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City of Mercer Island
Community Planning and Development
9611 SE 36th St
Mercer Island, WA 98040
Cc: Evan Maxim
Cc: Mercer Island City Council

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter to provide feedback for the Community Facilities zone proposed code. Please route to the appropriate individuals for consideration.

- **Leaf blower, and other cleaning activities which cause noise for >1 hour in duration: Alternatives that do not create excessive noise shall be incorporated into maintenance practices. Code enforcement shall be written into the requirements which includes fines for violations. Neighbors must agree to design.** (Current situation – Neighbors must listen to leaf blower from daylight to after dark – 8 hours sometimes in a row without stopping)
- **Lighting: Outside lighting shall be baffled so it does not span beyond the parking area. Code enforcement shall be written into the requirements which includes fines for violations. Neighbors must agree to design.** (Current situation - Neighbors require blackout shades. Lighting is damaging to eyes.)
- **Code enforcement which include fines shall be beyond the 5-year bonding limit for maintenance of building, shrubbery, landscape buffer. Neighbors must agree to design.** (Current situation - Maintenance has not been done for 30+ years to trim or replace dead trees, keep area clean of garbage, or refresh/water shrubbery during dry times.)
- **Safe walking areas shall be provided for pedestrians, bicyclists. Preventative measures to avoid accidents shall be incorporated into the design. Neighbors must agree to design. Code enforcement shall be written into the requirements which includes fines for violations.** (Current situation – pedestrians walking nearby these areas are not protected – see attached).
- **Safe driving areas shall be provided for vehicles. Preventative measures to avoid accidents shall be incorporated into the design. Neighbors must agree to design. Code enforcement shall be written into the requirements which includes fines for violations.** (Current situation – cars do not know who has the right of way in these areas -see attached).

Thank you for your consideration.

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