

Amendment 6 to CB 119769 – Authorize the Historic Preservation Officer to negotiate controls and incentives agreements prior to designation of a landmark.

Sponsors: Herbold and Strauss

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1. Add a new Section 15 to Council Bill (CB) 119769, with amendments to Seattle Municipal

Code Section 25.12.490 as follows:

Section 15. Section 25.12.490 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 118012, is amended as follows:

25.12.490 Negotiation with owner.

A. Promptly after service on the owner of the Board's report on designation, the Board staff shall attempt to commence negotiations with the owner on the application of controls and incentives to the site, improvement, or object, regarding the specific features or characteristics identified in the Board's report on designation. If within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of the negotiation period, the owner fails to participate in negotiations, or notifies the staff in writing that the owner declines to negotiate controls and incentives, the staff shall prepare and transmit to the Board its recommendations for controls and incentives for the subject site, improvement or object to be considered at a public meeting at the time and place specified in the notice of report on designation.

B. While this ordinance is in effect, for a site, improvement, or object that has been nominated and the designation meeting for which has been cancelled for public health reasons, the Board staff may, at the owner’s request, commence negotiations with the owner on the application of controls and incentives to the site, improvement, or object, regarding specific features or characteristics identified in the Board’s report on nomination. The question of

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whether to designate such a site, improvement or object shall be referred to the next meeting of the Board.

2. Renumber sections 15 of CB 119769 and following, as appropriate.