

Amendment 3 to Council Bill 119600: Notice of Director's Rules and Stakeholder committee

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Section 25.05.035 B would allow the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to draft Director's Rules to provide uniform standards for the analysis of the elements of the environment subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This amendment would (1) direct SDCI to convene a stakeholder committee to advise on the development of such rules and (2) direct SDCI to publish notice of proposed adoption of rules in the Land Use Information Bulletin and send such notice to Councilmembers.

Amend Section 25.05.035 B to direct SDCI to provide additional public notice and notice to Councilmembers prior to adoption:

25.05.035 Rules and departmental procedures ((-))

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B. The Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) is authorized to promulgate rules pursuant to Chapter 3.02 to provide uniform standards for the analysis of the elements of the environment contained in Section 25.05.444. For elements of the environment where another city department or departments have subject matter expertise, SDCI shall consult with the relevant department and the Director shall issue a joint Director's Rule with the Director of such department, as appropriate. **The Department shall convene a committee composed of members of the public with experience with environmental review and expertise in environmental justice to advise in the development of Director's Rules under this section**

25.05.035.B. All City departments and any applicants seeking City approval shall follow such rules to analyze environmental impacts of project and nonproject actions. The rules may have different standards for nonproject and project actions and for environmental checklists and environmental impact statements. All such rules shall be consistent with this Chapter 25.05, WAC 197-11, and SEPA and shall be kept on file at the SEPA Public Information Center. **In**

addition to the notice provisions of Chapter 3.02, notice of the proposed adoption of a rule shall be placed in the Land Use Information Bulletin and shall be sent to all City Councilmembers at least 14 days before the effective date of the proposed rules.