

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
Office of Planning & Community Development (OPCD)	Geoff Wentlandt	Christie Parker

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; amending subsection 23.49.011.B of the Seattle Municipal Code to increase flexibility for lodging uses in the DMR/R 95/65 zone.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This legislation increases the flexibility for lodging uses in one zone within the Belltown neighborhood. This action exempts lodging use from chargeable floor area in the DMR/R 95/65 zone, treating lodging uses the same way that residential uses are regulated in the zone. (Residential uses are already exempt from chargeable floor area limits.) All other standards controlling height, bulk and scale of development in the zone remain unchanged. This item is a text amendment only and no changes to zoning maps are required. The legislation is an element of Mayor Harrell’s Downtown Activation Plan.

2. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? Yes **X** No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

The legislation has minor short-term impacts on SDCI, because SDCI permit review staff would need to be made aware of the land use code text change in a training or e-mail communication. One-time costs for IT will also be necessary. However, these costs can be absorbed within the existing budget.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

No.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

This legislation affects Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections (SDCI) in a small way as SDCI staff will need to be made aware of the code amendment for the purposes of permit review. This is not expected to result in a meaningful fiscal impact for SDCI. One-time IT costs of \$20,000 for both the Belltown lodging legislation and the Downtown retail core legislation combined can be absorbed within SDCI’s existing budget.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

Yes

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

Yes. OPCD published a SEPA determination of non-significance (DNS) on June 22nd in the DJC and the City's Land Use Information Bulletin. No SEPA appeals were received.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

This legislation applies to all properties in the DMR/R 95/65 zone.

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This legislation does not impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

No. This is a project action. Emissions will be considered as part of the environmental review of any future developments in the zone

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

This proposal will not decrease resiliency in a material way.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)?

No.