Chapter 5 - Capital Facilities and Utilities

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Purpose
The purpose of the Capital Facilities and Utilities Chapter is to direct the provision and growth of capital facilities and utilities in the City, including:

- Fire and Emergency Medical
- Police
- Libraries
- Water
- Schools
- Parks*
- Sewer & Stormwater
- Solid Waste

What values guided the Capital Facilities and Utilities chapter?
The values that are important to Spokane’s future, as identified by the Citizens during preparation of the original Comprehensive Plan remain. Those include:

- Developing police and fire services that accompany growth.
- Ensuring good parks, schools, libraries, and streets in the neighborhoods.
- Continuing to provide facilities for cultural and entertainment opportunities.
- Providing services and facilities as growth occurs.
- Maintaining quality education and avoiding overcrowding in the schools.

What’s New?
- The chapter was streamlined, removing much of the text that did not add to the understanding of the chapter or information that was out of date.
- As the City continues to develop an integrated plan for capital facilities and utilities, the text of the chapter was modified slightly to account for this ongoing effort.
- The relationship between this chapter, the Capital Facilities Plan, and the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan has been clarified and strengthened.

What are the Goals of the Capital Facilities and Utilities Chapter?
CFU 1 Adequate Public Facilities and Services
Provide and maintain adequate public facilities and utility services and reliable funding in order to protect investment in existing facilities and ensure appropriate levels of service.

CFU 2 Concurrency
Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development are adequate to serve the development and available when the service demands of development occur without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

CFU 3 Coordination
Promote contiguous, orderly development and provision of urban services through the regional coordination of land use and public services related to capital facilities and utilities.

CFU 4 Service Provision
Provide public services in a manner that facilitates efficient and effective delivery of services and meets current and future demand.

CFU 5 Environmental Concerns
Minimize impacts to the environment, public health, and safety through the timely and careful siting and use of capital facilities and utilities.

CFU 6 Multiple Objectives
Use capital facilities and utilities to support multiple interests and purposes.

The Capital Facilities and Utilities Chapter is closely tied to both Land Use (Chapter 3) and Transportation (Chapter 4). Without consideration of Utilities and Services, the land uses in Chapter 3 couldn’t develop. Furthermore, Shaping Spokane provides direct links between Transportation and other services/utilities to create coordinated development and growth guidance for the City.

*Parks are also addressed in Chapter 12