways which are undergoing reconstruction.
 - d. For telecommunications, including telephone, cellular telephone and cable television, advocate the development and maintenance of facilities necessary to provide services as needed to accommodate population growth and advancements in technology. For cellular telephone service, work with providers to enhance the range of the regional service area.

Goal 2 - Seek to minimize impacts associated with the siting, development, and operation of utility services and facilities on adjacent properties and the natural environment.

- Pol. UT 2.1 Electric power substations and recycling drop-off boxes should be sited, designed, and buffered (through extensive screening and/or landscaping) to fit in harmoniously with their surroundings. When sited within or adjacent to residential areas, special attention should be given to minimizing noise, light and glare impacts. Visual and land use impacts resulting from electrical system upgrades shall also be mitigated.
- Pol. UT 2.2 The City shall encourage or require implementation of resource conservation practices and best management practices according to the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service during the construction, operation, and maintenance of utility structures and improvements.
- Pol. UT 2.3 The City shall establish a process for identifying and siting essential public facilities, such as solid waste or recycling handling facilities and cooperatively work with surrounding municipalities and Pierce County during the siting and development of facilities of regional significance.

Goal 3 - Maintain an adequate and effective solid waste and recycling program which maintains public health, environmental and land use quality.

- Pol. UT 3.1 The City should strive to reduce the solid waste stream and maintain a 50% recycling rate by 2007 (RCW 70.95.090).
- Pol. UT 3.2 Continue existing recycling activities and work with Pierce County and solid waste haulers to expand the local recycling program, including collection of materials not currently collected.
- Pol. UT 3.3 Support Pierce County in maintaining an information management program which will aid in tracking and evaluating the waste stream and recycling program impacts in the City.
- Pol. UT 3.4 Encourage private and public sector involvement in recycling programs and in the use of recycled products.