



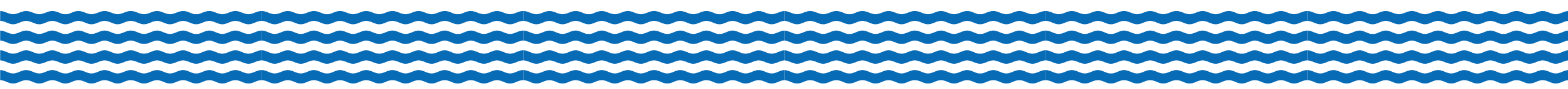
Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review  
**Economic Development  
Element**

City Of Mercer Island Planning Commission  
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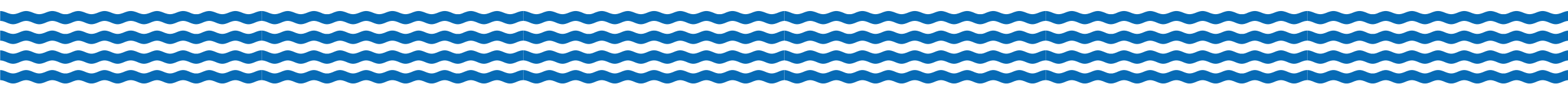
# Purpose

To brief the Planning Commission on the comments received regarding the first draft of the Economic Development Element and Implementation Plan.



# What is the Economic Development Element?

- New element of the Comprehensive Plan
- Sets goals, and policies to guide economic development decision-making.
- Details the projects and programs the City will undertake to support the local economy.

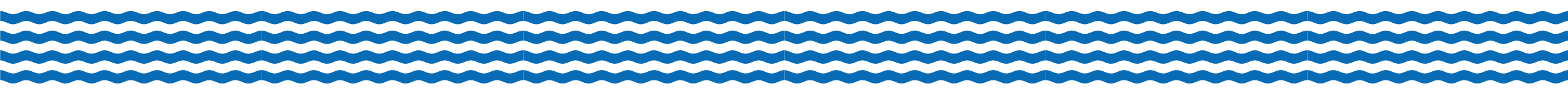


# Comments



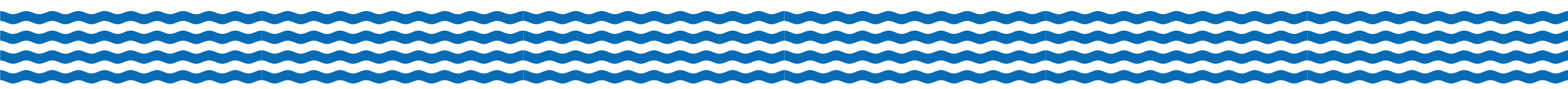
# Planning Commission Comments

- Four Planning Commission comments were received:
  - July 12, Chris Goelz, Attachment C, Log #s 1 – 32, 46 – 47
  - July 12, Adam Ragheb, Attachment C, Log #s 33 – 45
  - July 17, Angie Battazzo, see Attachment D
  - July 19, Carolyn Boatsman, see Attachment D



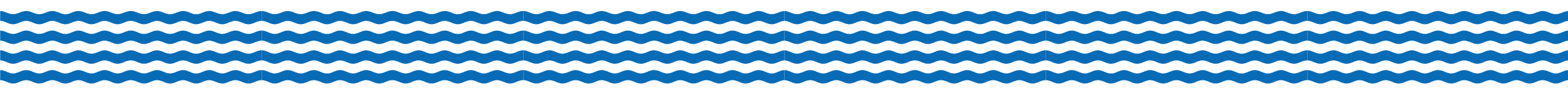
# Public Comments

- Two public comments were received:
  - July 11, Kian Bradley, Attachment C, Log #s Pub-1 to Pub-4
  - July 13, Bonnie Godfred, Attachment C, Log # Pub-5
- The complete public comments are provided in Attachment C for the Planning Commission's consideration.



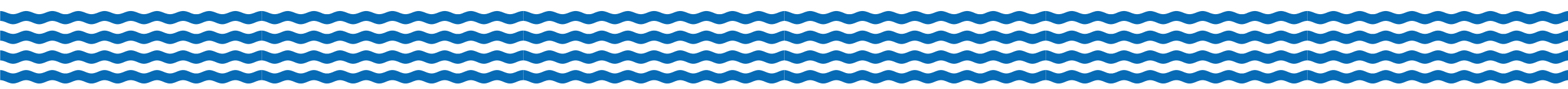
# PC Comments by July 12 Deadline

- Planning Commission Comments received on or before July 12 were inserted into the second draft so they can be considered in context.
- Proposed amendments shown in ~~strikeout~~/underline.
- Proposed Goal and Policy amendments paired with the comment log number in the second draft.



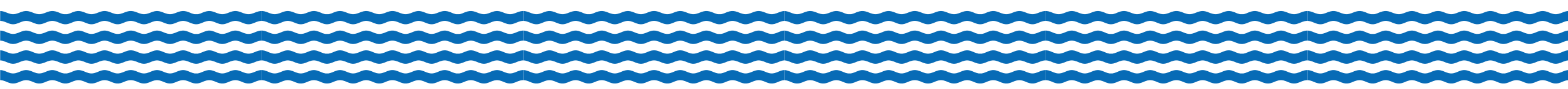
# PC Comments After July 12 Deadline

- Planning Commission Comments received after July 12 were provided in Attachment D.
- These comments have not been inserted into the draft or categorized because they were received after the deadline.
- Staff will categorize these comments and get them inserted into the next draft prior to the September meeting.



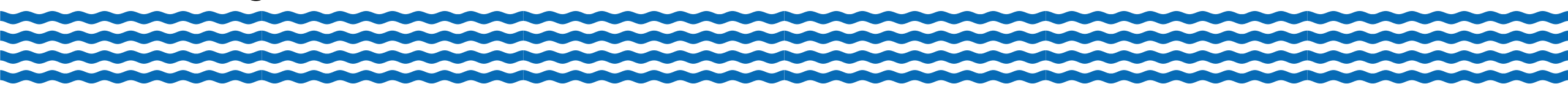
# Comment Categories

Planning Commission Comments received on or before July 12 were placed in three categories based on the level of review needed:

- **Simple Amendments:** minor amendments that do not change policy direction;
  - **Deliberation Needed:** smaller text changes that would also affect policy direction. Most of these only need a decision on whether to make the change; and
  - **Deliberation and Direction Needed:** significant changes to direction of the draft. For these comments, the Planning Commission needs to both decide whether to make the change and provide staff with direction.
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# Review Process

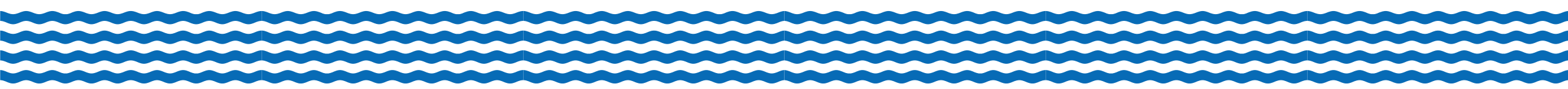
Given the quantity of proposed amendments, staff proposes the following process:

- **Tonight:** PC can agree to the simple amendments by consensus
  - **August – September:** PC members can consider the amendments needing additional deliberation. In August staff will provide an updated draft that incorporates the comments received after July 12.
  - **September 27 Meeting:** Begin working through the amendments needing deliberation. This review can be continued at subsequent meetings.
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# Simple Amendments

There are 14 proposed amendments categorized as simple amendments:

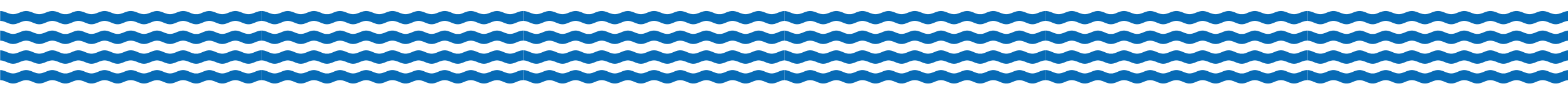
- **Log #s:** 1, 10, 11, 12, 20, 24, 28, 31, 32, 33, 39, 44, 45, 46
- Planning Commission can agree to these amendments as a block or staff can go through any that commissioners have questions about
- **Note:** All proposed amendments to the introduction are combined under Comments 1 and 33.



# Deliberation Needed

There are 18 proposed amendments categorized as needing deliberation:

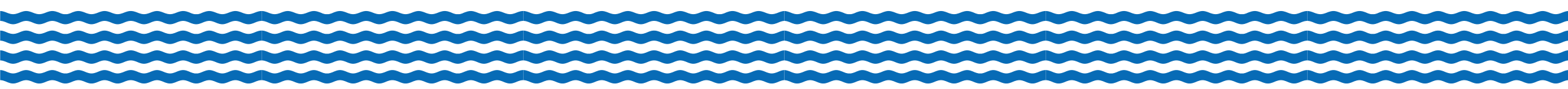
- **Log #s:** 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 38, 41, 43
- Planning Commission can discuss and resolve these amendments in September
- **Note:** Most of these proposed amendments should only need a yes or no. The PC can wordsmith the amendments, if desired, but that is not likely required for many of these amendments.



# Deliberation & Direction Needed

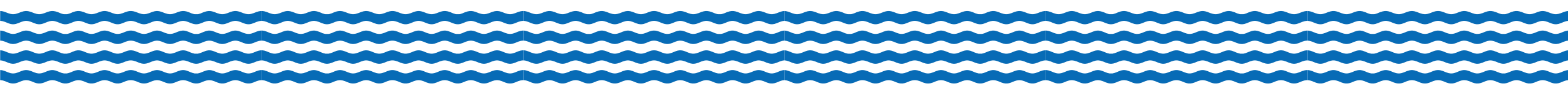
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- **Log #s:** 3, 4, 8, 9, 16 , 25, 26, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 42
- Planning Commission can discuss and resolve these amendments in September.
- **Note:** Most of these proposed amendments need a yes or no on the change in direction. The PC will also need to provide additional direction for these amendments.



# Next Steps

- Staff will prepare another draft of the Economic Development Element that incorporates the amendments proposed in the two comments
- **August – September:** PC members review other comments and updated draft.
- **September 27:** Please come prepared to resolve all “deliberation needed” comments. Time permitting, begin addressing “deliberation and direction needed” comments.



Questions?



# Planning Commission In Recess

