

Amendment 1
to
Council Bill 120121
Sponsor: Lewis

Increase the area for the expanded list of interim street-level uses to the South Lake Union Urban Center, except for Valley Street

Amend Sections 1 and 2 of Council Bill 120121 as shown:

Section 1. The City Council finds and declares that:

G. Limitations on business and economic activity over the last 15 months have disproportionately impacted businesses at street-level in downtown and South Lake Union, which are acutely impacted by the lack of office workers in these neighborhoods as well as the lack of tourists and conventions. This impact has and continues to deprive these businesses of the customers previously available to support them, and this extended period of closure and significantly reduced capacity has resulted in numerous street level businesses downtown unable financially to continue to operate at reduced levels and with such a reduced customer base. The Downtown Seattle Association conducted a count in 2021 and found 161 vacant storefronts downtown. The South Lake Union Chamber has identified 23 business closures during the pandemic, for which there has only been a partial recovery.

Section 2. A new Section 23.42.041 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

23.42.041 Additional interim street-level uses

Where street-level uses are required in any SM-SLU zone, except Valley Street between Fairview Avenue North and Westlake Avenue North, or downtown zone, except in the

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International Special Review District, the interim uses set forth in this Section 23.42.041 are allowed in addition to uses allowed by the zone for an interim period according to the provisions of this Section 23.42.041.

Effect: This amendment would expand the area where interim controls apply to Seattle Mixed – South Lake Union (SM-SLU) zones, except for Valley Street across from Lake Union Park, and make corresponding changes to findings.

SM-SLU zones are the family of commercial zones that apply in the South Lake Union Urban Center. Those zones have similar limitations on the range of uses allowed at the street-level where street-level uses are required.