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comp plan amendments

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Comment
Hello council and staff,
State law requires you to reduce climate pollution as part of the planning process.
I proposed 3 amendments to the comp plan to help do that.
1. Consider amending your Comp plan to reject requests from the gas company to use your public right of way for more gas lines. We can't reduce climate pollution by expanding its infrastructure.
2. Consider charging rent or franchise fees to the gas industry for use of your land for their pipes. In December 2019, the Washington Supreme Court ruled in favor of King County, upholding a county ordinance that allows the county to charge utility companies franchise fees (or rent) for using public rights-of-way to lay infrastructure like natural gas pipelines. [1, 2]. You could earmark the income to help low income residents convert to more efficient heating systems.
3. Time sensitive, before November 9, 2026
• Direct your federal lobbyist to ask our Congresswoman to protect Federal policies that require automakers to sell a modest number of zero emission vehicles in the State of Washington. Ask her to vote No on HJR 205.
• Also ask Congresswoman Perez to protect federal policies that require automaker fleets to meet fuel efficiency standards and emissions standards by voting No on H.J.Res. 202 & H.J.Res. 211



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