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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

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AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; updating industrial zones to implement the Industrial and Maritime Strategy; amending Sections 23.30.010, 23.34.096, 23.41.004, 23.47A.009, 23.53.006, 23.53.010, 23.53.020, 23.54.015, 23.58B.040, 23.58B.050, 23.74.002, 23.74.006, 23.74.008, 23.74.009, 23.74.010, 23.84A.018, 23.84A.025, and 23.84A.040 of, and adding new Sections 23.34.097, 23.34.098, and 23.34.099 and a new Chapter 23.50A to, the Seattle Municipal Code.

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WHEREAS, the City’s industrial zones have not been substantially updated since 1986; and

WHEREAS, maritime and industrial sectors are critical parts of the local and regional economy;

and

WHEREAS, Seattle contains two regionally designated Manufacturing Industrial Centers

(MICs), a designation that prioritizes long term use for industry and serves a critical

function to the regional and statewide economy, and is subject to regional policy

protections in the Puget Sound Regional Council’s Vision 2050 plan, and is eligible for

allocation of federal and State transportation funding; and

WHEREAS, industrial and maritime uses in the Manufacturing Industrial Centers provide

quality jobs, two-thirds of which are accessible without four-year college degrees; and

WHEREAS, a high proportion of jobs on industrial lands in fields including maritime,

transportation and logistics, construction, utilities, and services remain unionized with

high quality benefits; and

WHEREAS, there is a high potential for equitable access to quality jobs in industrial and

maritime sectors by women and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)

1 workers when coupled with job training and access programs provided by the City and  
2 other public agencies and private entities; and

3 WHEREAS, there are continuous pressures on industrially zoned land for conversion to non-  
4 industrial uses, and when land in designated MICs is used for non-industrial purposes  
5 Seattle’s industrial and maritime sectors are eroded; and

6 WHEREAS, expansion of Sound Transit light rail will add or expand up to five stations in or  
7 directly adjacent to industrially zoned lands; and

8 WHEREAS, industrial activities in Seattle and throughout the United States are trending towards  
9 activity patterns that are more research, design and technology oriented than in previous  
10 generations; and

11 WHEREAS, it is a benefit to the regional and national economy when supply chains are stable  
12 and a variety of goods supporting everyday life are manufactured in the United States and  
13 efforts are underway at all levels of government to onshore more manufacturing  
14 activities; and

15 WHEREAS, an Industrial and Maritime Strategy Advisory Council convened between  
16 December 17, 2019 and May 21, 2021 and issued a report based on an 80 percent  
17 consensus recommending 11 strategies to strengthen and support our industrial maritime  
18 sectors; and

19 WHEREAS, the Industrial and Maritime Strategy Advisory Council report included six  
20 strategies that address land use strategies that form the basis of this proposed legislation;  
21 and

1 WHEREAS, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued in September 2022 that  
2 evaluated the environmental impacts of the zoning changes proposed in this legislation;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the proposed changes are intended to address issues listed above and balance the  
5 interests of numerous constituencies and stakeholders; NOW, THEREFORE,

6 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

7 Section 1. Section 23.30.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
8 126509, is amended as follows:

9 **23.30.010 Classifications for the purpose of this Subtitle III**

10 A. General zoning designations. The zoning classification of land shall include one of the  
11 designations in this subsection 23.30.010.A. Only in the case of land designated "RC," the  
12 classification shall include both "RC" and one additional multifamily zone designation in this  
13 subsection 23.30.010.A.

| Zones                                   | Abbreviated |
|---|-------------|
| Residential, Neighborhood 1             | NR1         |
| Residential, Neighborhood 2             | NR2         |
| Residential, Neighborhood 3             | NR3         |
| Residential, Neighborhood, Small Lot    | RSL         |
| Residential, Multifamily, Lowrise 1     | LR1         |
| Residential, Multifamily, Lowrise 2     | LR2         |
| Residential, Multifamily, Lowrise 3     | LR3         |
| Residential, Multifamily, Midrise       | MR          |
| Residential, Multifamily, Highrise      | HR          |
| Residential-Commercial                  | RC          |
| Neighborhood Commercial 1               | NC1         |
| Neighborhood Commercial 2               | NC2         |
| Neighborhood Commercial 3               | NC3         |
| Master Planned Community—Yesler Terrace | MPC-YT      |
| Seattle Mixed—South Lake Union          | SMU-SLU     |
| Seattle Mixed—Dravus                    | SM-D        |
| Seattle Mixed—North Rainier             | SM-NR       |
| Seattle Mixed – Rainier Beach           | SM-RB       |
| Seattle Mixed—University District       | SM-U        |

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Seattle Mixed—Uptown                        | SM-UP      |
| Seattle Mixed—Northgate                     | SM-NG      |
| Commercial 1                                | C1         |
| Commercial 2                                | C2         |
| Downtown Office Core 1                      | DOC1       |
| Downtown Office Core 2                      | DOC2       |
| Downtown Retail Core                        | DRC        |
| Downtown Mixed Commercial                   | DMC        |
| Downtown Mixed Residential                  | DMR        |
| Pioneer Square Mixed                        | PSM        |
| International District Mixed                | IDM        |
| International District Residential          | IDR        |
| Downtown Harborfront 1                      | DH1        |
| Downtown Harborfront 2                      | DH2        |
| Pike Market Mixed                           | PMM        |
| General Industrial 1                        | IG1        |
| General Industrial 2                        | IG2        |
| Industrial Buffer                           | IB         |
| Industrial Commercial                       | IC         |
| <u>Maritime Manufacturing and Logistics</u> | <u>MML</u> |
| <u>Industry and Innovation</u>              | <u>II</u>  |
| <u>Urban Industrial</u>                     | <u>UI</u>  |

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Section 2. Section 23.34.096 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance 113658, is amended as follows:

**23.34.096 Locational criteria—Industrial Commercial (IC) zone((s))**

The Industrial Commercial (IC) zone is intended to promote development of businesses which incorporate a mix of industrial and commercial activities, including light manufacturing and research and development, while accommodating a wide range of other employment activities. In reviewing a proposal to rezone an area to Industrial Commercial (IC), the following criteria shall be considered:

A. Areas with amenities such as shoreline views, proximity to downtown, or access to public open spaces that could provide an attraction for new businesses, particularly new

1 technology-oriented and research and development activities which might otherwise be likely to  
2 seek locations outside the City;

3 B. Areas in close proximity to major institutions capable of providing support for new  
4 technology-oriented and research and development businesses;

5 C. Former industrial areas which are undergoing a transition to predominantly  
6 commercial or mixed commercial and industrial activity, but where transportation and/or other  
7 infrastructure capacities are constrained and can only accommodate modest growth without  
8 major improvements;

9 D. Areas where there is an existing concentration of technology-oriented and research  
10 and development uses which may be subject to displacement by commercial development;

11 E. Areas which are underutilized and, through substantial redevelopment, could provide  
12 the type of campus-like environment attractive for new technology-oriented industrial and  
13 commercial development((-)) ; and

14 F. Industrial areas that are located outside of the Ballard Interbay Northend  
15 Manufacturing and Industrial Center (BINMIC) and the Greater Duwamish Manufacturing  
16 Industrial Center (MIC).

17 Section 3. A new Section 23.34.097 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

18 **23.34.097 Maritime Manufacturing and Logistics (MML) zone, function, and locational**  
19 **criteria**

20 A. Function. An existing industrial area with a concentration of core and legacy industrial  
21 and maritime uses including manufacturing, warehousing, shipping, and logistics activities, and  
22 is well served with truck, rail, and maritime or freight infrastructure.

1           B. Locational criteria. Maritime Manufacturing and Logistics zone designation is most  
2 appropriate in areas within Seattle’s Manufacturing/Industrial Centers (MICs) that are generally  
3 flat and have any of the following characteristics:

- 4                   1. Areas with proximity to rail or freight infrastructure;
- 5                   2. Areas with proximity to the shoreline, deep-water ports, and water bodies; or
- 6                   3. Areas around existing clusters of industrial or maritime suppliers and services.

7           Section 4. A new Section 23.34.098 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

8 **23.34.098 Industry and Innovation (II) zone, function, and locational criteria**

9           A. Function. A transit-oriented area characterized by modern industrial buildings that  
10 supports a mix of economic innovation and emerging industries, and commercial development,  
11 characterized by high employment density.

12           B. Locational criteria. Industry and Innovation zone designation is most appropriate in  
13 areas generally characterized by all of the following:

- 14                   1. Areas in Seattle’s Manufacturing/Industrial Centers (MICs).
- 15                   2. Areas within an approximately one-half mile distance from existing or future  
16 light rail stations.
- 17                   3. Areas with a high potential to attract new investment in buildings and  
18 infrastructure that supports dense, technological employment. not necessarily involving heavy  
19 physical processes or large physical machinery.

20           Section 5. A new Section 23.34.099 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

21 **23.34.099 Urban Industrial (UI) zone, function, and locational criteria**

22           A. Function. An area that provides an integrated and healthy transition between core  
23 industrial areas and neighboring urban villages, residential, and mixed-use areas. These areas

1 contain a mix of affordable, small-scale places for light industry, makers, brewing and distilling,  
2 creative arts, and industry supporting ancillary retail, office, or research activity. This area also  
3 provides limited opportunities for workforce housing that supports industrial uses. The area  
4 functions as a place for residents and workers from nearby urban villages or centers to patronize  
5 and experience unique local industrial businesses.

6 B. Locational criteria. Urban Industrial zone designation is most appropriate in areas  
7 generally characterized by all of the following:

8 1. Areas at the transition between core industrial areas in Maritime Manufacturing  
9 and Logistics zones and non-industrially zoned areas, urban villages, or centers.

10 2. Areas generally within designated Manufacturing/Industrial Centers (MICs),  
11 although UI zones could be located in limited instances outside of MICs.

12 3. Areas characterized by small parcel sizes and a variety of small existing  
13 industrial and nonindustrial structures.

14 Section 6. Section 23.41.004 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
15 126741, is amended as follows:

16 **23.41.004 Applicability**

17 A. Design review required

18 1. Subject to the exemptions in subsection 23.41.004.B, design review is  
19 required in the following areas or zones when development is proposed that exceeds a  
20 threshold in Table A or Table B for 23.41.004:

21 a. Multifamily;

22 b. Commercial;

23 c. Seattle Mixed; and

- 1                                   d. ~~Downtown~~ ~~((; and~~
- 2                                   e. ~~Stadium Transition Area Overlay District as shown in Map A for~~
- 3 ~~23.74.004, when the width of the lot exceeds 120 feet on any street frontage.))~~
- 4                                   2. Subject to the exemptions in subsection 23.41.004.B, design review is
- 5 required in the ~~((following areas or zones))~~ Industrial Commercial zone when commercial or
- 6 institution development is proposed that exceeds a threshold in Table A or Table B for
- 7 23.41.004~~((;))~~ .
- 8                                   ~~((a. Industrial Buffer; and~~
- 9                                   ~~b. Industrial Commercial.))~~
- 10                                  3. The gross floor area of the following uses is not included in the total gross floor
- 11 area of a development for purposes of determining if a threshold is exceeded:
- 12                                  a. Religious facilities;
- 13                                  b. ~~((Elementary))~~ Childcare centers, elementary, and secondary schools;
- 14                                  c. Uses associated with a Major Institution Master Plan (MIMP); or
- 15                                  d. Development of a major institution use within a Major Institution
- 16 Overlay (MIO) district.
- 17                                  4. Any development proposal participating in the Living Building or 2030
- 18 Challenge High Performance Existing Building Pilot Program according to Sections 23.40.060
- 19 and 23.40.070, including a development proposal for an existing structure, regardless of size or
- 20 site characteristics, is subject to full design review according to Section 23.41.014.
- 21                                  5. Any development proposal, regardless of size or site characteristics, is subject
- 22 to the administrative design review process according to Section 23.41.016 if it receives public
- 23 funding or an allocation of federal low-income housing tax credits, and is subject to a regulatory



1 agreement, covenant, or other legal instrument recorded on the property title and enforceable by  
2 The City of Seattle, Washington State Housing Finance Commission, State of Washington, King  
3 County, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or other similar entity as  
4 approved by the Director of Housing, which restricts at least 40 percent of the units to occupancy  
5 by households earning no greater than 60 percent of median income, and controls the rents that  
6 may be charged, for a minimum period of 40 years.

7             6. Any development proposal that is located in a Master Planned Community  
8 zone and that includes a request for departures, regardless of size or site characteristics, is subject  
9 to full design review according to Section 23.41.014. If a development proposal in a Master  
10 Planned Community zone does not include a request for departures, the applicable design review  
11 procedures are in Section 23.41.020. A development proposal in a Master Planned Community  
12 zone, which includes a request for departures and provides affordable housing per subsection  
13 23.41.004.A.5, shall be subject to administrative design review according to Section 23.41.016.

14             7. Subject to the exemptions in subsection 23.41.004.B, design review is required  
15 for additions to existing structures when the size of the proposed addition or expansion exceeds a  
16 threshold in Table A or Table B for 23.41.004. Administrative design review, as described in  
17 Section 23.41.016, is required for certain other additions to existing structures according to rules  
18 promulgated by the Director.

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20             Section 7. Section 23.47A.009 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
21 125791, is amended as follows:

22 **23.47A.009 Standards applicable to specific areas**

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1 F. Ballard Hub Urban Village. The following provisions apply to development  
2 proposed in NC zones within the Ballard Hub Urban Village.

3 1. Maximum lot coverage on lots 40,000 square feet in size or greater:

4 a. The maximum lot coverage permitted for principal and accessory  
5 structures is 80 percent of the lot area.

6 b. Lot coverage exceptions. The following structures or portions of  
7 structures are not counted in the lot coverage calculation:

8 1) Portions of a structure that are below grade or that do not  
9 extend more than 4 feet above the existing or finished grade, whichever is lower.

10 2) The first 18 inches of overhead horizontal building projections  
11 of an architectural or decorative character, such as cornices, eaves, sills, and gutters.

12 3) Ramps or other devices that provide access for the disabled  
13 and elderly and that meet the standards of the Seattle Building Code.

14 4) The first 4 feet of unenclosed porches or steps for residential  
15 units.

16 c. In the 20 percent of the lot that remains uncovered, as required by this  
17 subsection 23.47A.009.F.1, not more than ten parking spaces may be provided, and applicants  
18 are encouraged to provide elements at grade that enhance the usability and livability of the lot  
19 for residents and tenants such as pedestrian circulation areas, landscaping, lighting, weather  
20 protection, art, or other similar features.

21 2. Facade modulation

1 a. Facade modulation requirements apply to all portions of a street-facing  
2 facade of a structure up to a height of 45 feet located within 10 feet of a street lot line,  
3 according to provisions of subsection 23.47A.009.F.2.c.

4 b. The maximum width of any unmodulated street-facing facade is 100  
5 feet. Facades longer than 100 feet shall be modulated at no greater than 100-foot intervals by  
6 stepping back the facade from the street lot line for a minimum depth of 10 feet and a  
7 minimum width of 15 feet.

8 c. Facade modulation requirements do not apply to portions of a structure  
9 that are below grade or that do not extend more than 2 feet above the existing or finished grade  
10 at the street lot line, whichever is lower.

11 3. Maximum structure width

12 a. The maximum allowed structure width is 250 feet.

13 b. Structure width limits do not apply to portions of a structure that are  
14 below grade or that do not extend more than 2 feet above the existing or finished grade at the  
15 street lot line, whichever is lower.

16 4. Setback requirements

17 a. Street-level setbacks

18 1) In the area shown on Map D for 23.47A.009, portions of a  
19 structure up to 10 feet above the abutting sidewalk grade facing 15th Avenue NW shall be set  
20 back from the street lot line by a minimum depth of 6 feet up to a maximum depth of 10 feet.

21 2) The provisions of subsection 23.47A.009.F.2 do not apply to  
22 the area described in subsection 23.47A.009.F.4.a.1.

23 b. Upper-level setbacks

1                                 1) A setback with an average depth of 10 feet from all abutting  
2 street lot lines is required for portions of a structure above a height of 45 feet. The maximum  
3 depth of a setback that can be used for calculating the average setback is 20 feet.

4                                 2) A setback with an average depth of 15 feet from all street lot  
5 lines is required for portions of a structure above a height of 65 feet. The maximum depth of a  
6 setback that can be used for calculating the average setback is 25 feet.

7                                 5. Structures permitted in required setback and separation areas according to this  
8 subsection 23.47A.009.F are subject to subsection 23.47A.014.G.

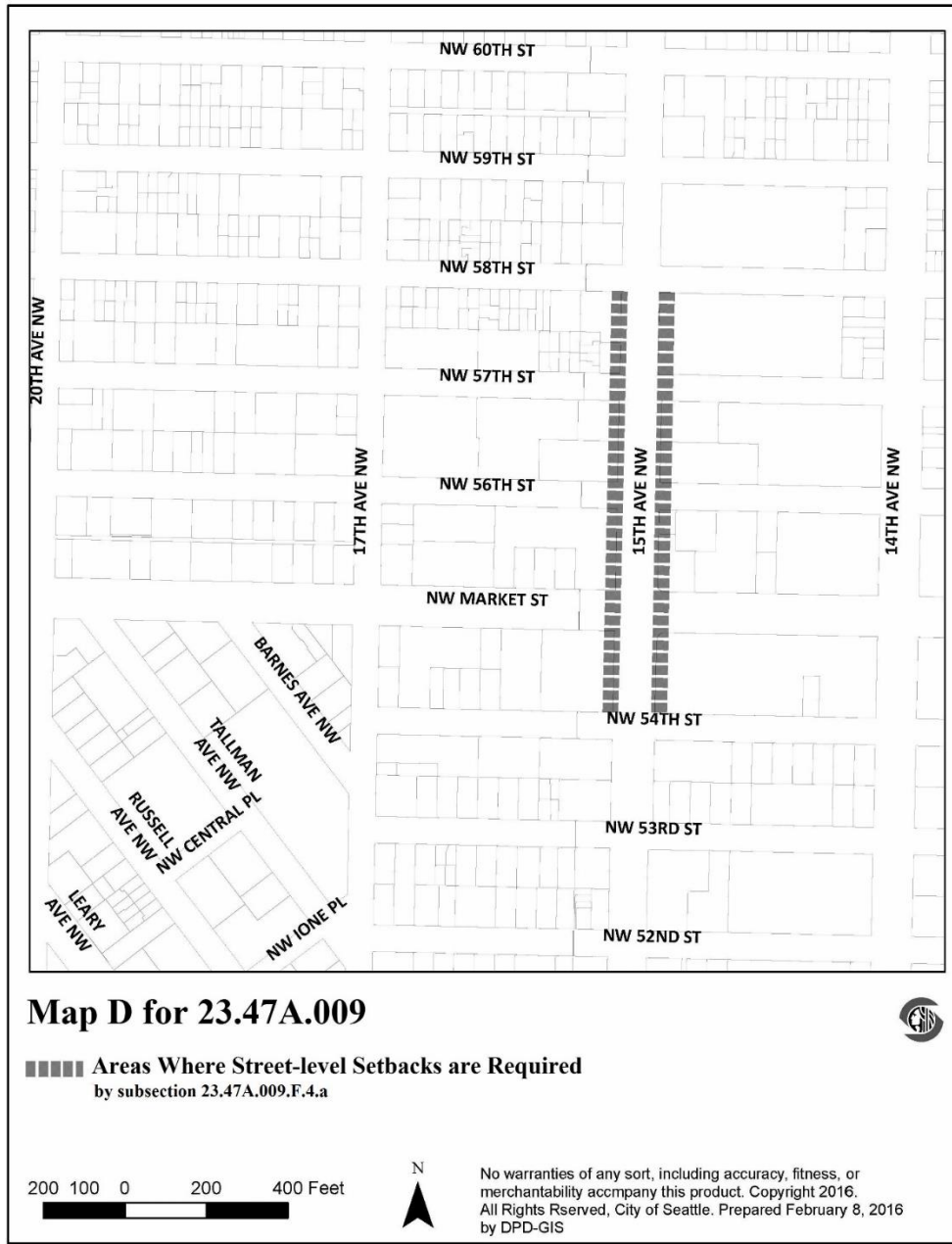
9                                 6. In the area shown on Map E for Section 23.47A.009:

10                                 a. All dwelling units shall have sound-insulating windows sufficient to  
11 maintain interior sound levels at 60 decibels or below in consideration of existing environmental  
12 noise levels at the site. The applicant shall submit an analysis of existing noise levels and  
13 documentation of the sound insulating capabilities of windows shall be indicated on the plan.

14                                 b. All dwelling units shall have a permanently installed air cooling system  
15 and a balanced ventilation system, which may be combined. The ventilation system shall filter  
16 any outdoor air supply through filters rated MERV 13 or higher as determined by the American  
17 Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). The air cooling  
18 and ventilation systems shall be indicated on the plan.

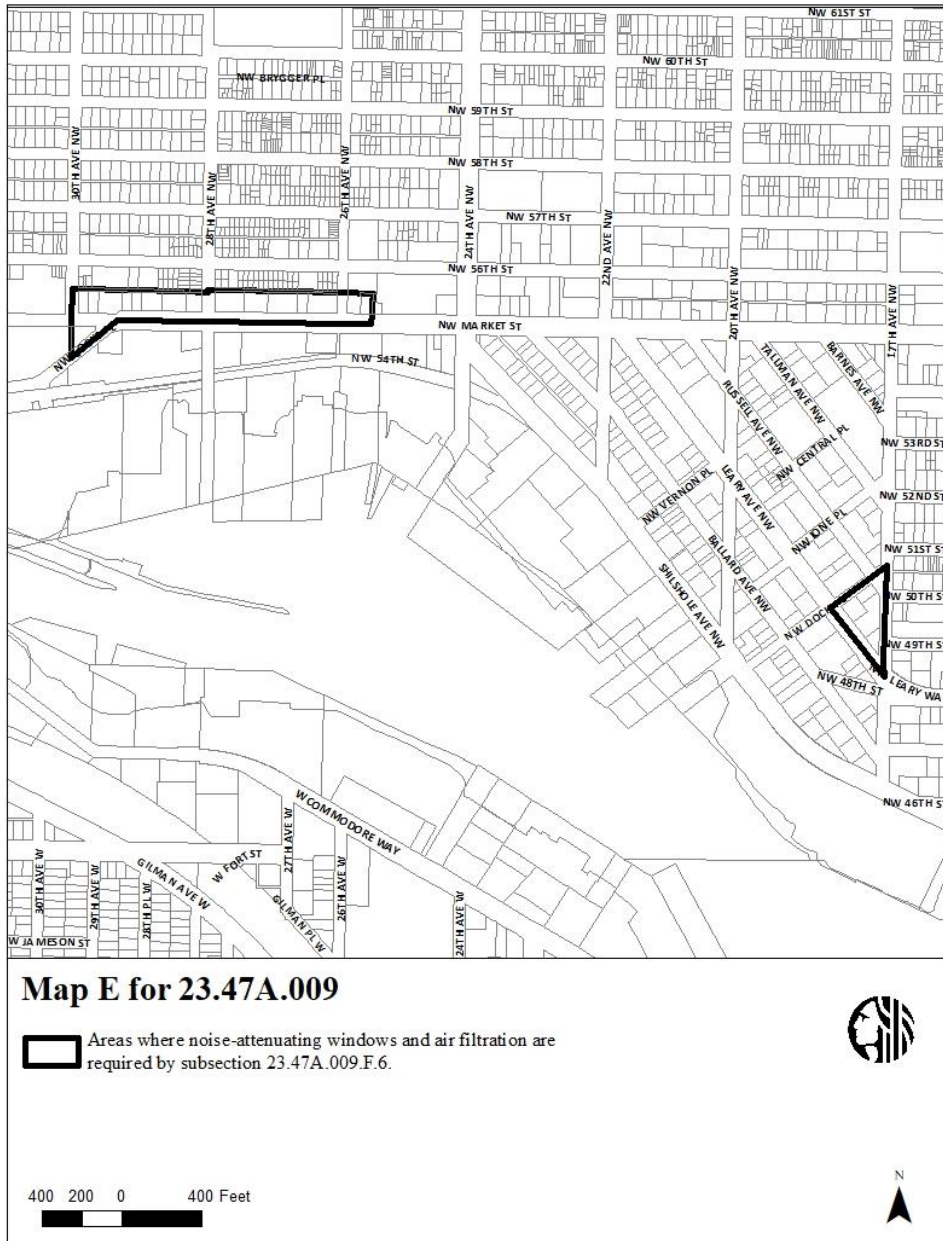
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### Map D for 23.47A.009 Areas Where Street-level Setbacks are Required



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### Map E for 23.47A.009 Areas where noise-attenuating windows and air cooling and ventilation are required



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H. 23rd and Union. The following provisions apply to development proposed in NC

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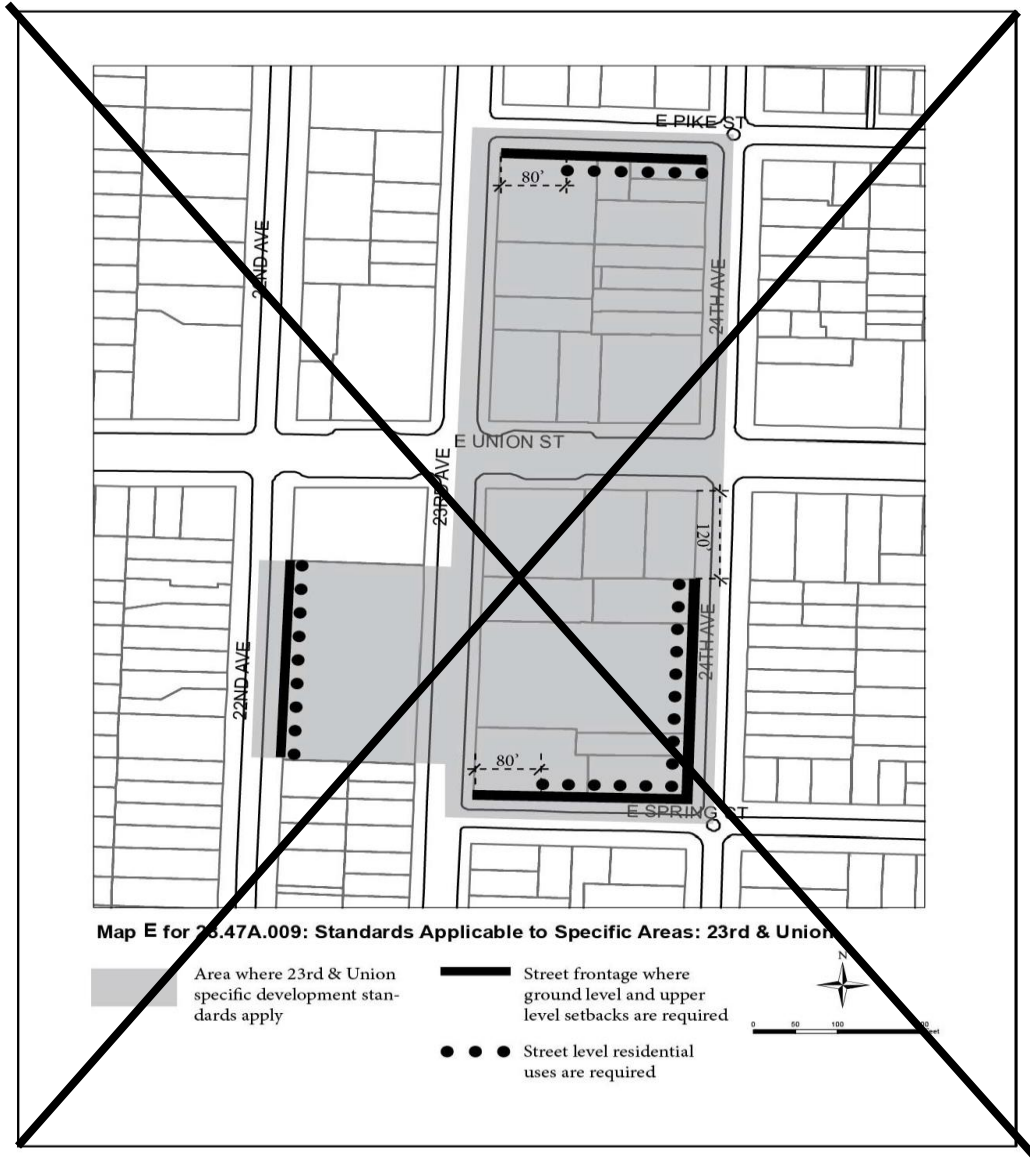
zones within the area shown on Map ((E)) F for 23.47A.009.

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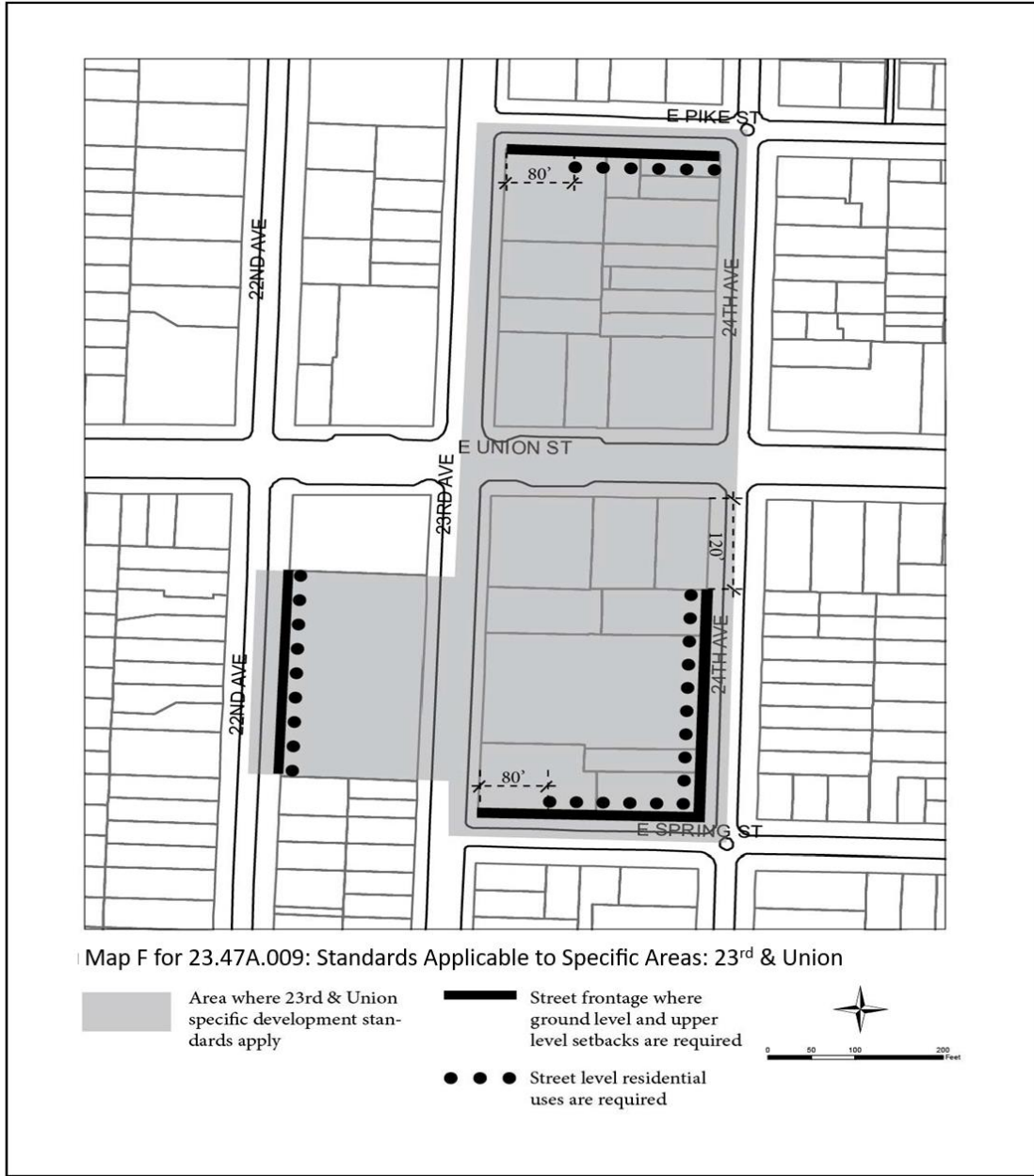
Map ((E)) F for 23.47A.009

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Standards applicable to specific areas: 23rd & Union



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1. Setback requirements. Setbacks are required along East Spring Street, East Pike Street, 22nd Avenue, and 24th Avenue as shown on Map E for 23.47A.009 as follows:

a. A minimum street-level setback of 5 feet along the length of the street property line unless a larger setback is required by subsection 23.47A.008.D.2; and



1                                    b. A minimum upper-level setback of 15 feet for all portions of a  
2 structure greater than 35 feet in height as measured from the average finished grade along the  
3 sidewalk; and

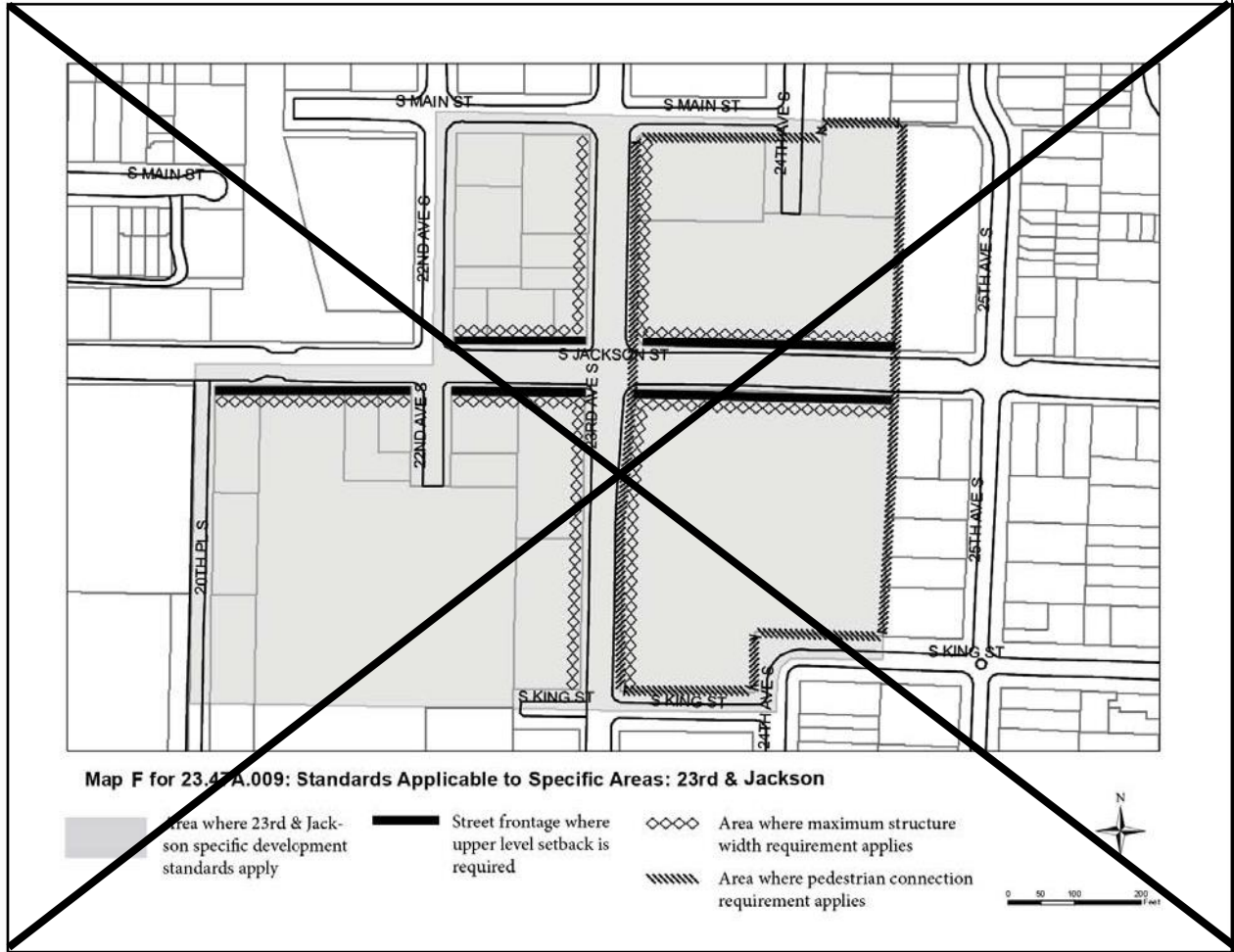
4                                    c. Structures permitted in required setbacks are subject to subsection  
5 23.47A.014.G.

6                                    2. Street-level residential uses. Street-level residential uses are required along  
7 East Spring Street, East Pike Street, 22nd Avenue, and 24th Avenue as shown on Map E for  
8 23.47A.009 except for the portions of East Pike Street and East Spring Street measured within  
9 80 feet of the property line abutting 23rd Avenue and portion of 24th Avenue measured within  
10 120 feet of the property line abutting East Union Street.

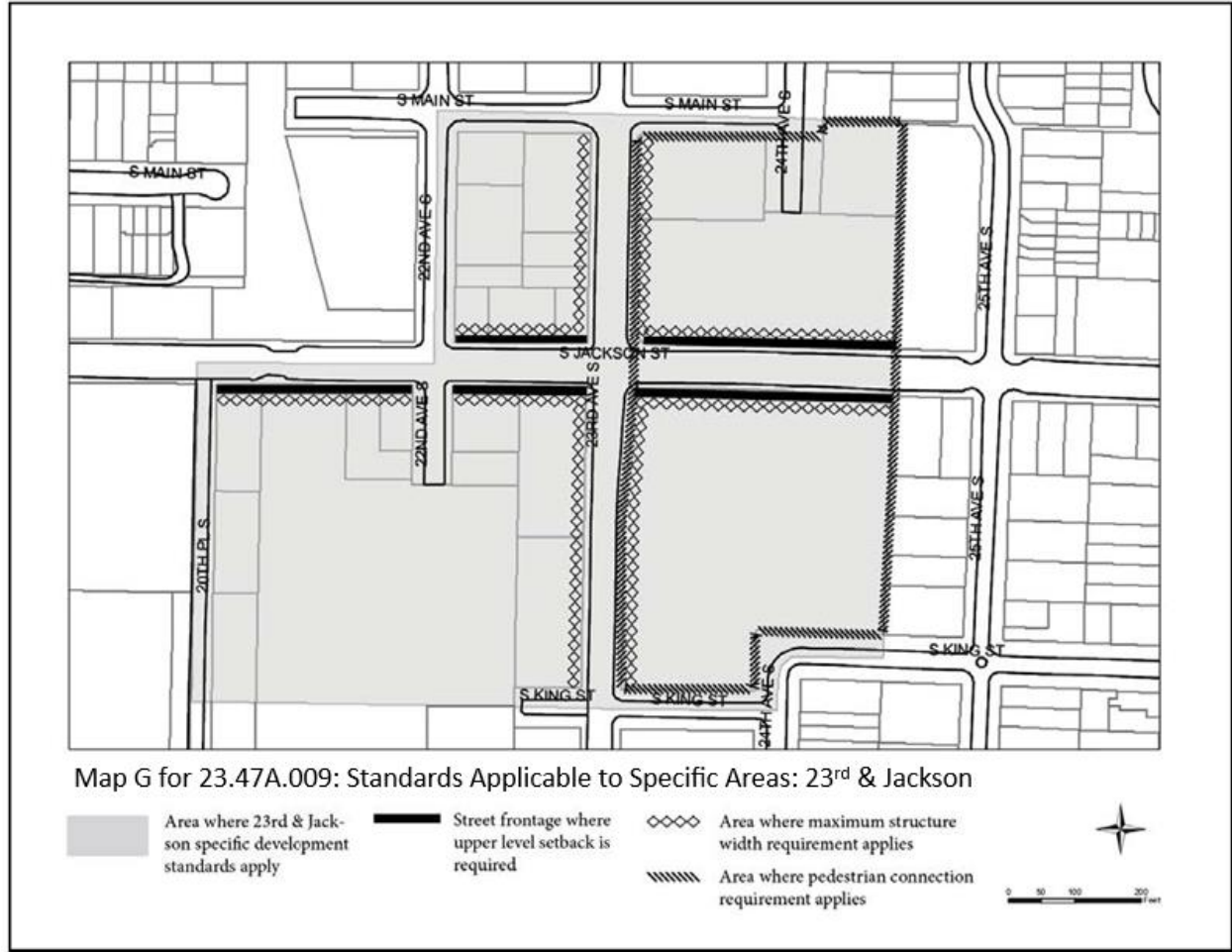
11                                    I. 23rd and Jackson. The following provisions apply to development proposed in NC  
12 zones within the area shown on Map ((F)) G for 23.47A.009.

13                                    Map ((F)) G for 23.47A.009

14                                    Standards applicable to specific areas: 23rd & Jackson



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## 1. Setback requirements

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a. Along South Jackson Street facing property lines as shown on Map F

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for 23.47A.009, a minimum upper-level setback of 10 feet is required for all portions of a

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structure greater than 45 feet in height as measured from the average finished grade.

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b. Structures permitted in required setbacks are subject to subsection

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23.47A.014.G.

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2. Maximum structure width. On streets designated by Map F for 23.47A.009,

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the maximum allowed structure width is 250 feet. Facade modulation or building separation

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can be considered as a break in the maximum structure width if:

1 a. A portion of the street-facing facade projects or is recessed from  
2 abutting facade by a minimum depth of 15 feet and a minimum width of 15 feet; or

3 b. A building separation is provided with a minimum width of 15 feet  
4 between structures.

5 3. Pedestrian connection requirement. A proposal that includes development  
6 between South Main Street and South King Street and is located within 400 feet east of 23rd  
7 Avenue South shall provide a north-south pedestrian connection in area as shown on Map F for  
8 23.47A.009, subject to the following requirements:

9 a. If the pedestrian connection is located adjacent to the right-of-way, it  
10 should be incorporated into existing or planned sidewalks.

11 b. The pedestrian connection shall have a minimum width of 15 feet, and  
12 include at least one of the following:

13 1) Entries to retail stores or other buildings;

14 2) Seating areas for pedestrians;

15 3) Street furniture;

16 4) Bicycle parking;

17 5) Landscaping;

18 6) Pedestrian scale lighting;

19 7) Water features; or

20 8) Overhead weather protection.

21 c. The pedestrian connection shall include a minimum 6-foot paved  
22 walkway width and shall be designed to connect to existing or planned sidewalks and  
23 crosswalks.

1                                   d. The connection may be located between structures, or may be located  
2 in a parking area if the paved walkway is separated from the parking area with special  
3 pavements or other treatments to protect pedestrians from vehicles.

4                   J. Georgetown. The following provisions apply to development proposed in NC zones  
5 within the area shown on Map H for 23.47A.009.

6                                   1. Additional floor area for arts space, community club, or center. An additional  
7 increment of up to 1.0 FAR is permitted above the maximum FAR limit of the zone if a lot  
8 includes an arts facility operated by a for-profit or not-for-profit operator, or a community club  
9 or center, subject to the following conditions:

10                                   a. The amount of the additional increment of FAR shall not exceed floor  
11 area of the arts facility.

12                                   b. The minimum floor area provided for a qualifying arts facility,  
13 community club, or center is 2,000 square feet.

14                                   c. The space shall be occupied by an arts facility, community club, or  
15 center for the life of the building on the lot. If the property owner is unable to secure a for-  
16 profit or not-for-profit organization to operate the arts facility, community club, or center, after  
17 a six-month period, if the space remains unoccupied, it may be used for other non-profit  
18 purposes such as a community and/or public area, under the following conditions:

19   1) The space shall be made available to community and charitable  
20 organizations and is not to be used for profit-making activities;

21   2) The space shall be made available for both day and evening  
22 use;

1                                 3) The space shall be made available on a first-come, first-served  
2 basis to community and charitable organizations; and

3                                 4) Availability of the space and contact person(s) shall be made  
4 known to community and charitable groups through means such as newspaper articles, radio  
5 announcements, and flyers.

6                                 d. No permit after the first building permit, no permit for any  
7 construction activity other than excavation and shoring, and no permit for occupancy of  
8 existing floor area by any use shall be issued for development that includes an arts facility to  
9 gain the increase in FAR until the applicant has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Director  
10 that a lease with a for-profit or not-for-profit arts organization has been secured to occupy the  
11 space for a minimum of one year.

12                                 2. Additional floor area for historic preservation. An additional increment of up  
13 to 1.0 FAR is permitted above the maximum FAR limit if a lot includes one or more structures  
14 that have been designated as landmarks pursuant to Chapter 25.12, subject to the following  
15 conditions:

16                                 a. The structure is rehabilitated so that all features and characteristics are  
17 subject to controls and incentives designated pursuant to Chapter 25.12 and comply with any  
18 certificates of approval issued by the Landmarks Preservation Board, all as determined by the  
19 Director of the Department of Neighborhoods;

20                                 b. A notice is recorded in the King County real estate records, in a form  
21 satisfactory to the Director, regarding the additional increment of floor area allowed and the  
22 effect thereof under the terms of this Chapter 23.47A;

1                                    c. If the increased amount of FAR allowed under this subsection  
2 23.47A.009.J remains on the lot, the structure must remain designated as a Landmark; and

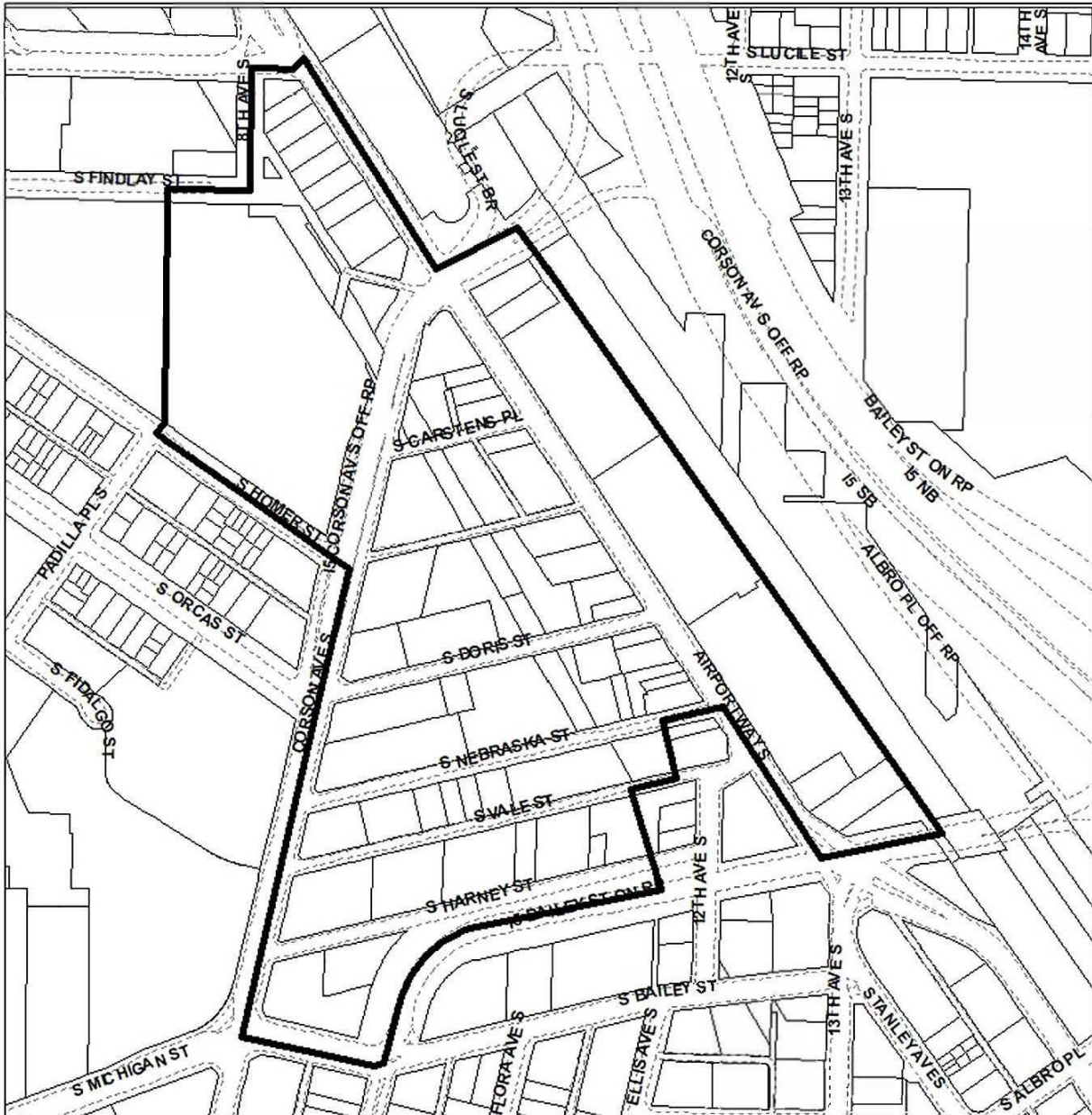
3                                    d. The owner shall maintain the exterior and interior of the Landmark  
4 structure in good condition in a manner that preserves the Landmark features and  
5 characteristics of the structure.

6                                    3. Additional height for arts space or historic preservation. The height limit is  
7 increased by 10 feet for any development that gains additional floor area for arts space  
8 pursuant to subsection 23.47A.009.J.1 or additional floor area for historic preservation  
9 pursuant to subsection 23.47A.009.J.2.


10                                   4. All dwelling units shall have sound-insulating windows sufficient to maintain  
11 interior sound levels at 60 decibels or below in consideration of existing environmental noise  
12 levels at the site. The applicant shall submit an analysis of existing noise levels and  
13 documentation of the sound insulating capabilities of windows shall be indicated on the plan.

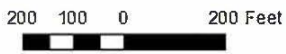
14                                   5. All dwelling units shall have a permanently installed air cooling system and a  
15 balanced ventilation system, which may be combined. The ventilation system shall filter any  
16 outdoor air supply through filters rated MERV 13 or higher as determined by the American  
17 Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). The air cooling  
18 and ventilation systems shall be indicated on the plan.

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20                                    **Map H for 23.47A.009**  
21                                    **Standards Applicable to Specific Areas: Georgetown**



**Map H for 23.47A.009**  
**Standards Applicable to Specific Areas: Georgetown**

 Area where Georgetown-specific development standards apply



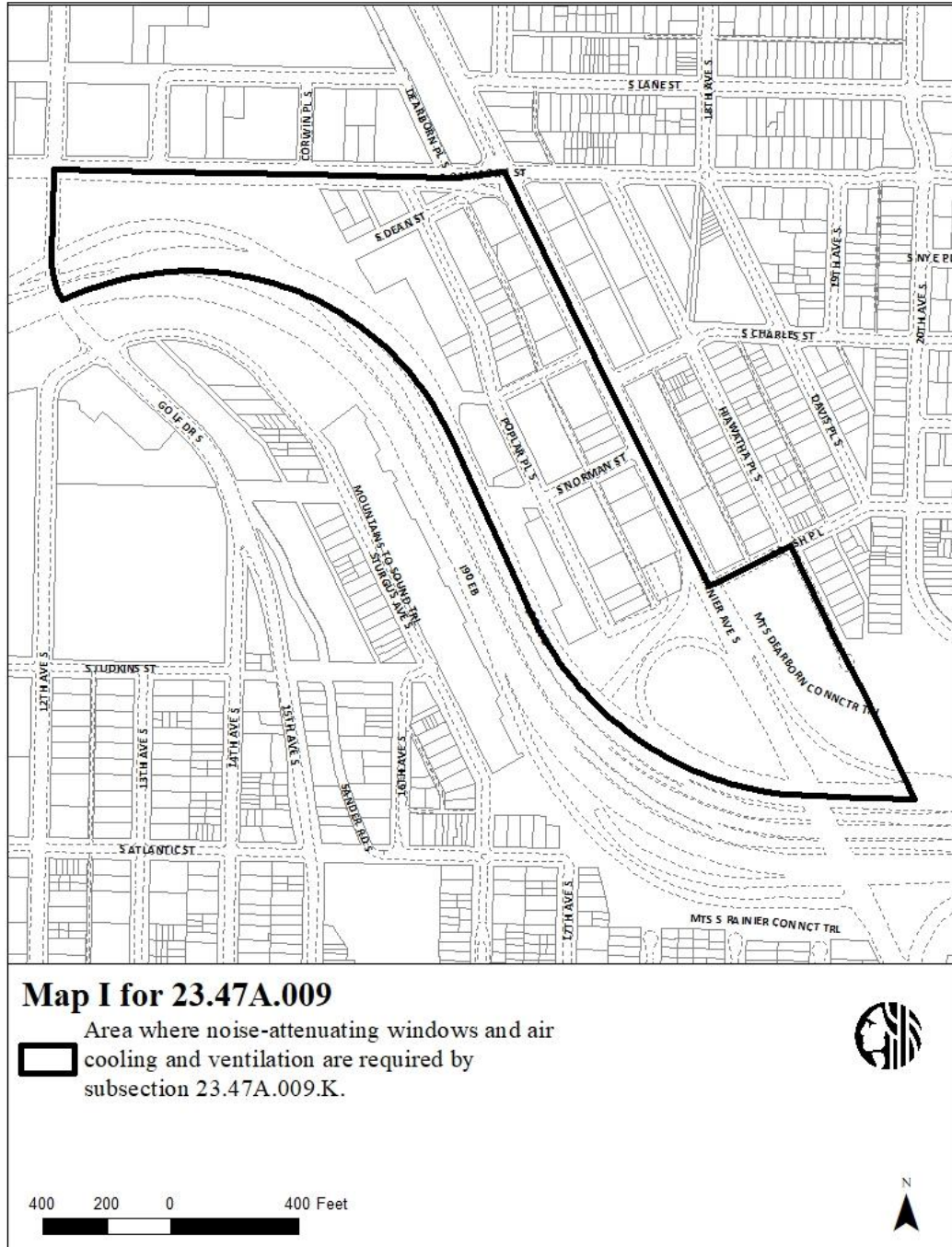


1           K. Judkins Park. The following provisions apply to development proposed in NC zones  
2 within the area shown on Map I for 23.47A.009.

3                   1. All dwelling units shall have sound-insulating windows sufficient to maintain  
4 interior sound levels at 60 decibels or below in consideration of existing environmental noise  
5 levels at the site. The applicant shall submit an analysis of existing noise levels and  
6 documentation of the sound insulating capabilities of windows shall be indicated on the plan.

7                   2. All dwelling units shall have a permanently installed air cooling system and a  
8 balanced ventilation system, which may be combined. The ventilation system shall filter any  
9 outdoor air supply through filters rated MERV 13 or higher as determined by the American  
10 Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). The air cooling  
11 and ventilation systems shall be indicated on the plan.

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13                                   **Map I for 23.47A.009**  
14                                   **Standards Applicable to Specific Areas: Judkins Park**  
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L. South Park. The following provisions apply to development proposed in NC zones within the areas shown on Map J for 23.47A.009.

1. All dwelling units shall have sound-insulating windows sufficient to maintain interior sound levels at 60 decibels or below in consideration of existing environmental noise


1 levels at the site. The applicant shall submit an analysis of existing noise levels and  
2 documentation of the sound insulating capabilities of windows shall be indicated on the plan.

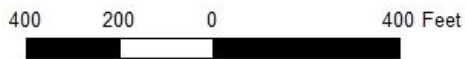
3 2. All dwelling units shall have a permanently installed air cooling system and a  
4 balanced ventilation system, which may be combined. The ventilation system shall filter any  
5 outdoor air supply through filters rated MERV 13 or higher as determined by the American  
6 Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). The air cooling  
7 and ventilation systems shall be indicated on the plan.

8 **Map J for 23.47A.009**  
9 **Standards Applicable to Specific Areas: South Park**  
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### Map J for 23.47A.009

 Areas where noise-attenuating windows and air cooling and ventilation are required by subsection 23.47A.009.L.

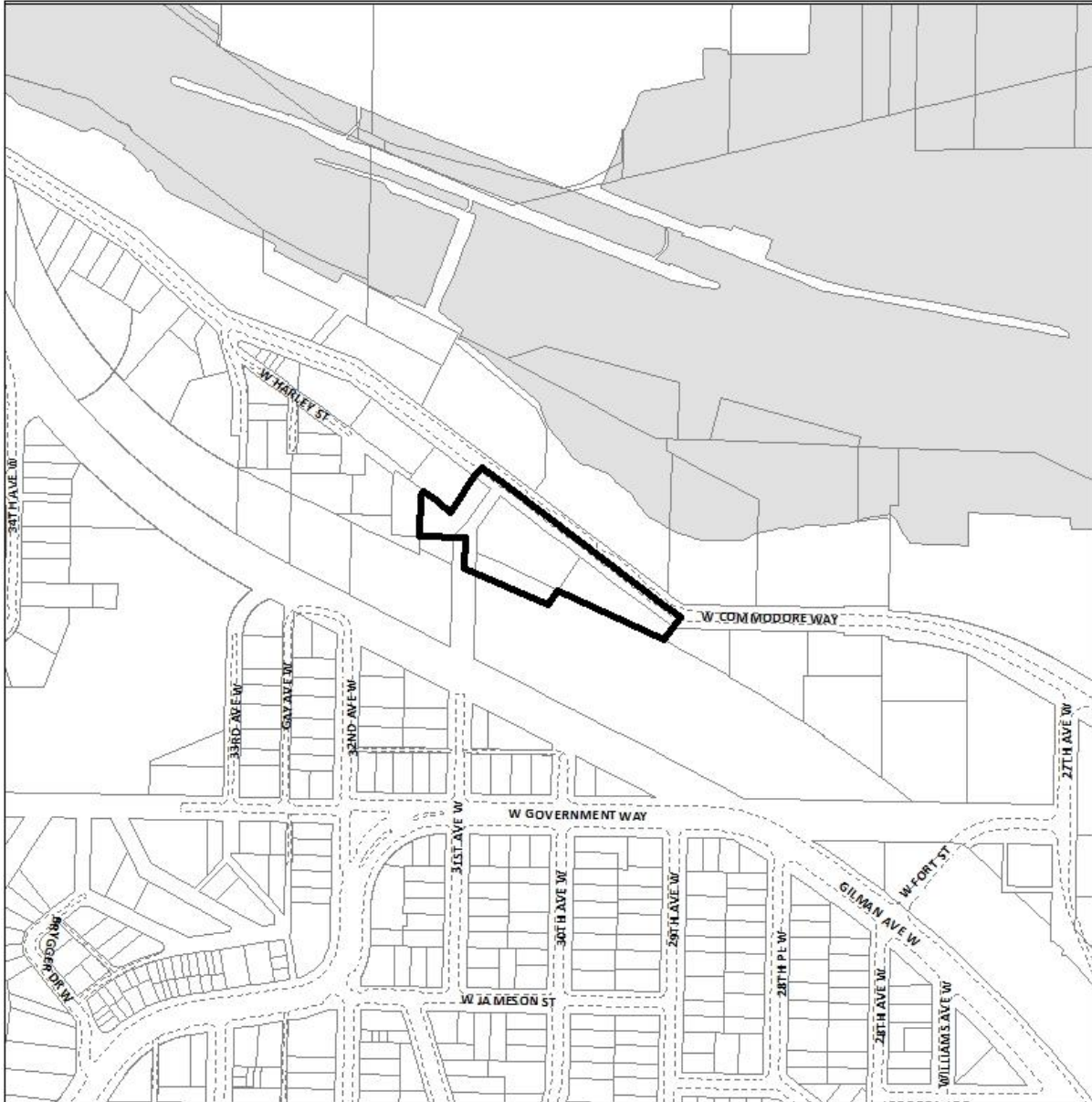


1           M. Interbay. The following provisions apply to development proposed in C zones within  
2 the areas shown on Map K for 23.47A.009.


3                   1. All dwelling units shall have sound-insulating windows sufficient to maintain  
4 interior sound levels at 60 decibels or below in consideration of existing environmental noise  
5 levels at the site. The applicant shall submit an analysis of existing noise levels and  
6 documentation of the sound insulating capabilities of windows shall be indicated on the plan.

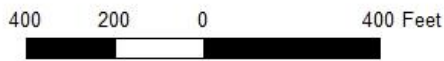
7                   2. All dwelling units shall have a permanently installed air cooling system and a  
8 balanced ventilation system, which may be combined. The ventilation system shall filter any  
9 outdoor air supply through filters rated MERV 13 or higher as determined by the American  
10 Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). The air cooling  
11 and ventilation systems shall be indicated on the plan.

12                                   **Map K for 23.47A.009**  
13                                   **Standards Applicable to Specific Areas: Interbay**  
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### Map K for 23.47A.009

 Area where noise-attenuating windows and air cooling and ventilation are required by subsection 23.47A.009.M.



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1 Section 8. A new Chapter 23.50A is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

2 **CHAPTER 23.50A INDUSTRIAL AND MARITIME**

3 **23.50A.002 Scope**

4 A. This Chapter 23.50A establishes regulations for the following industrial zones:

- 5 1. Maritime, Manufacturing, and Logistics (MML);
- 6 2. Industry and Innovation (II);
- 7 3. Urban Industrial (UI); and
- 8 4. Industrial Commercial (IC).

9 B. In addition to the regulations in this Chapter 23.50A, certain industrial areas may be  
10 regulated by other chapters or titles, including but not limited to Chapter 23.60A, Chapter 23.66,  
11 and Chapter 25.12.

12 C. Communication utilities and accessory communication devices except as exempted in  
13 Section 23.57.002 are subject to the regulations in this Chapter 23.50A and additional regulations  
14 in Chapter 23.57.

15 D. For the purposes of this Chapter 23.50A, the terms "existing structures or uses" mean  
16 those structures or uses which were established under permit, or for which a permit has been  
17 granted and has not expired, before June, 1, 2023.

18 E. Major marijuana activity is subject to the regulations in this Chapter 23.50A and  
19 additional regulations in Section 23.42.058.

20 **23.50A.004 Permitted and prohibited uses**

21 A. All uses are permitted outright, prohibited, or permitted as a conditional use,  
22 according to Table A for 23.50A.004 and this Section 23.50A.004.

1           B. All permitted uses are allowed as either a principal use or an accessory use, unless  
2 otherwise indicated in Table A for 23.50A.004.

3           C. Uses that qualify as an Industrial Use for purposes of achieving extra floor area in II  
4 zones pursuant to Section 23.50A.012 are indicated in Table A for 23.50A.004.

5           D. Public facilities

6                   1. Similar uses permitted. Except as provided in subsections 23.50A.004.D.2 and  
7 23.50A.004.D.3 and in Section 23.50A.010, uses in public facilities that are most similar to uses  
8 permitted outright or permitted by conditional use in this chapter are also permitted outright or  
9 by conditional use, subject to the same use regulations, development standards, and  
10 administrative conditional use criteria that govern the similar uses.

11                   2. Waivers or modification by the City Council for similar uses. The City Council  
12 may waive or modify applicable development standards or conditional use criteria for those uses  
13 in public facilities that are similar to uses permitted outright or permitted by conditional use  
14 according to Chapter 23.76, Subchapter III, with public projects considered as Type IV quasi-  
15 judicial decisions and City facilities considered as Type V legislative decisions.

16                   3. Other uses permitted in public facilities. Unless specifically prohibited, uses in  
17 public facilities that are not similar to uses permitted outright or permitted by a conditional use or  
18 special exception under this Chapter 23.50A may be permitted by the City Council. The City  
19 Council may waive or modify development standards or conditional use criteria according to  
20 Chapter 23.76, Subchapter III, with public projects considered as Type IV quasi-judicial  
21 decisions and City facilities considered as Type V legislative decisions.



1                   4. Uses in public facilities not meeting development standards. In all industrial  
2 zones, uses in public facilities not meeting development standards may be permitted by the  
3 Council if the following criteria are satisfied:

4                   a. The project provides unique services that are not provided to the  
5 community by the private sector, such as police and fire stations; and

6                   b. The proposed location is required to meet specific public service  
7 delivery needs; and

8                   c. The waiver or modification to the development standards is necessary to  
9 meet specific public service delivery needs; and

10                  d. The relationship of the project to the surrounding area has been  
11 considered in the design, siting, landscaping, and screening of the facility.

12                   5. Expansion of uses in public facilities

13                   a. Major expansion. Major expansions may be permitted to uses in public  
14 facilities allowed pursuant to subsections 23.50A.004.D.1, 23.50A.004.D.2, and 23.50A.004.D.3  
15 according to the same provisions and procedural requirements as described in these subsections.

16 A major expansion of a public facility use is one that would not meet development standards, or  
17 one that would exceed the greater of 750 square feet or ten percent of its existing area, including  
18 gross floor area and areas devoted to active outdoor uses other than parking.

19                   b. Minor expansion. An expansion that is not a major expansion is a minor  
20 expansion. Minor expansions may be permitted to uses in public facilities allowed pursuant to  
21 subsections 23.50A.004.D.1, 23.50A.004.D.2, and 23.50A.004.D.3 according to Chapter 23.76  
22 for a Type I Master Use Permit if the development standards of the zone in which the public  
23 facility is located are met.

1                   6. Essential public facilities. Permitted essential public facilities shall also be  
2 reviewed according to Chapter 23.80.

3                   E. Rooftop recreational space in the MML zone. Recreational space may be located on  
4 the rooftop of a building (including the rooftop of an attached parking structure) constructed as  
5 of June 1, 2023. Rooftop recreational space shall be used only for the purposes of active  
6 recreational uses and/or passive open spaces accessory to office uses of at least 100,000 square  
7 feet that are located in the same building or within an attached structure(s) and that are  
8 constructed on or before June 1, 2023. If any portion of the rooftop recreational space is covered  
9 by a structure, the following standards apply:

10                   1. The height of the structure shall not exceed 30 feet as measured from the  
11 existing rooftop elevation and be limited to only one story;

12                   2. The height shall not exceed the height of the highest portion or feature of the  
13 building or attached structure(s);

14                   3. The footprint of the structure shall not exceed 30 percent of the total roof area  
15 on which the structure is located; and

16                   4. The structure shall be designed to include a minimum of 30 percent transparent  
17 and/or translucent exterior building materials.

18                   5. The rooftop recreational space permitted under this subsection 23.50A.004.E  
19 shall be used only for active recreational uses and/or passive open spaces accessory to office uses  
20 and cannot be used for or converted to other uses. This subsection 23.50A.004.E does not  
21 preclude the use of rooftop decks for passive open space use if the deck is on a structure  
22 otherwise permitted, including a structure constructed after December 31, 1998, or if the deck is  
23 associated with an otherwise permitted use.

1           F. Adult cabarets

2                   1. Any lot line of property containing any proposed new or expanding adult  
3 cabaret must be 800 feet or more from any lot line of property on which any of the following  
4 uses has been established by permit or otherwise recognized as legally established: community  
5 center; child care center; school, elementary or secondary; or public parks and open space use.

6                   2. Any lot line of property containing any proposed new or expanding adult  
7 cabaret must be 600 feet or more from any lot line of property for which a permit has been issued  
8 for any other adult cabaret.

9                   3. The analysis required by subsections 23.50A.004.F.1 and 23.50A.004. F.2 shall  
10 be based on the facts that exist on the earlier of:

11                           a. The date a complete application is made for a building permit for an  
12 adult cabaret for the property proposed to contain the new or expanding adult cabaret; or

13                           b. The date of publication of notice of the Director's decision on the  
14 Master Use Permit application to establish or expand an adult cabaret use, if the decision can be  
15 appealed to the Hearing Examiner, or the date of the Director's decision if no Hearing Examiner  
16 appeal is available.

17           G. Ancillary uses in the Urban Industrial zone. A principal industrial use listed in Table  
18 A for 23.50A.004 may have an ancillary use within it. In the Urban Industrial zone, the ancillary  
19 use may occupy up to 80 percent of the floor area of the use while maintaining the classification  
20 as the principal industrial use. An ancillary use within a principal industrial use is exempt from  
21 the maximum size of use limits in Section 23.58A.008.

**Table A for 23.50A.004  
 Uses in Industrial zones**

| Uses                                    | Qualifies as Industrial? | Permitted and prohibited uses by zone |    |       |       |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|-------|-------|
|   |                          | MML                                   | II | UI    | IC    |
| <b>A. AGRICULTURAL USES</b>             |                          |                                       |    |       |       |
| A.1. Animal husbandry                   | N/A                      | X                                     | X  | X     | X     |
| A.2. Aquaculture                        | Yes                      | P                                     | P  | P     | P     |
| A.3. Community garden                   | Yes                      | P                                     | P  | P     | P     |
| A.4. Horticulture                       | N/A                      | P                                     | P  | P     | P     |
| A.5. Urban farm (1)                     | Yes                      | P                                     | P  | P     | P     |
| <b>B. CEMETERIES</b>                    | N/A                      | X                                     | X  | X     | X     |
| <b>C. COMMERCIAL USES</b>               |                          |                                       |    |       |       |
| C.1. Animal shelters and kennels        | Yes                      | P                                     | P  | X (2) | P     |
| C.2. Eating and drinking establishments | No                       | P                                     | P  | P     | P     |
| <b>C.3. Entertainment uses</b>          |                          |                                       |    |       |       |
| C.3.a. Cabarets, adult                  | No                       | X                                     | P  | P (3) | P (3) |
| C.3.b. Motion picture theaters, adult   | N/A                      | X                                     | X  | X     | X     |
| C.3.c. Panorams, adult                  | N/A                      | X                                     | X  | X     | X     |
| C.3.d. Sports and recreation, indoor    | No                       | P                                     | P  | X     | P     |

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| Uses  | Qualifies as Industrial? | Permitted and prohibited uses by zone |        |    |        |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|----|--------|
|   |                          | MML                                   | II     | UI | IC     |
| C.3.e. Sports and recreation, outdoor           | No                       | P                                     | P      | X  | P      |
| C.3.f. Theaters and spectator sports facilities | No                       | X (4)                                 | P      | P  | P      |
| C.4. Food processing and craft work (1)         | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| C.5. Information computer technology            | Only in II zones         | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| C.5. Laboratories, research and development     | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| C.6. Lodging uses                               | No                       | X                                     | P      | P  | CU     |
| C.7. Medical services                           | No                       | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| C.8. Offices                                    | No                       | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| C.9. Sales and services, automotive             | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| C.10. Sales and services, general               | No                       | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| C.11. Sales and services, heavy                 | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| C.12. Sales and services, marine                | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P  | P      |
| <b>D. HIGH-IMPACT USES</b>                      | Yes                      | CU (5)                                | CU (6) | X  | CU (6) |

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| Uses   | Qualifies as Industrial? | Permitted and prohibited uses by zone |        |        |        |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|  |                          | MML                                   | II     | UI     | IC     |
| <b>E. INSTITUTIONS</b>   |                          |                                       |        |        |        |
| E.1. Adult care centers  | N/A                      | X                                     | X      | X      | X      |
| E.2. Child care centers  | No                       | X                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| E.3. Colleges  | No (7)                   | X (7)                                 | P      | P      | P      |
| E.4. Community centers and Family support centers                      | No                       | P                                     | P      | P      | EB     |
| E.5. Community clubs   | No                       | P                                     | P      | P      | EB     |
| E.6. Hospitals   | No                       | X                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| E.7. Institutes for advanced study                                     | No                       | P                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| E.8. Libraries   | N/A                      | X                                     | X      | X      | X      |
| E.9. Major institutions subject to the provisions of Chapter 23.69 (8) | No                       | EB                                    | EB     | EB     | EB     |
| E.10. Museums  | No                       | X (9)                                 | P      | P      | P      |
| E.11. Private clubs  | No                       | EB                                    | P      | P      | P      |
| E.12. Religious facilities   | No                       | P (10)                                | P (10) | P (10) | P (10) |
| E.13. Schools, elementary or secondary                                 | No                       | X                                     | P      | P      | EB     |

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| Uses                                   | Qualifies as Industrial? | Permitted and prohibited uses by zone |         |         |         |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|  |                          | MML                                   | II      | UI      | IC      |
| E.14. Vocational or fine arts schools  | No                       | P                                     | P       | P       | P       |
| F. LIVE-WORK UNITS                     | No                       | X                                     | X       | CU      | X       |
| <b>G. MANUFACTURING USES</b>           |                          |                                       |         |         |         |
| G.1. Manufacturing, light              | Yes                      | P                                     | P       | P       | P       |
| G.2. Manufacturing, general            | Yes                      | P                                     | P       | P       | P       |
| G.3. Manufacturing, heavy              | Yes                      | P/CU (11)                             | CU (11) | CU (11) | CU (11) |
| H. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE                | No                       | P                                     | P       | P       | P       |
| <b>I. PUBLIC FACILITIES</b>            |                          |                                       |         |         |         |
| I.1. Jails                             | N/A                      | X                                     | X       | X       | X       |
| I.2. Work-release centers              | N/A                      | X                                     | X       | X       | X       |
| I.3. Other public facilities           | No                       | CCU                                   | CCU     | CCU     | CCU     |
| <b>J. RESIDENTIAL USES</b>             |                          |                                       |         |         |         |
| J.1. Residential uses not listed below | No                       | X                                     | X       | CU      | X       |
| J.2. Artist's studio/dwellings         | No                       | EB/CU                                 | X       | CU      | EB/CU   |

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 Uses in Industrial zones**

| Uses                                       | Qualifies as Industrial? | Permitted and prohibited uses by zone |        |        |        |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|  |                          | MML                                   | II     | UI     | IC     |
| J.3. Caretaker's quarters                  | No                       | P                                     | P      | CU     | P      |
| <b>K. STORAGE USES</b>                     |                          |                                       |        |        |        |
| K.1. Mini-warehouses                       | N/A                      | X                                     | X      | X      | X      |
| K.2. Storage, outdoor                      | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| K.3. Warehouses                            | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| <b>L. TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES</b>        |                          |                                       |        |        |        |
| L.1. Cargo terminals                       | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| <b>L.2. Parking and moorage</b>            |                          |                                       |        |        |        |
| L.2.a. Boat moorage                        | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| L.2.b. Dry boat storage                    | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| L.2.c. Parking, flexible-use               | No                       | X (4)                                 | X      | P (4)  | P      |
| L.2.d. Park and ride facilities            | No                       | X                                     | X      | P (12) | P (12) |
| L.2.e. Towing services                     | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| L.3. Passenger terminals                   | Yes                      | P (13)                                | P (13) | P (13) | P      |
| L.4. Rail transit facilities               | Yes                      | P                                     | P      | P      | P      |
| <b>L.5. Transportation facilities, air</b> |                          |                                       |        |        |        |



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| Uses   | Qualifies as Industrial? | Permitted and prohibited uses by zone |     |     |     |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|  |                          | MML                                   | II  | UI  | IC  |
| L.5.a. Airports (land-based)                       | Yes                      | CCU                                   | CCU | X   | CCU |
| L.5.b. Airports (water-based)                      | Yes                      | CCU                                   | CCU | X   | CCU |
| L.5.c. Heliports                                   | Yes                      | CCU                                   | CCU | X   | CCU |
| L.5.d. Helistops                                   | Yes                      | CCU                                   | CCU | CCU | CCU |
| <b>L.6. Vehicle storage and maintenance</b>        |                          |                                       |     |     |     |
| L.6.a. Bus bases                                   | Yes                      | CU                                    | CU  | CU  | CU  |
| L.6.b. Railroad switchyards                        | Yes                      | P                                     | CU  | CU  | P   |
| L.6.c. Railroad switchyards with a mechanized hump | Yes                      | P                                     | CU  | CU  | CU  |
| L.6.d. Transportation services, personal           | Yes                      | P                                     | P   | P   | P   |
| <b>M. UTILITY USES</b>                             |                          |                                       |     |     |     |
| M.1. Communication utilities, major                | Yes                      | CU                                    | CU  | CU  | CU  |
| M.2. Communication utilities, minor                | Yes                      | P                                     | P   | P   | P   |
| M.3. Power plants                                  | Yes                      | P                                     | P   | X   | CCU |
| M.4. Recycling                                     | Yes                      | P                                     | P   | P   | P   |

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 Uses in Industrial zones**

| Uses                                       | Qualifies as Industrial? | Permitted and prohibited uses by zone |     |         |         |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
|  |                          | MML                                   | II  | UI      | IC      |
| M.5. Sewage treatment plants               | Yes                      | CCU                                   | CCU | X       | CCU     |
| 2M.6. Solid waste management               |                          |                                       |     |         |         |
| M.6.a. Salvage yards                       | Yes                      | P                                     | X   | X       | X       |
| M.6.b. Solid waste transfer stations       | Yes                      | CU (14)                               | X   | CU (14) | CU (14) |
| M.6.c. Solid waste incineration facilities | Yes                      | CCU                                   | CCU | CCU     | CCU     |
| M.6.d. Solid waste landfills               | N/A                      | X                                     | X   | X       | X       |
| M.7. Utility services uses                 | Yes                      | P                                     | P   | P       | P       |

**Key for Table A for 23.50A.004**

- CU = Administrative conditional use
- CCU = Council conditional use
- EB = Permitted only in a building existing on June 1, 2023
- EB/CU = Administrative conditional use permitted only in a building existing on June 1, 2023
- P = Permitted
- X = Prohibited

**Footnotes to Table A for 23.50A.004**

- (1) In addition to the provisions in this Chapter 23.50A, urban farms that entail major marijuana activity are regulated by Section 23.42.058.
- (2) Animal shelters and kennels maintained and operated for the impounding, holding and/or disposal of lost, stray, unwanted, dead, or injured animals are permitted.
- (3) Subject to subsection 23.50A.004.F.
- (4) Parking required for a spectator sports facility or exhibition hall is allowed and shall be permitted to be used as flexible-use parking or shared with another such facility to meet its required parking. A spectator sports facility or exhibition hall within the Stadium Transition

**Table A for 23.50A.004  
 Uses in Industrial zones**

| Uses   | Qualifies as Industrial? | Permitted and prohibited uses by zone |    |    |    |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|
|  |                          | MML                                   | II | UI | IC |
| <p>Area Overlay District may reserve parking. Such reserved non-required parking shall be permitted to be used as flexible-use parking and is exempt from the one-space-per-650-square-foot ratio under the following circumstances:</p> <p>(a) The parking is owned and operated by the owner of the spectator sports facility or exhibition hall, and</p> <p>(b) The parking is reserved for events in the spectator sports facility or exhibition hall, and</p> <p>(c) The reserved parking is outside of the Stadium Transition Area Overlay District, and south of South Royal Brougham Way, west of 6th Avenue South and north of South Atlantic Street. Parking that is covenanted to meet required parking will not be considered reserved parking.</p> <p>(5) The high-impact uses listed in subsection 23.50A.006.B.4 may be permitted as conditional uses.</p> <p>(6) The high-impact uses listed in subsection 23.50A.006.B.8 may be permitted as conditional uses.</p> <p>(7) Research and education facilities that are a part of a college or university, and that are water-dependent or water-related as defined by Section 23.60.944 or offer a primarily vocational curriculum are permitted, and shall be classified as an industrial use.</p> <p>(8) Major institution uses are permitted only in a building existing on June 1, 2023, except that such uses are permitted on properties located outside of the Ballard/Interbay/Northend Manufacturing and Industrial Center that are located in an area south of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, east of 8th Avenue West, north of West Nickerson Street, and west of 3rd Avenue West regardless of whether the use is located in a building existing on June 1, 2023.</p> <p>(9) Museums are prohibited except in buildings or structures that are designated City of Seattle landmarks.</p> <p>(10) Transitional encampments accessory to religious facilities or to principal uses located on property owned or controlled by a religious organization are regulated by Section 23.42.054.</p> <p>(11) Heavy manufacturing uses meeting the criteria in subsection 23.50A.006.B.7 may be permitted as a conditional use. All other heavy manufacturing uses are prohibited in the UI, II and IC zones and in the MML zone within 1,500 linear feet of residentially zoned or neighborhood commercial zoned properties. Heavy Manufacturing uses not within 1,500 linear feet of residentially zoned or neighborhood commercial zoned properties are permitted.</p> <p>(12) Park and ride facilities are not permitted within 3,000 feet of the Downtown Urban Center.</p> <p>(13) Parking lots intended and designed for, and solely used for, pick-up and drop-off of passengers using ride-share services or transportation network companies is included as a part of the passenger terminal use category for industrial zones.</p> <p>(14) Subject to subsection 23.50A.006.B.6.</p> |                          |                                       |    |    |    |

1 **23.50A.006 Conditional uses**

2 A. Criteria for all conditional uses. All conditional uses are subject to the procedures set  
3 forth in Chapter 23.76 and shall meet the following criteria:

4 1. The use shall be determined not to be materially detrimental to the public  
5 welfare or injurious to property in the zone or vicinity in which the property is located.

6 2. The benefits to the public that would be provided by the use shall outweigh the  
7 negative impacts of the use.

8 3. Landscaping and screening, vehicular access controls, and other measures shall  
9 insure the compatibility of the use with the surrounding area and mitigate adverse impacts.

10 4. The conditional use shall be denied if it is determined that the negative impacts  
11 cannot be mitigated satisfactorily. However, adverse negative impacts may be mitigated by  
12 imposing requirements or conditions deemed necessary for the protection of other properties in  
13 the zone or vicinity and the public interest.

14 B. Administrative conditional uses. The following uses, identified as administrative  
15 conditional uses in Table A for 23.50A.004, may be permitted by the Director if the provisions  
16 of this subsection 23.50A.006.B and subsection 23.50A.006.A are met.

17 1. Artist's studio/dwellings in an existing structure may be permitted as a  
18 conditional use in MML, II, and IC zones, except as provided in Chapter 23.60A, upon showing  
19 that the occupant is a working artist who can demonstrate that their artworks or performances are  
20 provided for sale or compensation or are displayed or performed in venues accessible to a  
21 general public audience, and subject to the following criteria:

22 a. Artist's studio/dwellings shall generally be discouraged along arterials  
23 such as freeways, state routes, and freight lines;

1                                   b. Artist's studio/dwellings shall not be allowed in areas where existing  
2 industrial uses may cause environmental or safety problems;

3                                   c. Artist's studio/dwellings shall not be located where they may restrict or  
4 disrupt industrial activity;

5                                   d. The nature of the artist's work shall be such that there is a genuine need  
6 for the space; and

7                                   e. The owner(s) of a building seeking a conditional use for artist's  
8 studio/dwellings must sign and record a covenant and equitable servitude, on a form acceptable  
9 to the Director, that acknowledges that the owner(s) and occupants of the building accept the  
10 industrial character of the neighborhood and agree that existing or permitted industrial uses do  
11 not constitute a nuisance or other inappropriate or unlawful use of land. Such covenant and  
12 equitable servitude must state that it is binding on the owner(s)' successors, heirs, and assigns,  
13 including any lessees of the artist's studio/dwellings.

14                                   2. Residential use in landmark structures. A residential use not otherwise  
15 permitted in the zone may be permitted as a conditional use in MML, II, and IC zones within a  
16 structure designated as a Landmark pursuant to Chapter 25.12, or within a structure in a  
17 Landmark District pursuant to Chapter 25.16 or Chapter 25.28, subject to the following criteria:

18                                   a. The use shall be compatible with the historic or landmark character of  
19 the structure. The Director shall request a determination regarding compatibility by the  
20 respective Board having jurisdiction over the structure or lot;

21                                   b. The residential use shall not restrict or disrupt industrial activity in the  
22 zone, and

1 c. The surrounding uses would not be detrimental to occupants of the  
2 Landmark structure.

3 3. Residential use in UI zones. Residential uses are permitted as an administrative  
4 conditional use in UI zones if all of the following criteria are met. The residential use may be  
5 part of a Major Phased Development.

6 a. The residential use shall not exceed a density limit of 50 dwelling units  
7 per acre; and

8 b. The residential use shall not be located within 200 feet of a shoreline;  
9 and

10 c. The residential use shall not be within 200 feet of a designated major  
11 truck street; and

12 d. All dwelling units shall have sound-insulating windows sufficient to  
13 maintain interior sound levels at 60 decibels or below in consideration of existing environmental  
14 noise levels at the site. The applicant shall submit an analysis of existing noise levels and  
15 documentation of the sound insulating capabilities of windows as part of the conditional use  
16 permit application; and

17 e. All dwelling units shall have a permanently installed air cooling system  
18 and a balanced ventilation system, which may be combined. The ventilation system shall filter  
19 any outdoor air supply through filters rated MERV 13 or higher as determined by the American  
20 Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). The air cooling  
21 and ventilation systems shall be indicated on the plan.

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1                           f. The residential use shall be located, designed, and configured in a  
2 manner to reduce potential conflict with adjacent existing industrial business operations; and

3                           g. The owner(s) of a building seeking a conditional use for the residential  
4 use must sign and record a covenant and equitable servitude, on a form acceptable to the  
5 Director, that acknowledges that the owner(s) and occupants of the building accept the industrial  
6 character of the neighborhood and agree that existing or permitted industrial uses do not  
7 constitute a nuisance or other inappropriate or unlawful use of land. Such covenant and equitable  
8 servitude must state that it is binding on the owner(s)' successors, heirs, and assigns, including  
9 any lessees of the residential use; and

10                          h. The residential use shall be a part of a mixed-use development that  
11 includes non-residential uses permitted in UI zones, and the residential use component shall not  
12 exceed 50 percent of the total floor area of the mixed use development; and

13                          i. Occupancies of dwelling units are voluntarily limited by the building  
14 owner to support the availability of housing that is affordable to area workers, such that the  
15 residential use consists of either:

16                               1) All dwelling units are live-work units in which the commercial  
17 activity qualifies as industrial, or are caretakers' quarters associated with a business on the same  
18 site provided no single business shall have more than three associated caretakers' quarters; or

19                               2) A minimum of 50 percent of the dwelling units are made  
20 available at affordable rent or affordable sale price for a period of 75 years beginning January  
21 1 of the year following final certificate of occupancy to eligible households with annual  
22 incomes at or below 60 percent of median income for SEDUs, 80 percent of median income for  
23 studio and one bedroom units, and 90 percent of median income for two-bedroom and larger

1 units. Standardized procedures and definitions established by the Office of Housing for  
2 administration of Chapter 5.73 shall apply. Dwelling units eligible for the multifamily housing  
3 tax exemption may be counted towards the minimum 50 percent.

4 4. High-impact uses may be permitted as a conditional use in the MML zone,  
5 according to the following criteria:

6 a. The lot is located so that large concentrations of people, particularly in  
7 residential and commercial areas, are not exposed to unreasonable adverse impacts; and

8 b. A management plan may be required. The Director may determine the  
9 level of detail to be disclosed in the plan based on the probable impacts and/or the scale of the  
10 effects. Discussion of materials handling and storage, odor control, transportation, and other  
11 factors may be required.

12 5. A new railroad switchyard with a mechanized hump, or the expansion of such a  
13 use beyond the lot occupied as of October 7, 1987, may be permitted as a conditional use in the  
14 MML zone, according to the following criteria:

15 a. The lot is located so that large concentrations of people, particularly in  
16 residential and commercial areas, are not exposed to unreasonable adverse impacts;

17 b. Measures to minimize the impacts of noise, light, and glare, and other  
18 measures to ensure the compatibility of the use with the surrounding area and to mitigate adverse  
19 impacts shall be incorporated into the design and operation of the facility.

20 6. Solid waste transfer stations may be permitted as a conditional use in the MML,  
21 UI, and IC zones according to the following criteria:



1                                   a. Measures to minimize potential odor emissions and airborne pollutants  
2 shall be determined in consultation with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. These measures  
3 shall be incorporated into the design and operation of the facility;

4                                   b. Measures to maximize control of rodents, birds and other vectors shall  
5 be determined in consultation with Public Health—Seattle & King County. These measures shall  
6 be incorporated into the design and operation of the facility;

7                                   c. The Director may require a transportation plan. The Director shall  
8 determine the level of detail to be disclosed in the plan such as estimated trip generation, access  
9 routes, and surrounding area traffic counts, based on the probable impacts and/or scale of the  
10 proposed facility; and

11                                  d. Measures to minimize other impacts are incorporated into the design  
12 and operation of the facility;

13                                  e. For any portion of the principal structure containing the solid waste  
14 management use that is located in a UI zone, the following standards apply:

15   1) The maximum floor area of the principal structure is limited to  
16 7,000 square feet.

17   2) A setback of at least 65 feet is required between any facade of  
18 the principal structure and any lot line that abuts or is across a street from a residentially zoned  
19 lot.

20                                  f. Accessory structures including scales, scale houses, entrance/exit kiosks,  
21 walls, screening, and other minor incidental improvements, including canopies over scales  
22 houses and drive lanes, are permitted. The total area of all scale houses in IC or UI zones shall  
23 not exceed 1,000 square feet.

1 g. A landscaped area at least 20 feet deep is required between any  
2 structure or any parking located in an IC or UI zone and the nearest street lot line.

3 h. Parking and driveways accessory to a solid waste transfer station.  
4 Parking and driveways on property in an IC or UI zone may be permitted as a conditional use  
5 accessory to a solid waste transfer station if:

6 1) The parking is on property that is part of the same development  
7 site as the solid waste transfer station use.

8 2) The parking meets the criteria of subsection 23.50A.006.A.

9 3) The parking is subject to analysis in any transportation plan  
10 required by the Director pursuant to subsection 23.50A.006.B.6.c.

11 4) Driveways providing access to parking or access to the solid  
12 waste transfer station are on the same development site as the solid waste transfer station use.

13 i. Rooftop features on the principal structure shall not exceed the  
14 maximum height limit of the zone.

15 j. All transfer, handling, and compacting of materials processed by the  
16 solid waste management use shall be conducted within an enclosed structure.

17 k. Outdoor storage is prohibited.

18 7. Heavy manufacturing uses may be permitted in UI, II, and IC zones, and in  
19 portions of MML zones that are located within 1,500 linear feet of land that is residentially  
20 zoned and developed with housing, or neighborhood commercial zoned land except where  
21 separated by Interstate 5, as a conditional use, only when meeting all of the following criteria:

22 a. The use shall be located within an enclosed building except for  
23 shipbuilding;

1                           b. A condition is identified in permit documents limiting the hours of  
2 operation for all processes creating any adverse impacts on residentially or commercially zoned  
3 land to specific hour ranges as appropriate to minimize the adverse impact on receiving  
4 populations;

5                           c. Truck and service traffic associated with the heavy manufacturing use  
6 shall be directed away from streets serving lots in nonindustrial zones;

7                           d. The infrastructure of the area shall be capable of accommodating the  
8 traffic generated by the proposed use; and

9                           e. The use shall not produce sustained or recurrent vibrations exceeding  
10 0.002g acceleration as measured on lots in nonindustrial zones.

11                       8. The high-impact uses listed in subsection 23.50A.006.B.8.a may be permitted  
12 as conditional uses in the IC and II zones according to the criteria contained in subsection  
13 23.50A.006.B.8.b.

14                           a. Uses

15                               1) The manufacture of Group A hazardous materials, except Class  
16 A or B explosives; and

17                               2) The manufacture of Group B hazardous materials, when the  
18 hazardous materials are present in quantities greater than 2,500 pounds of solids, 275 gallons of  
19 liquids, or 1,000 cubic feet of gas at any time.

20                           b. Criteria

21                               1) The lot is located so that large concentrations of people,  
22 particularly in residential and commercial areas, are not exposed to unreasonable adverse  
23 impacts;

1                               2) A management plan may be required. The Director may  
2 determine the level of detail to be disclosed in the plan based on the probable impacts and/or the  
3 scale of the effects. Discussion of materials handling and storage, odor control, transportation,  
4 and other factors may be required;

5                               3) The finished product as packaged for sale or distribution shall  
6 be in such a form that product handling and shipment does not constitute a significant public  
7 health risk; and

8                               4) The nature of the materials produced and/or the scale of  
9 manufacturing operations may be limited to minimize the degree and severity of risks to public  
10 health and safety.

11                             9. Bus bases may be permitted as a conditional use in the MML, II, UI, and IC  
12 zones according to the following criteria:

13                             a. The amount of industrial land occupied by the facility shall be  
14 minimized. To avoid disruption of the industrial function of the area, the presence of the facility  
15 shall not obstruct the operation or likely expansion of existing industrial uses;

16                             b. The location of the facility shall not result in significant displacement of  
17 viable industrial uses or support activities.

18                             c. The amount of land occupied by the facility that has access to industrial  
19 shorelines or major rail facilities shall be minimized; and

20                             d. A transportation plan may be required to prevent conflicts with nearby  
21 industrial uses. The Director shall determine the level of detail to be disclosed in the plan based  
22 on the probable impacts and/or scale of the proposed facility.

1                   10. Power plants may be permitted as a conditional use according to the following  
2 criteria:

3                   a. The lot is located so that large concentrations of people, particularly in  
4 residential and commercial areas, are not exposed to unreasonable adverse impacts;

5                   b. A facility management and transportation plan may be required. The  
6 level and kind of detail to be disclosed in the plan shall be based on the probable impacts and/or  
7 scale of the proposed facility, and may include discussion of transportation, noise control, and  
8 hours of operation;

9                   c. Measures to minimize potential odor emission and airborne pollution  
10 shall meet standards of and be consistent with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, and shall be  
11 incorporated into the design and operation of the facility; and

12                   d. Landscaping and screening, separation from less-intensive zones, noise,  
13 light and glare controls, and other measures to ensure the compatibility of the use with the  
14 surrounding area and to mitigate adverse impacts shall be incorporated into the design and  
15 operation of the facility.

16                   11. Lodging may be permitted as a conditional use in the IC zone according to the  
17 following criteria:

18                   a. The use is designed primarily to serve users in the industrial area; and

19                   b. The use is designed and located to minimize conflicts with industrial  
20 uses in the area.

21                   C. Council conditional uses. The following uses are identified as Council conditional uses  
22 on Table A for 23.50A.004 and may be permitted by the Council when provisions of this  
23 subsection 23.50A.006.C and subsection 23.50A.006.A are met:

1                   1. Sewage treatment plants may be permitted as a Council conditional use in the  
2 MML and IC zones according to the following criteria:

3                   a. The plant shall be located so that adverse impacts would not affect large  
4 concentrations of people, particularly in residential and commercial areas;

5                   b. The negative impacts of the use can be satisfactorily mitigated by  
6 imposing conditions to protect other property in the zone or vicinity and to protect the  
7 environment. Appropriate mitigation measures shall include but are not limited to:

8                   1) A facility management and transportation plan shall be required.  
9 The level and kind of detail to be disclosed in the plan shall be based on the probable impacts  
10 and/or scale of the proposed facility, and shall at a minimum include discussion of sludge  
11 transportation, noise control, and hours of operation, and shall be incorporated into the design  
12 and operation of the facility;

13                   2) Measures to minimize potential odor emission and airborne  
14 pollutants including methane shall meet standards of and be consistent with best available  
15 technology as determined in consultation with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, and shall be  
16 incorporated into the design and operation of the facility;

17                   3) Methods of storing and transporting chlorine and other  
18 hazardous and potentially hazardous chemicals shall be determined in consultation with the  
19 Seattle Fire Department and incorporated into the design and operation of the facility;

20                   4) Vehicular access suitable for trucks shall be available or  
21 provided from the plant to a designated arterial improved to City standards; and

22                   5) Landscaping and screening, separation from less-intensive  
23 zones, noise, light and glare controls, and other measures to ensure the compatibility of the use

1 with the surrounding area and to mitigate adverse impacts shall be incorporated into the design  
2 and operation of the facility.

3           2. Heliports may be permitted as a Council conditional use in MML, II, and IC  
4 zones according to the following criteria:

5                   a. The heliport is to be used for the takeoff and landing and servicing of  
6 helicopters which serve a public safety, news gathering or emergency medical care function; is  
7 part of a City and regional transportation plan approved by the City Council and is a public  
8 facility; or is part of a City and regional transportation plan approved by the City Council and is  
9 not within 2,000 feet of a residential zone;

10                   b. A need shall be determined for the facility at the proposed location;

11                   c. The heliport is located to minimize impacts, such as noise and dust  
12 impacts, on lots in the surrounding area;

13                   d. The lot is of sufficient size that the operations of the heliport and the  
14 flight paths of helicopters are buffered from the surrounding area;

15                   e. Open areas and landing pads are hard-surfaced; and

16                   f. The heliport meets all federal requirements including those for safety,  
17 glide angles, and approach lanes.

18           3. Airports may be permitted as a Council conditional use in the MML and IC  
19 zones according to the following criteria:

20                   a. A need shall be determined for the facility at the proposed location;

21                   b. The impacts of the proposal shall be evaluated so that the negative  
22 impacts can be satisfactorily mitigated by imposing conditions to protect other property in the

1 zone or vicinity and to protect the environment. Appropriate mitigation measures shall include,  
2 but are not limited to:

3 1) The site shall be located so that adverse impacts associated with  
4 landing and takeoff activities, including noise levels and safety conditions, will not affect large  
5 numbers of people in the immediate vicinity as well as in the general landing path of the flight  
6 pattern;

7 2) A facility management and transportation plan shall be required.  
8 At a minimum, the facility management and transportation plan shall demonstrate noise control,  
9 vehicle and service access, and hours of operation, and shall be incorporated into the design and  
10 operation of the facility; and

11 3) Landscaping and screening, separation from less-intensive  
12 zones, noise, light and glare controls, and other measures to ensure the compatibility of the use  
13 with the surrounding area and to mitigate adverse impacts shall be incorporated into the design  
14 and operation of the facility.

15 4. Solid waste incineration facilities may be permitted as a Council conditional  
16 use in MML zones according to the following criteria:

17 a. The lot is located so that large concentrations of people, particularly in  
18 residential and commercial areas, are not exposed to unreasonable adverse impacts;

19 b. Measures to minimize odor emission and airborne pollutants shall be  
20 determined in consultation with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. These measures shall be  
21 incorporated into the design and operation of the facility;



1 c. A transportation plan may be required. The Director shall determine the  
2 level of detail to be disclosed in the plan based on the probable impacts and/or scale of the  
3 proposed facility.

4 5. Helistops may be permitted as a Council conditional use in MML, II, UI, and  
5 IC zones according to the following criteria:

- 6 a. The helistop is not within 1,200 feet of a residential zone;  
7 b. The helistop is located to minimize impacts, such as noise and dust  
8 impacts, on lots in residential zones;  
9 c. The lot is of sufficient size that the operations of the helistop and the  
10 flight paths of the helicopter are buffered from the surrounding area;  
11 d. Open areas and landing pads are hard-surfaced; and  
12 e. The helistop meets all federal requirements, including those for safety,  
13 glide angles and approach lanes.

14 **23.50A.008 Maximum size of nonindustrial use**

15 A. Applicability

16 1. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 23.50A.008, the maximum size of  
17 use limits on gross floor area specified in Table A for 23.50A.008 apply to principal uses on a  
18 lot, and apply separately to the categories of uses.

19 2. In MML zones the total gross floor area occupied by uses not qualifying as  
20 industrial as shown in Table A for 23.50A.004, shall not exceed 0.4 times the area of the lot or  
21 the maximum size of use limit, whichever is less.

1                    3. The combined square footage of any one business establishment located on  
 2 more than one lot is subject to the size limitations on non-industrial uses specified in Table A for  
 3 23.50A.008.

4                    4. In the Industry and Innovation zone, the maximum size of use limits in Table A  
 5 for 23.50A.008 do not apply to development projects gaining any amount of extra floor area  
 6 under the provision of Section 23.50A.012.

| <b>Table A for 23.50A.008</b>  |            |                                   |               |           |
|--|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| <b>Size of use limits in Industrial zones (in square feet)</b>   |            |                                   |               |           |
| <b>Uses subject to size limits</b>   | <b>MML</b> | <b>II</b>                         | <b>UI (1)</b> | <b>IC</b> |
| Animal shelters and kennels (2)  | 10,000     | N.S.L.                            | 10,000        | N.S.L.    |
| Drinking establishments (3)  | 3,000      | 3,000                             | 3,000         | N.S.L.    |
| Entertainment  | 10,000 (4) | 25,000 except 75,000 in II 85-240 | 25,000 (4)    | 50,000    |
| Lodging uses   | N/A        | 25,000                            | 25,000        | 75,000    |
| Medical services   | 10,000     | 25,000                            | 25,000        | N.S.L.    |
| Office   | 10,000     | 15,000                            | 15,000        | N.S.L.    |
| Restaurants  | 3,000      | 3,000                             | 3,000         | N.S.L.    |
| Retail sales, major durables   | 10,000     | 15,000                            | 15,000        | N.S.L.    |
| Sales and services, automotive   | 10,000     | 25,000                            | 75,000        | 75,000    |
| Sales and services, general  | 7,500      | 7,500                             | 7,500         | 50,000    |
| Key to Table A for 23.50A.008<br>N.S.L. = No size limit<br>Footnotes to Table A for 23.50A.008<br>(1) Size of use limits do not apply to ancillary uses in the UI zone.<br>(2) Where permitted under Table A for 23.50A.004.<br>(3) The size limit applies to principal use drinking establishments such as bars and tasting rooms or tap rooms that are unaffiliated with a brewery or distillery within 1,500 linear feet.<br>(4) Except indoor sports and recreation facilities have a maximum size of use limit of 50,000 square feet. |            |                                   |               |           |

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B. Exceptions to the size limitations in Table A for 23.50A.008 are allowed for a structure existing as of June 1, 2023, in the following:

1. A use legally established no later than June 1, 2023, that already exceeds the size limitations listed in Table A for 23.50A.008 may continue.

2. The gross floor area of a use listed in Table A for 23.50A.008 and legally established as of June 1, 2023, may be converted to another category of use listed in Table A for 23.50A.008 provided that the combined gross floor area devoted to uses listed in Table A for 23.50A.008 does not exceed the total gross floor area of such uses legally established as of June 1, 2023.

3. If 50 percent or more of the gross floor area of the structure has been legally established as of June 1, 2023, with a use or uses listed in Table A for 23.50A.008, those categories of uses may exceed the size of use limits as follows:

a. Uses listed in Table A for 23.50A.008 may expand within and occupy the entire structure; or

b. An existing use that occupies all of a structure may be expanded by up to 20 percent of the existing structure's gross floor area or 20,000 square feet, whichever is less.

C. Covered rooftop recreational space of a building existing as of June 1, 2023, if complying with subsection 23.50A.004.E, is not subject to the limits on maximum size of nonindustrial uses contained in subsection 23.50A.008.A.

D. Rooftop recreational space accessory to office use and meeting the standards of subsection 23.50A.004.E is not subject to the limits on maximum size of nonindustrial uses.

**23.50A.010 Floor area**

1           A. Floor Area Ratio (FAR) limits apply in all Industrial zones as shown in Table A for  
 2 23.50A.010. The applicable FAR limit applies to the total chargeable floor area of all structures  
 3 on the lot. Extra floor area above the FAR limits of Table A for 23.50A.010 may be achieved  
 4 through the provisions of Section 23.50A.012.

| <b>Table A for 23.50A.010<br/>Floor Area Ratio (FAR) limits</b>  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Zone designation</b>  | <b>FAR limits for all uses</b>  |
| MML  | 2.5   |
| UI U/45  | 3.0   |
| UI U/60  | 4.0   |
| UI U/85  | 4.5   |
| II U/85*   | 2.75  |
| II U/125*  | 2.5   |
| II U/160*  | 2.5   |
| IC-30  | 2.75  |
| IC-40  | 2.75  |
| IC 65  | 2.75  |
| UI zones within the Stadium Transition Area<br>Overlay District  | 4.5   |
| II 85-240 zone*  | Base of 2.5 FAR for all permitted uses,<br>except that the combined chargeable floor<br>area of the following uses is limited to 1 FAR<br>or 50,000 square feet, whichever is greater:<br>entertainment uses; lodging uses; medical<br>services; office; restaurant; major durables<br>retail sales; automotive sales and services;<br>religious facilities; and general sales and<br>services. |
| * Extra FAR above this limit may be achieved through the extra floor area provisions of<br>Section 23.50A.012. |   |

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6           B. Exemptions from FAR calculations

7           1. The following areas are exempt from FAR calculations in all industrial zones:

8           a. All stories, or portions of stories, that are underground;

1                                   b. All gross floor area used for accessory parking, except as provided in  
2 subsection 23.50A.010.C;

3                                   c. All gross floor area located on the rooftop of a structure and used for  
4 any of the following: mechanical equipment, stair and elevator penthouses, and communication  
5 equipment and antennas;

6                                   d. All gross floor area used for covered rooftop recreational space of a  
7 building existing as of June 1, 2023, in an MML zone, if complying with subsection  
8 23.50A.004.E; and

9                                   e. Bicycle commuter shower facilities.

10                                  2. In addition to areas exempt from FAR calculations in subsection  
11 23.50A.010.B.1, within an II 85-240 zone, the following exemptions from FAR calculations  
12 apply:

13                                   a. As an allowance for mechanical equipment, 3.5 percent of the total  
14 chargeable gross floor area that is not otherwise exempt under this subsection 23.50A.010.B.

15                                   b. All gross floor area for solar collectors and wind-driven power  
16 generators.

17                                   c. The gross floor area of the following uses located at street level:

18   1) General sales and service uses;

19   2) Eating and drinking establishments;

20   3) Entertainment use;

21   4) Public libraries;

22   5) Child care centers;

23   6) Religious facilities; and

7) Automotive sales and service.

3. In addition to areas exempt from FAR calculations in subsection 23.50A.010.B.1, within MML zones, the gross floor area of rooftop recreational space accessory to office use meeting the standards of subsection 23.50A.004.E is exempt from FAR calculations.

4. In addition to areas exempt from FAR calculations in subsection 23.50A.010.B.1, within the II 125 and II 160 zones space occupied by a vocational, educational, or training institution for activities related to industrial uses is exempt from FAR calculations.

C. Within II 85-240, II 125, and II 160 zones, gross floor area used for accessory parking within stories that are completely above finished grade is not exempt, except that in an II 85-240 zone, if the Director finds, as a Type I decision, that locating all parking below grade is infeasible due to physical site conditions such as a high water table, contaminated soils conditions, or proximity to a tunnel, and that the applicant has placed or will place the maximum feasible amount of parking below or partially below grade, the Director may exempt all or a portion of accessory parking that is above finished grade. If any exemption is allowed under this subsection 23.50A.010.C, all parking provided above grade shall be subject to the screening requirements of subsection 23.50A.018.G.2.d.

**23.50A.012 Extra floor area in Industry and Innovation zones**

A. Extra floor area in the II 125 and II 160 zones. In the II 125 and II 160 zones extra floor area may be added above the FAR limit shown in Table A for 23.50A.010 up to the limits shown in Table A for 23.50A.012.

1. Projects adding extra floor area pursuant to this Section 23.50A.012 must provide a minimum amount of gross floor area in industrial use as shown in the Minimum

1 Industrial Use FAR column of Table A for 23.50A.012 and the industrial use floor area must  
2 meet the following standards:

3 a. Allowable use of industrial use floor area is limited to the industrial uses  
4 indicated in Table A for 23.50A.004.

5 b. Portions of a building qualifying as industrial use floor area must meet  
6 the following development standards for construction as bona fide industrial space. For spaces  
7 proposed to qualify as industrial use floor area, the applicant shall provide notes on the plans  
8 submitted for a land use permit how the floor area meets all the criteria.

9 1) Load bearing floors with 250 pounds per square foot minimum  
10 capacity for ground level floors on grade, and load bearing floors with 125 pounds per square  
11 foot minimum capacity for floors above grade.

12 2) Floor-to ceiling heights of at least 16 feet.

13 3) Constructed to comply with a Seattle Building Code Group F, S,  
14 or B occupancy classification, except for ancillary support spaces that are secondary to the  
15 industrial use and occupy less than 25 percent of the industrial use floor area.

16 4) Serviced directly by a loading dock or a freight elevator with a  
17 minimum capacity of 8,000 pounds.

18 2. Tier I. Extra floor area may be achieved up to the Maximum FAR with Tier I  
19 column shown in Table A for 23.50A.012 as follows:

20 a. Five square feet of extra floor area is achieved for every 1 square foot of  
21 industrial floor area provided that meets the standards of subsection 23.50A.012.A.1, except that  
22 for industrial use floor area occupied by ICT use the ratio shall be 4 square feet of extra floor  
23 area for every 1 square foot of floor area in ICT use.

1                                   b. Minimum Industrial Use Space floor area is eligible to generate extra  
2 floor area in Tier I.

3                                   3. Tier II. Extra floor area beyond that achieved through Tier I may be added up  
4 to the Maximum FAR with Tier II as shown in Table A for 23.50A.012 provided one of the two  
5 following conditions are met, and after the amount of extra floor area available in Tier I is  
6 exhausted.

7                                   a. Mass timber construction. At least 50 percent of the gross floor area in  
8 the total development other than parking structures is constructed using mass timber construction  
9 methods consisting of Seattle Building Code construction types IV-A, IV-B, IV-C, or IV-HT.  
10 The applicant shall provide notes on the plans submitted for a land use permit the spaces to be  
11 constructed using mass timber construction.

12                                   b. Transfer of development rights (TDR). The use of vulnerable masonry  
13 structure TDR to the maximum FAR with Tier II.

14                                   1) Sending sites. Only sites within the same Manufacturing  
15 Industrial Center as the receiving site are eligible sending sites. These sites must meet the  
16 definition of vulnerable masonry structure TDR sending site in Chapter 23.84A and must comply  
17 with all applicable standards in Section 23.58A.042.

18                                   2) Receiving sites. Only sites in the Industry Innovation zone  
19 located in the same Manufacturing Industrial Center as the sending site are eligible receiving  
20 sites.

| <b>Table A for 23.50A.012</b>                                     |                                   |                                |                                 |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>FAR limits for extra floor area in II 125 and II 160 zones</b> |                                   |                                |                                 |
| <b>Zone</b>   | <b>Minimum industrial use FAR</b> | <b>Maximum FAR with Tier I</b> | <b>Maximum FAR with Tier II</b> |
| II 125  | .5                                | 5.25                           | 5.75                            |



|        |    |   |     |
|--------|----|---|-----|
| II 160 | .5 | 6 | 6.5 |
|--------|----|---|-----|

B. Extra floor area in the II 85 zone. In the II 85 zone extra non-residential floor area may be added above the base FAR limit shown in Table A for 23.50A.010 up to the maximum FAR With Tier I as shown on Table B for 23.50A.012. Five square feet of extra floor area is achieved for every 1 square foot of industrial floor area provided that meets the standards of subsection 23.50A.012.A.1, except that for industrial use floor area occupied by ICT the ratio shall be 4 square feet of extra floor area for every 1 square foot of floor area in ICT use.

**Table B for 23.50A.012  
FAR limits for extra floor area in the II 85 zone**

| <b>Zone</b> | <b>Base FAR maximum</b> | <b>Maximum FAR with Tier I</b> | <b>Maximum FAR with Tier II</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| II 85       | 2.75                    | 4.5                            | NA                              |

C. Extra floor area in the II 85-240 zone

1. Conditions for extra floor area in the II 85-240 zone

a. Projects in an II 85-240 zone may add chargeable floor area above the base FAR up to the applicable maximum FAR in Table C for 23.50A.012, if Sections 23.58A.022 and 23.58A.024 for extra non-residential floor area and all the applicable conditions of this Chapter 23.50A are satisfied. The provisions of this Section 23.50A.012 apply to lots in an IC 85-240 zone, and only to development exceeding the base FAR.

b. The applicant shall make a commitment that the proposed development will meet the green building standard, and shall demonstrate compliance with that commitment, all in accordance with Chapter 23.58D.

2. Tier I. Extra floor area up to the Maximum FAR with Tier I may be gained as follows. Twenty-five percent of Tier I extra floor area shall be gained through the transfer of

1 TDR pursuant to this Section 23.50A.012 and 23.58A.042. Seventy-five percent shall be gained  
2 as bonus floor area pursuant to Section 23.58A.024, or through the transfer of housing TDR  
3 under Section 23.50A.012, or both.

4 a. In an II 85-240 zone, in addition to satisfying the conditions of  
5 subsection 23.50A.010.B.1, for development to exceed the base FAR on a lot that has an area of  
6 50,000 square feet or more, the Director shall make an individual determination of project  
7 impacts on the need for pedestrian facilities and complete a voluntary agreement between the  
8 property owner and the City to mitigate identified impacts, if any. The Director may consider the  
9 following as impact mitigation:

10 1) Pedestrian walkways on a lot, including through-block  
11 connections on through lots, where appropriate, to facilitate pedestrian circulation by connecting  
12 structures to each other and abutting streets;

13 2) Sidewalk improvements, including sidewalk widening, to  
14 accommodate increased pedestrian volumes and streetscape improvements that will enhance  
15 pedestrian comfort and safety; and

16 3) Measures that will contribute to the improvement of pedestrian  
17 facilities, such as the following improvements applicable to the vicinity north of South Royal  
18 Brougham Way and south of South Charles Street east of 4th Avenue South:

19 a) Improvements to 6th Avenue South as the primary  
20 pedestrian and bicycle corridor connecting new development to the surrounding area and transit  
21 facilities;

22 b) Improvements to facilitate pedestrian wayfinding to and  
23 from the existing or future Light Rail stations;

1   4) Improvements to enhance the pedestrian environment, such as  
2 providing overhead weather protection, landscaping, and other streetscape improvements; and

3   5) Improved pedestrian and bicycle crossing of Airport Way South  
4 at 6th Avenue South.

5   b. In an II 85-240 zone, in addition to satisfying the conditions of  
6 subsections 23.50A.010.B.1 and 23.50A.010.B.2, if applicable, for development to exceed the  
7 base FAR up to the Tier I maximum and include 85,000 or more square feet of gross office floor  
8 area, the Director shall make an individual determination of project impacts on the need for open  
9 space resources. The Director may limit floor area or allow floor area subject to conditions,  
10 which may include a voluntary agreement between the property owner and the City to mitigate  
11 identified impacts, if any. The Director shall take into account the findings of subsection  
12 23.49.016.A in assessing the demand for open space generated by a typical office project in an  
13 area permitting high employment densities.

14   1) The Director may consider the following as mitigation for open  
15 space impacts:

16   a) Open space provided on-site or off-site, consistent with  
17 the provisions in subsection 23.49.016.C, or provided through payment-in-lieu, consistent with  
18 subsection 23.49.016.D, except that in all cases the open space shall be located on a lot in an II  
19 85-240 zone that is accessible to the project occupants, and

20   b) Additional pedestrian space through on-site  
21 improvements or streetscape improvements provided as mitigation for project impacts on  
22 pedestrian facilities pursuant to subsection 23.50A.012.C.2.b.

1   2) The Director may determine that open space meeting standards  
2 differing from those contained or referred to in subsection 23.49.016.C will mitigate project  
3 impacts, based on consideration of relevant factors, including the following:

4   a) The density or other characteristics of the workers  
5 anticipated to occupy the project compared to the presumed office employment population  
6 providing the basis for the open space standards applicable under Section 23.49.016; and/or

7   b) Characteristics or features of the project that mitigate the  
8 anticipated open space impacts of workers or others using or occupying the project.

9   3. Tier II. In an II 85-240 zone, extra floor area beyond that achieved through Tier  
10 I may be added up to the Maximum FAR with Tier II as shown in Table C for 23.50A.012, after  
11 the amount of extra floor area available in Tier I is exhausted. Five square feet of extra floor area  
12 is achieved for every 1 square foot of industrial floor area provided that it meets the standards of  
13 subsection 23.50A.012.A, except that for industrial use floor area occupied by ICT the ratio shall  
14 be 4 square feet of extra floor area for every 1 square foot of floor area in ICT use.

|   |                         |                                    |                                     |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Table C for 23.50A.012<br/>FAR limits for Extra Floor area in the II 85-240 zone</b> |                         |                                    |                                     |
| <b>Zone</b>   | <b>Base FAR maximum</b> | <b>Maximum FAR with<br/>Tier I</b> | <b>Maximum FAR with<br/>Tier II</b> |
| II 85-240   | 2                       | 4                                  | 6                                   |

|             |                         |                                    |                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Zone</b> | <b>Base FAR maximum</b> | <b>Maximum FAR with<br/>Tier I</b> | <b>Maximum FAR with<br/>Tier II</b> |
| II 85-240   | 2                       | 4                                  | 6                                   |

15  
16   D. Offsite performance. Industrial use floor area used to qualify a project for extra floor  
17 area allowed through this Section 23.50A.012 may be located offsite if the offsite industrial floor  
18 area is located in a new structure that meets the requirements of subsection 23.50A.012.A.1 and  
19 is located within the same Manufacturing and Industrial Center as the proposed development  
20 gaining extra floor area. The following conditions for offsite performance shall be met.

1                   1. The offsite industrial floor area must be built concurrent with the proposed  
2 development or completed within 18 months prior to a complete application for the proposed  
3 development gaining extra floor area.

4                   2. The fee owners of the offsite performance site shall execute a deed, and shall  
5 obtain the written consent of all holders of encumbrances on the offsite performance site other  
6 than easements and restrictions, unless such release or consent is waived by the Director for  
7 good cause. The deed shall be recorded in the King County real property records. The deed  
8 shall declare the amount of industrial use floor area that is used to qualify for extra floor area,  
9 identify and describe the structure in which the offsite industrial use floor area is contained,  
10 and identify the address of the development in which the extra floor area will be gained. The  
11 industrial use floor area shall be maintained in compliance with applicable codes, so as to have  
12 an estimated minimum useful life of at least 25 years from the time of completion of the  
13 development in which extra floor area was gained, as approved by the Director.

14               E. Extra floor area from existing industrial structures. Industrial use floor area that is used  
15 to qualify a project for extra floor area allowed through section 23.50A.012 may be in an existing  
16 structure on the same site as the proposed development if the floor area in the existing structure  
17 meets or is renovated to meet the standards of subsection 23.50A.012.A. An existing industrial  
18 structure offsite may not be used to generate extra floor area.

19 **23.50A.014 Structure height**

20 Maximum structure height for structures that include industrial and/or non-industrial uses shall  
21 be limited as follows:

1           A. There shall be no maximum height limit for structures containing only principal use  
2 industrial uses in the MML, II, and UI zones except as provided in 23.50A.014.C. or regulated in  
3 the Airport Height Overlay District regulations in Chapter 23.64.

4           B. Except as otherwise stated in the provisions of this Section 23.50A.014 the maximum  
5 structure height for any portion of a structure that contains non-industrial uses other than  
6 spectator sports facilities whether they are principal or accessory or ancillary, is 45 feet, 65 feet,  
7 75 feet, 85 feet, 125 feet, or 160 feet as designated on the Official Land Use Map, Chapter 23.32.

8           C. In the MML, II, and UI zones the maximum height of any portion of a structure within  
9 20 feet of an abutting lot with a residential zone shall be 30 feet.

10           D. Except as may be otherwise provided in this Title 23, the maximum structure height in  
11 IC zones for all uses is as designated on the Official Land Use Map, Chapter 23.32. Maximum  
12 structure height may be increased or reduced as provided in this Section 23.50A.024.E or Section  
13 23.50A.016.

14                   1. An overlay district may increase or reduce the maximum structure height.

15                   2. Water-dependent uses within the Shoreline District are subject to only the  
16 height limits of the applicable shoreline environment in Chapter 23.60A.

17           E. Within an II 85-240 zone, the first figure shown in the zone designation is the base  
18 height limit, which is the height limit for all uses, except for a structure that complies with the  
19 conditions to extra floor area specified in Section 23.50A.012 on a lot that includes extra floor  
20 area. Extra floor area means non-residential chargeable floor area allowed in addition to the base  
21 FAR under Chapter 23.58A. The second figure is the applicable height limit for all uses, on a lot  
22 that includes extra floor area, for a structure that complies with the conditions to extra floor area  
23 specified in Section 23.50A.012.

1 **23.50A.016 Structure height exceptions and additional restrictions**

2 A. Rooftop features. Where a height limit applies to a structure, the provisions in this  
3 subsection 23.50A.016.A apply to rooftop features:

4 1. In all industrial zones, vent stacks, flagpoles, and religious symbols for  
5 religious institutions are exempt from height limits, except as regulated in the Airport Height  
6 Overlay District regulations at Chapter 23.64, provided they are a minimum of 10 feet from any  
7 side or rear lot line.

8 2. In all industrial zones, open railings, planters, skylights, clerestories, parapets,  
9 and firewalls may extend 4 feet above the applicable height limit with unlimited rooftop  
10 coverage. Insulation material, rooftop decks and other similar features, or soil for landscaping  
11 and green roofs located above the structural roof surface, may exceed the maximum height limit  
12 by up to 2 feet if enclosed by parapets or walls that comply with this subsection 23.50A.016.A.2.

13 3. In all industrial zones, wind-driven power generators may extend up to 15 feet  
14 above the applicable height limit, with unlimited rooftop coverage.

15 4. Additional height is permitted for specified rooftop features according to this  
16 subsection 23.50A.016.A.4.

17 a. The following rooftop features may extend up to 30 feet above the  
18 applicable height limit in all industrial zones, subject to the limits of subsection  
19 23.50A.016.A.4.b

- 20 1) Solar collectors;
- 21 2) Stair and elevator penthouses;
- 22 3) Greenhouses and solariums;
- 23 4) Mechanical equipment; and

1   5) Minor communication utilities and accessory communication  
2 devices, except that height is regulated according to Section 23.57.015.

3   b. The combined total coverage of all features listed in subsection  
4 23.50A.016.A.4.a is limited to 35 percent of the roof area, or 60 percent of the roof area if the  
5 total includes greenhouses.

6   5. Rooftop screening. In all industrial zones rooftop equipment is subject to the  
7 following screening requirements.

8   a. Heating, ventilating, air conditioning or other wall or rooftop  
9 mechanical equipment shall be located and directed away from adjacent residential property.

10    b. Screening shall be provided and shall be of a design and material which  
11 is compatible with the structure and shall be as high as the equipment to be screened and shall  
12 completely surround the equipment.

13    B. Structures existing prior to June 1, 2023, that exceed the height limit of the zone may  
14 add the rooftop features listed as conditioned in subsection 23.50A.016.A. The existing roof  
15 elevation of the structure is considered the applicable height limit for the purpose of adding  
16 rooftop features.

17    C. Covered rooftop recreational space of a building existing as of December 31, 1998,  
18 when complying with the provisions of subsection 23.50A.004.E, shall not be subject to the  
19 limits on maximum structure heights contained in subsection 23.50A.016.A.2.

20 **23.50A.018 Landscaping, screening, and Green Factor requirements**

21    A. Standards. All landscaping provided to meet requirements under this Section  
22 23.50A.018 must meet standards promulgated by the Director to provide for the long-term  
23 health, viability, and coverage of plantings. The standards may include, but are not limited to, the



1 type and size of plants, number of plants, concentration of plants, depths of soil, use of low water  
2 use plants, and access to light and air for plants.

3 B. The following types of screening and landscaping may be required according to the  
4 provisions of this Section 23.50A.018:

5 1. Three-foot-high screening. Three-foot-high screening may be either:

6 a. A fence or wall at least 3 feet in height; or

7 b. A landscaped area with vegetation at least 3 feet in height. Landscaped  
8 areas may include bioretention facilities or landscaped berms, provided that the top of the  
9 vegetation is at least 3 feet above the grade abutting the facility or berm.

10 2. View-obscuring screening. View-obscuring screening may be either:

11 a. A fence or wall 6 feet in height; or

12 b. A landscaped area with vegetation at least 5 feet in height. Landscaped  
13 areas may include bioretention facilities or landscaped berms, provided that the top of the  
14 vegetation will be at least 5 feet above the grade abutting the facility or berm.

15 3. Landscaped areas. Each area required to be landscaped shall be planted with  
16 trees, shrubs and grass, or evergreen ground cover, in a manner that the total required setback,  
17 excluding driveways, will be covered in three years. Features such as walkways, decorative  
18 paving, sculptures, or fountains may cover a maximum of 30 percent of each required landscaped  
19 area.

20 4. Street trees. When required, street trees shall be provided in the planting strip  
21 according to Seattle Department of Transportation tree planting standards promulgated pursuant  
22 to Section 15.43.010. If it is not feasible to plant street trees in the planting strip according to  
23 City standards, they shall be planted in a 5-foot-deep landscaped setback area along the street

1 property line. Trees planted in this setback area shall be at least 2 feet from the street lot line.

2 The Director, in consultation with the Director of Transportation, will determine the number,  
3 type, and placement of street trees to be provided to:

4 a. Improve public safety;

5 b. Match trees to the available space in the planting strip;

6 c. Maintain and expand the urban forest canopy;

7 d. Encourage healthy growth through appropriate spacing; and

8 e. Protect utilities; and to allow access to the street, buildings, and lot by  
9 vehicles including trucks and industrial equipment.

10 5. Combinations of screening and landscaping requirements

11 a. When there is more than one type of use which requires screening or  
12 landscaping, the requirement which results in the greater amount of screening and landscaping  
13 shall be followed.

14 b. Different types of screening or landscaping may be combined on one lot.

15 6. Landscaping that meets Seattle Green Factor standards, pursuant to Section  
16 23.86.019.

17 C. General landscaping requirements in the UI zones

18 1. Street trees

19 a. Street trees are required as follows.

20 1) Development of either a new structure or an addition to an  
21 existing structure, containing more than 4,000 new gross square feet of floor area shall provide  
22 street trees.



1 2) A landscaped area meeting the provisions of subsection

2 23.50A.018.B.3.

3 d. When there is no structure or the structure facade is located more than 5  
4 feet from the street or alley lot line, a 3-foot-tall vegetated wall, or landscape area, shall be  
5 provided.

6 3. Some specific uses are required to provide additional screening, landscaping,  
7 and setbacks as regulated in subsection 23.50A.018.F.

8 D. Landscaping and screening standards in the II and IC zones

9 1. Screening and landscaping requirements for all uses

10 a. Landscaping that achieves a Green Factor score of 0.30 or greater,  
11 pursuant to Section 23.86.019, is required for any lot zoned II or IC.

12 b. All uses shall provide street trees unless it is determined by the Director  
13 to be infeasible. If it is not feasible to plant street trees in the planting strip, then they shall be  
14 provided in the required 5-foot-deep landscaped area along street lot lines.

15 2. Treatment of blank facades for nonindustrial uses

16 a. Blank facade limits apply to the area of the facade between 2 and 8 feet  
17 above the sidewalk for nonindustrial uses. Blank facade limits do not apply to industrial uses  
18 pursuant to Section 23.50A.004.

19 b. Any portion of a structure's facade occupied by nonindustrial uses  
20 pursuant to Section 23.50A.004 that is not transparent shall be considered a blank facade. Clear  
21 or lightly tinted glass in windows, doors and display windows shall be considered transparent.  
22 Transparent areas shall allow views into the structure or into display windows from the outside.

1 c. Portions of a structure's facade that are separated by transparent areas of  
2 at least 2 feet in width shall be considered separate facade segments for the purposes of this  
3 subsection 23.50A.018.D.

4 d. Except as provided for in subsection 23.50A.018.F.6, blank segments of  
5 facades that are 60 feet wide and greater, and within 20 feet of the street lot line shall be screened  
6 by one of the following:

7 1) A hedge that will achieve a height of at least 5 feet within 3  
8 years of planting and a height of at least 10 feet at full maturity; or

9 2) Vegetated walls attached to the wall up to a minimum height of  
10 10 feet; or

11 3) A landscaped area meeting the provisions of subsection  
12 23.50A.018.B.3.

13 e. The following limits on blank facade segments apply to lots in an II 85-  
14 240 zone:

15 1) For street-level street-facing facades, if the street level is  
16 occupied by uses other than parking, blank facade segments are limited to a width of 30 feet,  
17 except that:

18 a) The width of a blank facade segment that includes a  
19 garage door may exceed 30 feet but is limited to the width of the driveway plus 5 feet; and

20 b) The width of a blank facade segment may be increased  
21 to up to 60 feet if the Director determines, as a Type I decision, that the facade is sufficiently  
22 enhanced by architectural detailing, artwork, landscaping, or similar features that have visual  
23 interest.



1 abutting or across the street from a lot in a residential, commercial, or downtown zone, fences or  
2 free-standing walls for a utility services use must provide either:

3 a. A 5-foot-deep landscaped area between the wall or fence and the street  
4 lot line; or

5 b. Architectural detailing, artwork, vegetated walls, decorative fencing, or  
6 similar features to provide visual interest facing the street lot line, as approved by the Director.

7 F. Additional screening standards and landscaping requirements for specific uses in the  
8 UI, II, and IC zones

9 1. Surface parking areas for more than five vehicles

10 a. If a surface parking area abuts a lot in an NC1, NC2, NC3, or C1 zone,  
11 view-obscuring screening along the abutting lot lines shall be provided.

12 b. If a surface parking area is across an alley from a lot in a residential  
13 zone, view obscuring screening shall be required. A 5-foot-deep landscaped area shall be  
14 required inside the screening. The Director may reduce or waive the screening and landscaping  
15 requirement for all or a part of the lot abutting the alley, or may waive only the landscaping  
16 requirement, if required parking can only be provided at the rear lot line and the alley is  
17 necessary to provide aisle space. In making the determination to waive or reduce the landscaping  
18 and screening requirements, the Director shall consider the following criteria:

19 1) Whether the lot width and depth permit a workable plan for the  
20 building and parking which would preserve the screening and landscaping; and

21 2) Whether the character of use across the alley, such as multi-  
22 family parking structures or single-family garages, make the screening and landscaping less  
23 necessary; and





1 completely enclosed except for driveway areas. In addition to the landscaped setback, view-  
2 obscuring screening shall be provided along abutting lot line(s). If the parking structure is  
3 enclosed by a solid wall, any setback area provided within 5 feet of the abutting lot lines shall be  
4 landscaped. The abutting facade of each floor of parking not enclosed by a solid wall shall have  
5 an opaque screen at least 3.5 feet high.

6 c. If a parking structure is across an alley from a lot in a residential zone, a  
7 5-foot-deep landscaped setback area from the alley lot line shall be provided, unless the parking  
8 structure is completely enclosed, except for driveway areas. Three-foot-high screening along the  
9 facade facing the alley with the landscaping on the alley side of the screening shall be provided.  
10 If the parking structure is enclosed by a solid wall, any setback area provided within 5 feet of the  
11 alley lot line shall be landscaped. The abutting or alley facade of each floor of parking shall have  
12 an opaque screen at least 3.5 feet high.

13 d. If a parking structure is directly across a street wider than 80 feet from a  
14 lot in a residential zone, street trees shall be provided.

15 e. If a parking structure is directly across a street 80 feet or less in width  
16 from a lot in a commercial zone, street trees shall be provided.

### 17 3. Outdoor sales and outdoor display of rental equipment

18 a. If an outdoor sales area or outdoor display of rental equipment is across  
19 an alley from a lot in a residential zone or abutting a lot in a residential or commercial zone,  
20 view-obscuring screening such as landscaping, a vegetated wall, or treatment other than a than a  
21 vegetated wall, shall be provided along the abutting or alley lot lines up to a height of 6 feet.

1                                   b. If an outdoor sales area or outdoor display of rental equipment is  
2 directly across the street from a lot in a residential or commercial zone, street trees and 3-foot-  
3 high screening along the street front shall be provided.

4                                   4. Drive-in businesses

5                                   a. Drive-in businesses across an alley from a lot in a residential zone shall  
6 provide view-obscuring screening along the alley lot lines.

7                                   b. Drive-in businesses in which the drive-in portion of the business is  
8 directly across a street 80 feet or less in width from a lot in a residential zone shall provide 3-  
9 foot-high screening for the drive-in portion and also provide street trees.

10                                  c. If a drive-in business is directly across a street wider than 80 feet from a  
11 lot in a residential zone, street trees shall be provided.

12                                  d. Drive-in businesses abutting a lot in a residential zone shall provide  
13 view-obscuring screening and a 5-foot-deep landscaped setback area inside the screening.

14                                  5. Outdoor storage and outdoor loading berths

15                                  a. Outdoor storage and outdoor loading berths directly across a street 80  
16 feet or less in width from a lot in an NC1, NC2, NC3, or C1 zone shall provide view-obscuring  
17 screening along the street lot lines and street trees.

18                                  b. If the outdoor storage or outdoor loading berth is directly across a street  
19 80 feet or less in width from a lot in a residential zone, view-obscuring screening shall be  
20 provided. A 5-foot-deep landscaped area including street trees shall be provided between the lot  
21 line and the view-obscuring screening.

1 c. If outdoor storage or an outdoor loading berth is directly across a street  
2 wider than 80 feet from a lot in a residential zone, view-obscuring screening and street trees shall  
3 be provided.

4 d. If outdoor storage or an outdoor loading berth is across an alley from a  
5 lot in a residential zone, view-obscuring screening shall be provided. A 5-foot-deep landscaped  
6 area shall be provided between the lot line and the view-obscuring screening, unless the  
7 industrial lot is at least 15 feet above the elevation of the residential lot or the screen is a solid  
8 wall.

9 e. If the outdoor storage or outdoor loading berth abuts a lot in a  
10 residential zone, view-obscuring screening and a 15-foot-deep landscaped area inside the  
11 screening shall be provided along the abutting lot line.

12 6. Solid waste transfer stations

13 a. Solid waste transfer stations greater than 60,000 square feet in lot area  
14 shall provide landscaping meeting a minimum Green Factor score of 0.40, pursuant to Section  
15 23.86.019. If the transfer station is part of a development located on separate parcels within 200  
16 feet of each other, Green Factor scoring may be calculated for the multiple parcels considered as  
17 a whole. If the parcels are in zones having different Green Factor minimum scores, the  
18 development considered as a whole shall meet the highest applicable, minimum Green Factor  
19 score.

20 b. Solid waste transfer stations abutting or across the street from a lot in a  
21 commercial or residential zone, shall provide screening pursuant to subsection 23.50A.018.B.2.

22 7. Fences or free-standing walls associated with utility services uses may obstruct  
23 or allow views to the interior of a site. Where site dimensions and site conditions allow,

1 applicants are encouraged to provide both a landscaped setback between the fence or wall and  
2 the right-of-way, and a fence or wall that provides visual interest facing the street lot line,  
3 through the height, design, or construction of the fence or wall, including the use of materials,  
4 architectural detailing, artwork, vegetated walls, decorative fencing, or similar features. If  
5 abutting or across the street from a lot in a residential, commercial, or downtown zone, fences or  
6 free-standing walls for a utility services use must provide either:

7 a. A 5-foot-deep landscaped area between the wall or fence and the street  
8 lot line; or

9 b. Architectural detailing, artwork, vegetated walls, decorative fencing, or  
10 similar features to provide visual interest facing the street lot line, as approved by the Director.

11 G. Screening and location of parking in an II 85-240 zone. Those developments that gain  
12 extra floor area above the base FAR in an II 85-240 zone are subject to the following, in addition  
13 to any other applicable parking screening requirements in this subsection 23.50A.018.G.

14 1. All parking permitted on the lot shall be provided below grade or enclosed  
15 within a structure.

16 2. Parking at street level

17 a. Parking is not permitted at street level within a structure along a lot line  
18 abutting a street bounding the Downtown Urban Center or a street shown on Map A for  
19 23.50A.018, unless separated from the street by other uses, except that garage and loading doors  
20 and access to parking need not be separated.

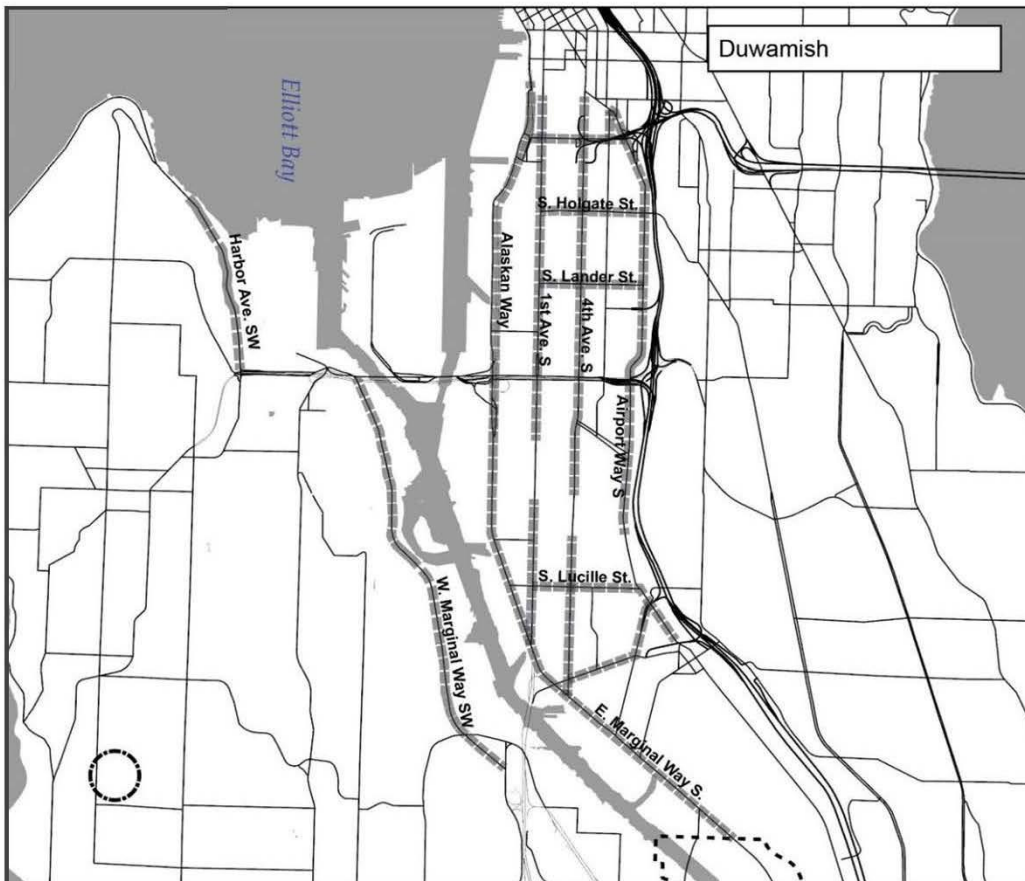
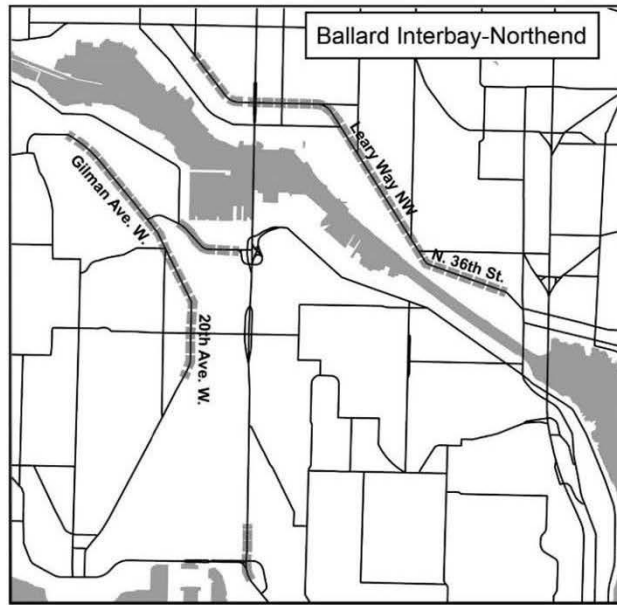
21 b. Parking is permitted at street level within a structure along a street lot  
22 line abutting a street not specified in subsection 23.50A.018.G.2.a. subject to the following  
23 requirements:





**Map A for 23.50A.018  
Designated Industrial  
Streets**

----- Designated Street



1 **23.50A.020 View corridors**

2 A. On lots which are partially within the Shoreline District, a view corridor shall be  
3 required for the non-shoreline portion, if the portion of the lot in the Shoreline District is  
4 required to provide a view corridor under the Seattle Shoreline Master Program.

5 B. The required width of the view corridor or corridors shall be not more than one-half of  
6 the required width of the view corridor required in the adjacent Shoreline District.

7 C. Measurement, modification, or waiving of the view corridor requirement shall be  
8 according to the Shoreline District measurement regulations in Chapter 23.60A.

9 **23.50A.022 Venting standards**

10 The venting of odors, vapors, smoke, cinders, dust, gas, and fumes shall be at least 10 feet above  
11 finished grade and directed away from residential uses within 200 feet of the vent.

12 **23.50A.024 Odor sources standards**

13 A. Major odor sources in UI, II, and IC zones

14 1. Uses that involve the following odor-emitting processes or activities are major  
15 odor sources:

16 a. Lithographic, rotogravure, or flexographic printing;

17 b. Film burning;

18 c. Fiberglassing;

19 d. Selling of gasoline and/or storage of gasoline in tanks larger than 260  
20 gallons;

21 e. Handling of heated tars and asphalts;

22 f. Incinerating (commercial);

23 g. Metal plating;



- 1 h. Tire buffing;
- 2 i. Vapor degreasing;
- 3 j. Wire reclamation;
- 4 k. Use of boilers (greater than 106 British thermal units per hour, 10,000
- 5 pounds steam per hour, or 30 boiler horsepower);

- 6 l. The production or processing of marijuana products by a major
- 7 marijuana activity; and
- 8 m. Other uses creating similar odor impacts.

9 2. Uses that employ the following processes shall be considered major odor  
10 sources, unless the entire activity is conducted as part of a commercial use other than food  
11 processing or heavy commercial services:

- 12 a. Cooking of grains;
- 13 b. Smoking of food or food products;
- 14 c. Fish or fishmeal processing;
- 15 d. Coffee or nut roasting;
- 16 e. Deep-fat frying;
- 17 f. Dry cleaning;
- 18 g. Animal food processing; and
- 19 h. Other uses creating similar odor impacts.

20 B. Major odor sources in the MML zone. Uses that involve the production or processing  
21 of marijuana products by a major marijuana activity are a major odor source.

22 C. When an application is made in an industrial zone for a use which is determined to be  
23 a major odor source, the Director, in consultation with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, shall

1 determine the appropriate measures to be taken by the applicant to significantly reduce potential  
2 odor emissions and airborne pollutants. Measures to be taken shall be indicated on plans  
3 submitted to the Director and may be required as conditions for the issuance of any permit. Once  
4 a permit has been issued, any measures which were required by the permit shall be maintained.

5 **23.50A.026 Light and glare standards**

6 A. Exterior lighting shall be shielded and directed away from lots in adjacent residential  
7 zones.

8 B. Interior lighting in parking structures shall be shielded, to minimize nighttime glare  
9 affecting lots in adjacent residential zones.

10 C. When nonconforming exterior lighting in an UI, II, or IC zone is replaced, new  
11 lighting shall conform to the requirements of this Section 23.50A.026.

12 D. Glare diagrams which clearly identify potential adverse glare impacts on residential  
13 zones and on arterials shall be required when:

14 1. Any structure is proposed to have facades of reflective coated glass or other  
15 highly reflective material, and/or a new structure or expansion of an existing structure greater  
16 than 65 feet in height is proposed to have more than 30 percent of the facades comprised of clear  
17 or tinted glass; and

18 2. The facade(s) surfaced or comprised of such materials either:

19 a. Are oriented towards, and are less than 200 feet from, any residential  
20 zone, and/or

21 b. Are oriented towards, and are less than 400 feet from, a major arterial  
22 with more than 15,000 vehicle trips per day, according to Seattle Department of Transportation  
23 data.

1 E. When glare diagrams are required, the Director may require modification of the plans  
2 to mitigate adverse impacts, using methods including but not limited to the following:

- 3 1. Minimizing the percentage of exterior facade that is composed of glass;
- 4 2. Using exterior glass of low reflectance;
- 5 3. Tilting glass areas to prevent glare which could affect arterials, pedestrians or  
6 surrounding structures;
- 7 4. Alternating glass and nonglass materials on the exterior facade; and
- 8 5. Changing the orientation of the structure.

9 **23.50A.028 Mandatory housing affordability (MHA)**

10 The provisions of Chapter 23.58B apply in II 85-240 zones and IC zones with a mandatory  
11 housing affordability suffix.

12 **23.50A.030 Major Phased Development**

13 A. An applicant may seek approval of a Major Phased Development, as defined in  
14 Section 23.84A.025. A Major Phased Development proposal is subject to the provisions of the  
15 zone in which it is located and shall meet the following thresholds:

- 16 1. A minimum site size of 60,000 square feet, where the site is composed of  
17 contiguous parcels. Parcels across a right-of-way including diagonal corners of an intersection  
18 shall be considered contiguous;
- 19 2. The project, which at time of application shall be a single, functionally  
20 interrelated campus, contains more than one building, with a minimum total gross floor area of  
21 100,000 square feet; and
- 22 3. The first phase of the development consists of at least 30,000 square feet in  
23 gross building floor area.

1                   4. All land within the Major Phased Development must be within the same  
2 industrial zone.

3                   B. A Major Phased Development application shall contain and be submitted, evaluated,  
4 and approved according to the following.

5                   1. The application shall contain a level of detail which is sufficient to reasonably  
6 assess anticipated impacts, including those associated with a maximum buildout, within the  
7 timeframe requested for Master Use Permit extension.

8                   2. The application shall contain an anticipated timeline for construction of the  
9 phases with information documenting the rationale for the proposed phasing timeline.

10                  3. A Major Phased Development component shall not be approved unless the  
11 Director concludes that anticipated environmental impacts, such as traffic, open space, shadows,  
12 construction impacts, and air quality, are not significant or can be effectively monitored and  
13 conditions imposed to mitigate impacts over the extended life of the permit.

14                  4. Expiration or renewal of a permit for the first phase of a Major Phased  
15 Development is subject to the provisions of Chapter 23.76. The Director shall determine the  
16 expiration date of a permit for subsequent phases of the Major Phased Development through the  
17 analysis provided for in this subsection 23.84A.030.B; such expiration shall be no later than 15  
18 years from the date of issuance.

19                  C. Application of development standards. Development standards for the zone shall apply  
20 to the overall site area of the Major Phased Development including the following:

21                  1. Floor Area Ratio limits and provisions for any extra floor area in the Industry  
22 Innovation zone; and

1                   2. Residential density limits for conditional use housing in the Urban Industrial  
2 zone.

3                   D. Changes to the approved Major Phased Development. When an amendment to an  
4 approved project is requested, the Director shall determine whether the amendment is minor.

5                   1. A minor amendment meets the following criteria:

6                   a. Substantial compliance with the approved site plan and conditions  
7 imposed in the existing Master Use Permit which includes a Major Phased Development  
8 component with no substantial change in the mix of uses and no major departure from the bulk  
9 and scale of structures originally proposed; and

10                  b. Compliance with the requirements of the zone in effect at the time of  
11 the original Master Use Permit approval; and

12                  c. No significantly greater impact would occur.

13                  2. If the amendment is determined by the Director to be minor, the site plan may  
14 be revised and approved as a Type I Master Use Permit. The Master Use Permit expiration date  
15 of the original approval shall be retained, and shall not be extended through a minor revision.

16                  3. If the Director determines that the amendment is not minor, the applicant may  
17 either continue under the existing Major Phased Development approval or may submit a new  
18 Major Phased Development application. Only the portion of the site affected by the revision shall  
19 be subject to regulations in effect on the date of the revised Major Phased Development  
20 application. The decision may retain or may extend the existing expiration date on the portion of  
21 the site affected by the revision.

22                  E. Abandonment of a Major Phased Development. If a residential use is constructed as a  
23 part of a Major Phased Development and subsequent phases of that major phased development

1 are abandoned, no additional residential use shall be permitted on any of the land contained  
2 within the area of the Major Phased Development for 75 years from the date of the expiration or  
3 abandonment of the Major Phased Development permit.

4 **23.50A.032 Water quality – Best management practices**

5 A. The location, design, construction, and management of all developments and uses  
6 shall protect the quality and quantity of surface and groundwater, and shall adhere to the  
7 guidelines, policies, standards, and regulations of applicable water quality management programs  
8 and regulatory agencies. Best management practices, such as paving and berming of drum  
9 storage areas, fugitive dust controls and other good housekeeping measures to prevent  
10 contamination of land or water, may be required.

11 B. Solid and liquid wastes and untreated effluents may not enter any bodies of water or  
12 be discharged onto the land.

13 **23.50A.034 Parking and loading areas**

14 Access to off-street parking and loading areas. Access to off-street parking or loading areas  
15 shall be prohibited from street or alley frontages opposite residentially zoned lots. This  
16 prohibition shall not apply under the following conditions:

17 A. There is no access to the lot from another street or alley within an industrial zone.

18 B. The Director has determined that the lot width and depth prevents a workable plan  
19 for the building parking and loading if access is not allowed from a street or alley across from  
20 a residentially zoned lot.

21 **23.50A.036 Transportation management programs in the Industry and Innovation zone**

22 A. When a development is proposed that is expected to generate 50 or more employee  
23 single-occupant vehicle (SOV) trips in any one p.m. hour, the applicant shall prepare and

1 implement a Transportation Management Program (TMP) consistent with requirements for  
2 TMPs in any applicable Director's Rule.

3           1. For purposes of measuring attainment of SOV goals contained in the TMP, the  
4 proportion of SOV trips shall be calculated for the p.m. hour in which an applicant expects the  
5 largest number of vehicle trips to be made by employees at the site (the p.m. peak hour of the  
6 generator). The proportion of SOV trips shall be calculated by dividing the total number of  
7 employees using an SOV to make a trip during the expected peak hour by the total number of  
8 employee person trips during the expected peak hour.

9           2. Compliance with this section does not supplant the responsibility of any  
10 employer to comply with Chapter 25.02.

11           B. Each owner subject to the requirements of this Section 23.50A.036 shall prepare a  
12 TMP as described in rules promulgated by the Director, as part of the requirements for obtaining  
13 a master use permit.

14           C. The TMP shall be approved by the Director if, after consulting with Seattle  
15 Department of Transportation, the Director determines that the TMP measures are likely to  
16 achieve a mode-share target that is the average of mode-share targets for Urban Centers with the  
17 exception of the Downtown Urban Center in Seattle 2035 for trips made by employees driving  
18 alone who would work in the proposed development.

19 **23.50A.038 Nonconformity to development standards**

20           A. Industrial uses nonconforming to development standards. The provisions of Chapter  
21 23.42 apply except as provided in subsection 23.50A.038.B.

22           B. When a structure in an industrial zone that contains 50 percent or more of its floor area  
23 in an industrial use as identified in Table A for 23.50A.004 that was legally established by June

1 1, 2023, the structure may expand in a manner that maintains or increases the degree of  
2 nonconformity to standards set out in Sections 23.50A.008, 23.50A.010.A, 23.50A.018,  
3 23.53.006, 23.53.020, and 23.54.015 only to the extent necessary to allow the expansion,  
4 provided that the amount of floor area in industrial use does not decrease from the amount of  
5 floor area that was legally established prior to the expansion.

6 Section 9. Section 23.53.006 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
7 126685, is amended as follows:

8 **23.53.006 Pedestrian access and circulation**

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10 D. Outside urban centers and urban villages. Outside urban centers and urban villages,  
11 sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps are required on an existing street in any of the following  
12 circumstances, except as provided in subsection 23.53.006.F.

13 1. In any zone with a pedestrian designation, sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps are  
14 required when new lots, other than unit lots, are created through the full or short subdivision  
15 platting process or when development is proposed.

16 2. In industrial zones, on streets designated on Map A for (~~23.50.016, Industrial~~  
17 ~~Streets Landscaping Plan~~) 23.50A.018, sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps are required when new  
18 lots are created through the full or short subdivision platting process or when development is  
19 proposed. Sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps are required only for the portion of the lot that abuts  
20 the designated street.

21 3. On arterials, except in (~~IG1 and IG2 zones and on lots in IB zones that are not~~  
22 ~~directly across the street from or abutting a lot in a residential or commercial zone~~) the MML  
23 zone, sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps are required when new lots, other than unit lots, are



1 created through the full or short subdivision platting process or when development is proposed.

2 Sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps are required only for the portion of the lot that abuts the  
3 arterial.

4 4. In neighborhood residential zones, sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps are  
5 required when ten or more lots are created through the full subdivision platting process or when  
6 ten or more dwelling units are developed.

7 5. (~~Outside of neighborhood residential zones, except~~) Except in (~~IG1 and IG2~~  
8 ~~zones and on lots in IB zones that are not directly across the street from or abutting a lot in a~~  
9 ~~residential or commercial zone~~) neighborhood residential zones and the MML zone, sidewalks,  
10 curbs, and curb ramps are required when six or more lots, other than unit lots, are created  
11 through the full or short subdivision platting process or when six or more dwelling units are  
12 developed.

13 6. In all zones, except (~~IG1 and IG2 zones and on lots in IB zones that are not~~  
14 ~~directly across the street from or abutting a lot in a residential or commercial zone~~) the MML  
15 zone, sidewalks, curbs, and curb ramps are required when the following non-residential uses are  
16 developed:

17 a. Seven hundred and fifty square feet or more of gross floor area of major  
18 and minor vehicle repair uses and multi-purpose retail sales; or

19 b. Four thousand square feet or more of non-residential uses not listed in  
20 subsection 23.53.006.D.6.a.

21 E. Requirements for pedestrian walkways in (~~central industrial zones~~) the MML zone.  
22 In (~~IG1 and IG2 zones, and on lots in IB zones that are not directly across the street from or~~  
23 ~~abutting a lot in a residential or commercial zone,~~) the MML zone, when development is

1 proposed on existing streets that do not have curbs, and when sidewalks are not otherwise  
2 required by subsection 23.53.006.D, a pedestrian walkway with accessible crossings is required,  
3 except as provided in subsection 23.53.006.F.

4 F. Exceptions. The following exceptions to pedestrian access and circulation  
5 requirements and standards apply:

6 1. Projects exempt from requirements. Pedestrian access and circulation  
7 improvements are not required for the following types of projects:

- 8 a. Change of use;
- 9 b. Alterations to existing structures;
- 10 c. Additions to existing structures that are exempt from environmental  
11 review;
- 12 d. Construction of a detached structure accessory to a single-family  
13 dwelling unit in any zone, if the property owner enters into a no-protest agreement, as authorized  
14 by chapter 35.43 RCW, to future pedestrian access and circulation improvements and that  
15 agreement is recorded with the King County Recorder;

16 e. Construction of a single-family dwelling unit on a lot in any zone, if the  
17 property owner enters into a no-protest agreement, as authorized by chapter 35.43 RCW, to  
18 future pedestrian access and circulation improvements and that agreement is recorded with the  
19 King County Recorder, and if at least one of the following conditions is met:

20 1) The lot is on a block front where there are no existing pedestrian  
21 access and circulation improvements within 100 feet of the lot; or

22 2) Construction of pedestrian access and circulation improvements  
23 is not necessary because, for example, the existing right-of-way has suitable width and surface

1 treatment for pedestrian use; or the existing right-of-way has a limited amount of existing and  
2 potential vehicular traffic; or the Director anticipates limited, if any, additional development near  
3 the lot because the development near the lot is at or near zoned capacity under current zoning  
4 designations;

5 f. Expansions of surface parking, outdoor storage, outdoor sales and  
6 outdoor display of rental equipment of less than 20 percent of the parking, storage, sales or  
7 display area, or number of parking spaces;

8 g. In ~~((IG1 and IG2 zones, and on lots in IB zones that are not directly~~  
9 ~~across the street from or abutting a lot in a residential or commercial zone))~~ the MML zone, the  
10 addition of:

- 11 1) Fewer than ten artist's studio dwellings;  
12 2) Less than 750 square feet of gross floor area of major and minor  
13 vehicle repair uses and multipurpose retail sales; and  
14 3) Less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area of non-residential  
15 uses not listed in subsection 23.53.006.F.1.g.2; and

16 h. Construction of a new non-residential structure of up to 4,000 square  
17 feet of gross floor area if the structure is at least 50 feet from any lot line abutting an existing  
18 street that does not have pedestrian access and circulation improvements.

19 2. Waiver or modification of pedestrian access and circulation requirements. ~~((a-))~~  
20 The Director, in consultation with the Director of Transportation, may waive or modify  
21 pedestrian access and circulation requirements when one or more of the following conditions are  
22 met. The waiver or modification shall provide the minimum relief necessary to accommodate site  
23 conditions while maximizing pedestrian access and circulation.

1                                    ~~((1))~~ a. Location in an environmentally critical area or buffer makes  
2 installation of a sidewalk, curb, and/or curb ramp structurally impracticable or technically  
3 infeasible;

4                                    ~~((2))~~ b. The existence of a bridge, viaduct, or structure such as a  
5 substantial retaining wall in proximity to the project site makes installation of a sidewalk, curb,  
6 and/or curb ramp structurally impracticable or technically infeasible;

7                                    ~~((3))~~ c. Sidewalk, curb, and/or curb ramp construction would result in  
8 undesirable disruption of existing drainage patterns, or disturbance to or removal of natural  
9 features such as significant trees or other valuable and character-defining mature vegetation; or

10                                   ~~((4))~~ d. Sidewalk, curb, and/or curb ramp construction would preclude  
11 vehicular access to the lot, for example on project sites where topography would render driveway  
12 access in excess of the maximum 15 percent slope.

13                                    3. Deviation from sidewalk, curb, and curb ramp standards. ~~((The))~~ After  
14 consultation with the Director of Transportation, the Director of Seattle Department of  
15 Construction and Inspections, the Director of Transportation may grant a deviation from  
16 sidewalk, curb, and curb ramp standards specified in the Right-of-Way Improvements Manual  
17 through the Deviation Request Process to address environmental, sustainability, or accessibility  
18 issues if the deviation provides access to the maximum extent feasible with a substantially  
19 equivalent alternative design or materials.

20                                    4. Notwithstanding any provision of Section 23.76.026, the applicant for a Master  
21 Use Permit or a building permit to which the Land Use Code in effect prior to October 30, 2009  
22 applies may, by written election, use the exemptions in subsections 23.53.006.F.1, 23.53.006.F.2,  
23 and 23.53.006.F.3.

1 Section 10. Section 23.53.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
2 126685, is amended as follows:

3 **23.53.010 Improvement requirements for new streets in all zones**

4 A. General (~~Requirements~~) requirements. New streets created through the platting  
5 process or otherwise dedicated shall meet the requirements of this (~~chapter~~) Chapter 23.53 and  
6 the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor.

7 B. Required right-of-way widths for new streets

8 1. Arterial and downtown streets. New streets located in downtown zones, and new  
9 arterials, shall be designed according to the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements  
10 Manual or successor.

11 2. Nonarterials not in downtown zones(~~(-)~~)

12 a. The required right-of-way widths for new nonarterial streets not located in  
13 downtown zones shall be as shown on Table A for (~~Section~~) 23.53.010:

14 (~~Table A for Section 23.53.010~~)

| <b><u>Table A for 23.53.010</u></b><br><b><u>Required right-of-way width for new streets in all zones</u></b> |   |
|---|---|
| <b><u>Zone (<del>Category</del>) category</u></b>   | <b><u>Required (<del>Right-of-Way Width</del>) right-of-way width (in feet)</u></b> |
| 1. NR, LR1, NC1   | 50 ( <del>feet</del> )  |
| 2. LR2, LR3, NC2  | 56 ( <del>feet</del> )  |
| 3. MR, HR, NC3, C1, C2, SM, IB, <u>UI, II, IC</u>   | 60 ( <del>feet</del> )  |
| 4. IG1, IG2, <u>MML</u>   | 66 ( <del>feet</del> )  |

15  
16 b. If a block is split into more than one zone, the required right-of-way  
17 width is determined based on the requirement in Table A for (~~Section~~) 23.53.010 for the zone  
18 category with the most frontage. If the zone categories have equal frontage, the one with the  
19 wider requirement shall be used to determine the minimum right-of-way width.

1                   3. Exceptions to required right-of-way widths. The Director, after consulting with  
2 the Director of Transportation, may reduce the required right-of-way width for a new street if its  
3 location in an environmentally critical area or buffer, disruption of existing drainage patterns, or  
4 the presence of natural features such as significant trees makes the required right-of-way width  
5 impractical or undesirable.

6                   Section 11. Section 23.53.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
7 126682, is amended as follows:

8 **23.53.020 Improvement requirements for existing streets in industrial zones**

9                   A. General requirements

10                   1. If new lots are created or any type of development is proposed in an industrial  
11 zone, existing streets abutting the lot(s) are required to be improved in accordance with this  
12 Section 23.53.020 and Section 23.53.006. One or more of the following types of improvements  
13 may be required by this Section 23.53.020:

- 14                   a. Pavement;
- 15                   b. Drainage;
- 16                   c. Grading to future right-of-way grade;
- 17                   d. Design of structures to accommodate future right-of-way grade;
- 18                   e. No-protest agreements; and
- 19                   f. Planting of street trees and other landscaping.

20                   A setback from the property line, or dedication of right-of-way, may be required  
21 to accommodate the improvements.

22                   2. Subsection 23.53.020.E contains exceptions from the standard requirements for  
23 street improvements, including exceptions for streets that already have curbs, projects that are

1 smaller than a certain size, and for special circumstances, such as location in an environmentally  
2 critical area.

3 3. Off-site improvements such as provision of drainage systems or fire access  
4 roads shall be required pursuant to the authority of this Code or other ordinances to mitigate the  
5 impacts of development.

6 4. Detailed requirements for street improvements are in the Streets Illustrated  
7 Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor.

8 5. The regulations in this Section 23.53.020 are not intended to preclude the use  
9 of Chapter 25.05 to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.

10 6. Minimum right-of-way widths

11 a. Arterials. The minimum right-of-way widths for arterials designated on  
12 the Arterial street map, Section 11.18.010, are as specified in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-  
13 Way Improvements Manual or successor.

14 b. Non-arterials

15 1) The minimum right-of-way width for an existing street that is  
16 not an arterial designated on the Arterial street map, Section 11.18.010, is as shown on Table A  
17 for 23.53.020.

| <b>Table A for 23.53.020</b>  |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Minimum right-of-way widths for existing nonarterial streets</b> |  |
| <b>Zone category</b>  | <b>Required ((<del>Right-of-way</del>) <u>right-of-way</u> widths (in feet))</b> |
| 1. IB, IC, UI, II   | 52   |
| 2. IG1, IG2, MML  | 56   |

18  
19 2) If a block is split into more than one zone, the zone category  
20 with the most frontage shall determine the minimum width on Table A for 23.53.020. If the zone

1 categories have equal frontage, the one with the wider requirement shall be used to determine the  
2 minimum right-of-way width.

3 B. Improvements on designated streets in all industrial zones. In all industrial zones,  
4 except as provided in subsection 23.53.020.E, if a lot abuts a street designated on Map A for  
5 ~~((23.50.016))~~ 23.50A.018, the following on-site improvements shall be provided:

6 1. Dedication requirement. If the street right-of-way is less than the minimum  
7 width established in subsection 23.53.020.A.6, dedication of additional right-of-way equal to half  
8 the difference between the current right-of-way and the minimum right-of-way width established  
9 in subsection 23.53.020.A.6 is required; provided, however, that if right-of-way has been  
10 dedicated since 1982, other lots on the block are not required to dedicate more than that amount  
11 of right-of-way.

12 2. Improvement requirements. A paved roadway with pedestrian access and  
13 circulation as required by Section 23.53.006 and drainage facilities shall be provided in the  
14 portion of the street right-of-way abutting the lot, as specified in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-  
15 Way Improvements Manual or successor.

16 3. Street trees. Street trees shall be provided along designated street frontages  
17 pursuant to Section 23.50A.018.

18 ~~((a. Street trees shall be provided along designated street frontages. Street~~  
19 ~~trees shall be provided in the planting strip as specified in the Street Tree Manual.~~

20 ~~b. Exceptions to street tree requirements~~

21 ~~1) Street trees required by subsection 23.53.020.B.3.a may be~~  
22 ~~located on the lot at least 2 feet from the street lot line instead of in the planting strip if:~~



1 a) ~~Existing trees or landscaping on the lot provide~~  
2 ~~improvements substantially equivalent to those required in this Section 23.53.020;~~

3 b) ~~It is not feasible to plant street trees according to City~~  
4 ~~standards. A 5-foot-deep landscaped setback area is required along the street property lines and~~  
5 ~~trees shall be planted there. If an on-site landscaped area is already required, the trees shall be~~  
6 ~~planted there if they cannot be placed in the planting strip.)~~

7 C. General Industrial 1 and General Industrial 2 (IG1 and IG2 zones) and Maritime,  
8 Manufacturing, and Logistics (MML) zone. Except as provided in subsection 23.53.020.E, the  
9 following improvements shall be required in IG1, ~~((and))~~ IG2, ~~((zones))~~ and the MML zones, in  
10 addition to the pedestrian access and circulation requirements of Section 23.53.006. Further  
11 improvements may be required on streets designated in subsection 23.53.020.B.

12 1. Setback requirement. When the right-of-way abutting a lot has less than the  
13 minimum width established in subsection 23.53.020.A.6, a setback equal to half the difference  
14 between the current right-of-way width and the minimum right-of-way width established in  
15 subsection 23.53.020.A.6 is required; provided, however, that if a setback has been provided  
16 under this ~~((provision))~~ subsection 23.53.020.C.1, other lots on the block shall provide the same  
17 setback. The area of the setback may be used to meet any development standard, except that  
18 required parking may not be in the setback. Underground structures that would not prevent the  
19 future widening and improvement of the right-of-way may be permitted in the required setback  
20 by the Director after consulting with the Director of Seattle Department of Transportation.

21 2. Grading requirement. When an existing street abutting a lot is less than the  
22 width established in subsection 23.53.020.A.6, all structures shall be designed and built to  
23 accommodate the grade of the future street improvements.

1                   3. Fire apparatus access. If the lot does not have vehicular access from a street or  
2 private easement that meets the regulations for fire apparatus access roads in Chapter 22.600,  
3 such access shall be provided. When an existing street does not meet these regulations, the Chief  
4 of the Fire Department may approve an alternative that provides adequate emergency vehicle  
5 access.

6                   4. Dead-end streets. Streets that form a dead end at the property to be developed  
7 shall be improved with a cul-de-sac or other vehicular turnaround as specified in the Streets  
8 Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor. The Director, after consulting with  
9 the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation, shall determine whether the street has  
10 the potential for being extended or whether it forms a dead end because of topography and/or the  
11 layout of the street system.

12                   5. No-protest agreement requirement. When a setback is required by subsection  
13 23.53.020.C.1, or a pedestrian walkway is required as specified in Section 23.53.006, a no-  
14 protest agreement to future street improvements shall be required, as authorized by chapter 35.43  
15 RCW. The agreement shall be recorded with the King County Recorder.

16                   D. Industrial Buffer (IB) , Urban Industrial (UI), Industry and Innovation (II), and  
17 Industrial Commercial (IC) zones. Except as provided in subsection 23.53.020.E, the following  
18 improvements are required in ~~((IB))~~ UI, II, and IC zones, in addition to the pedestrian access and  
19 circulation requirements of Section 23.53.006. Further improvements may be required on streets  
20 designated in subsection 23.53.020.B. ~~((+))~~ The requirements of this subsection  
21 23.53.020.D~~((+))~~ shall apply when development projects are proposed on lots in ~~((IB zones that~~  
22 ~~are directly across a street from, or that abut, a lot in a residential or commercial zone and to))~~ all  
23 ~~((projects in))~~ UI, II, and IC zones:

1                    ~~((a-))~~ 1. Improvements to arterials

2                               ~~((1+))~~ a. When a street is designated as an arterial on the Arterial street  
3 map, Section 11.18.010, a paved roadway~~((;-))~~ with pedestrian access and circulation as required  
4 by Section 23.53.006, drainage facilities, and any landscaping required by the zone in which the  
5 lot is located shall be provided in the portion of the street right-of-way abutting the lot, as  
6 specified in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor.

7                               ~~((2))~~ b. If necessary to accommodate the right-of-way widths specified in  
8 the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor, dedication of right-of-  
9 way shall be required.

10                    ~~((b-))~~ 2. Improvements to non-arterial streets

11                               ~~((1+))~~ a. Non-arterial streets with right-of-way greater than or equal to the  
12 minimum right-of-way width~~((;-))~~

13                               ~~((a))~~ 1) Improvement requirements. When an existing non-arterial  
14 street right-of-way is greater than or equal to the minimum right-of-way width established in  
15 subsection 23.53.020.A.6, a paved roadway with pedestrian access and circulation as required by  
16 Section 23.53.006, drainage facilities, and any landscaping required by the zone in which the lot  
17 is located shall be provided in the portion of the street right-of-way abutting the lot, as specified  
18 in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor. Development in the  
19 Industry and Innovation zone abutting the SODO Trail shall contribute to pedestrian access and  
20 circulation on the trail for the portion of the development fronting the trail.

21                               ~~((b))~~ 2) Fire apparatus access. If the lot does not have vehicular  
22 access from a street or private easement that meets the regulations for fire apparatus access roads  
23 in Chapter 22.600, such access shall be provided. When an existing street does not meet these

1 regulations, the Chief of the Fire Department may approve an alternative that provides adequate  
2 emergency vehicle access.

3                                    ((e)) 3) Dead-end streets. Streets that form a dead end at the  
4 property to be developed shall be improved with a cul-de-sac or other vehicular turnaround as  
5 specified in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor. The  
6 Director, after consulting with the Director of the Seattle Department of Transportation, shall  
7 determine whether the street has the potential for being extended or whether it forms a dead end  
8 because of topography or the layout of the street system.

9                                    ((z)) b. Non-arterial streets with less than the minimum right-of-way  
10 width

11                                    ((a)) 1) Dedication requirement. When an existing non-arterial  
12 street has less than the minimum right-of-way established in subsection 23.53.020.A.6,  
13 dedication of additional right-of-way equal to half the difference between the current right-of-  
14 way width and the minimum right-of-way width established in subsection 23.53.020.A.6 is  
15 required; provided, however, that if right-of-way has been dedicated since 1982, other lots on the  
16 block shall not be required to dedicate more than that amount of right-of-way.

17                                    ((b)) 2) Improvement requirement. A paved roadway with  
18 pedestrian access and circulation as required by Section 23.53.006, drainage facilities, and any  
19 landscaping required by the zone in which the lot is located shall be provided in the portion of  
20 the street right-of-way abutting the lot, as specified in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way  
21 Improvements Manual or successor.

22                                    ((e)) 3) Fire apparatus access. If the lot does not have vehicular  
23 access from a street or private easement that meets the regulations for fire apparatus access roads

1 in Chapter 22.600, such access shall be provided. When an existing street does not meet these  
2 regulations, the Chief of the Fire Department may approve an alternative that provides adequate  
3 emergency vehicle access.

4 ~~((4))~~ 4) Dead-end streets. Streets that form a dead end at the  
5 property to be developed shall be improved with a cul-de-sac or other vehicular turnaround as  
6 specified in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor. The  
7 Director, after consulting with the Director of Seattle Department of Transportation, shall  
8 determine whether the street has the potential for being extended or whether it forms a dead end  
9 because of topography or the layout of the street system.

10 ~~((2. When projects are proposed on lots in IB zones that are not directly across a  
11 street from, and do not abut, a lot in a residential or commercial zone, the requirements of  
12 subsection 23.53.020.C shall be met.))~~

13 E. Exceptions

14 1. Streets with existing curbs

15 a. Streets with right-of-way greater than or equal to the minimum right-of-  
16 way width. When a street with existing curbs abuts a lot, and improvements would be required  
17 by subsections 23.53.020.B or 23.53.020.D, and the existing right-of-way is greater than or equal  
18 to the minimum width established in subsection 23.53.020.A.6, but the roadway width is less  
19 than the minimum established in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or  
20 successor, the following requirements shall be met:

21 1) All structures on the lot shall be designed and built to  
22 accommodate the grade of the future street improvements.





1                   3. Exceptions from street improvement requirements. The Director, in  
2 consultation with the Director of Transportation, may waive or modify the requirements for  
3 paving, dedication, setbacks, grading, no-protest agreements, and landscaping when it is  
4 determined that one or more of the following conditions are met. The waiver or modification  
5 shall provide the minimum relief necessary to accommodate site conditions while maximizing  
6 access and circulation.

7                   a. Location in an environmentally critical area or buffer, disruption of  
8 existing drainage patterns, or removal of natural features such as significant trees or other  
9 valuable and character-defining mature vegetation makes widening or improving the right-of-  
10 way impractical or undesirable.

11                  b. The existence of a bridge, viaduct, or structure such as a substantial  
12 retaining wall in proximity to the project site makes widening or improving the right-of-way  
13 impractical or undesirable.

14                  c. Widening the right-of-way or improving the street would adversely  
15 affect the character of the street, as it is defined in an adopted neighborhood plan, street  
16 designations in the Streets Illustrated Right-of-Way Improvements Manual or successor, or  
17 adopted City plan for Green Streets, boulevards, or other special right-of-way, or would  
18 otherwise conflict with the stated goals of such a plan.

19                  d. Widening or improving the right-of-way would make building on a lot  
20 infeasible by reducing it to dimensions where development standards cannot reasonably be met.

21                  e. Widening or improving the right-of-way would preclude vehicular  
22 access to an existing lot.



1 f. One or more substantial principal structures on the same side of the  
2 block as the proposed project are in the area needed for future expansion of the right-of-way and  
3 the structure(s)' condition and size make future widening of the remainder of the right-of-way  
4 unlikely.

5 g. Widening or improving the right-of-way is impractical because  
6 topography would preclude the use of the street for vehicular access to the lot, for example due  
7 to an inability to meet the required 15 percent maximum driveway slope.

8 h. Widening or improving the right-of-way is not necessary because it is  
9 adequate for current and potential vehicular traffic, for example, due to the limited number of  
10 lots served by the development or because the development on the street is at zoned capacity.

11 Section 12. Section 23.54.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
12 126685, is amended as follows:

13 **23.54.015 Required parking and maximum parking limits**

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15 C. Maximum parking limits for specific zones or areas

16 1. In the Stadium Transition Area Overlay District certain uses are subject to a  
17 maximum parking ratio pursuant to subsection 23.74.010.A.1.b. When there are multiple uses  
18 on a lot, the total parking requirement for all uses subject to a maximum ratio cannot exceed  
19 the aggregate maximum for those uses under Section 23.74.010.

20 2. In all commercial zones, except C2 zones outside of urban villages, no more  
21 than 145 spaces per lot may be provided as surface parking or as flexible-use parking.

22 3. In all multifamily zones, commercial uses are limited to no more than ten  
23 parking spaces per business establishment.



| <b>Table A for 23.54.015</b>   |                                     |  |                                  |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Required parking for non-residential uses other than institutions</b> |                                     |  |                                  |  |
| <b>Use</b>   |                                     |  | <b>Minimum parking required</b>  |  |
|  | B.6.                                | Lodging uses                                       |                                  | 1 space for each 4 rooms;<br>For bed and breakfast facilities in neighborhood residential and multifamily zones, 1 space for each dwelling unit, plus 1 space for each 2 guest rooms   |
|  | B.7.                                | Medical services                                   |                                  | 1 space for each 500 square feet   |
|  | B.8.                                | Offices  |                                  | 1 space for each 1,000 square feet   |
|  | B.9.                                | Sales and services, automotive                     |                                  | 1 space for each 2,000 square feet   |
|  | B.10.                               | Sales and services, general, except as noted below |                                  | 1 space for each 500 square feet   |
|  |                                     | B.10.a.  | Pet daycare centers <sup>4</sup> | 1 space for each 10 animals or 1 space for each staff member, whichever is greater, plus 1 loading and unloading space for each 20 animals   |
|  | B.11.                               | Sales and services, heavy                          |                                  | 1 space for each 2,000 square feet   |
|  | B.12.                               | Sales and services, marine                         |                                  | 1 space for each 2,000 square feet   |
| C.   | HIGH IMPACT USES                    |  |                                  | 1 space for each 2,000 square feet   |
| D.   | LIVE-WORK UNITS                     |  |                                  | 0 spaces for units with 1,500 square feet or less;<br>1 space for each unit greater than 1,500 square feet;<br>1 space for each unit greater than 2,500 square feet, plus the parking that would be required for any nonresidential activity classified as a principal use |
| E.   | MANUFACTURING USES                  |  |                                  | 1 space for each 2,000 square feet   |
| F.   | STORAGE USES                        |  |                                  | 1 space for each 2,000 square feet   |
| G.   | TRANSITIONAL ENCAMPMENT INTERIM USE |  |                                  | 1 space for every vehicle used as shelter; plus 1 space for each 2 staff members on-site at peak staffing times  |
| H.   | TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES           |  |                                  |  |
|  | H.1.                                | Cargo terminals                                    |                                  | 1 space for each 2,000 square feet   |
|  | H.2.                                | Parking and moorage                                |                                  |  |
|  |                                     | H.2.a.   | Flexible-use parking             | None   |
|  |                                     | H.2.b.   | Towing services                  | None   |
|  |                                     | H.2.c.   | Boat moorage                     | 1 space for each 2 berths  |
|  |                                     | H.2.d.   | Dry storage of boats             | 1 space for each 2,000 square feet   |
|  | H.3.                                | Passenger terminals                                |                                  | 1 space for each 100 square feet of waiting area   |

| <b>Table A for 23.54.015</b>  |  |                                      |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Required parking for non-residential uses other than institutions</b>  |  |                                      |
| <b>Use</b>  |  | <b>Minimum parking required</b>      |
|   | H.4.   | Rail transit facilities              |
|   | H.5.   | Transportation facilities, air       |
|   | H.6.   | Vehicle storage and maintenance uses |
| I.  | UTILITIES  |                                      |
| <b>II. Non-residential ((Use Requirements for Specific Areas)) <u>use requirements for specific areas</u></b>   |  |                                      |
| J.  | Non-residential uses in urban centers or the Station Area Overlay District <sup>5</sup>  |                                      |
| K.  | Non-residential uses in urban villages that are not within an urban center or the Station Area Overlay District, if the non-residential use is located within a frequent transit service area <sup>5</sup> |                                      |
| L.  | Non-residential uses permitted in MR and HR zones pursuant to Section 23.45.504  |                                      |
| <u>M.</u>   | <u>Non-residential uses permitted in II zones</u>  |                                      |
| <p>Footnotes for Table A for 23.54.015</p> <p><sup>1</sup> No parking is required for urban farms or community gardens in residential zones.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Required parking for spectator sports facilities or exhibition halls must be available when the facility or exhibition hall is in use. A facility shall be considered to be "in use" during the period beginning three hours before an event is scheduled to begin and ending one hour after a scheduled event is expected to end. For sports events of variable or uncertain duration, the expected event length shall be the average length of the events of the same type for which the most recent data are available, provided it is within the past five years. During an inaugural season, or for nonrecurring events, the best available good faith estimate of event duration will be used. A facility will not be deemed to be "in use" by virtue of the fact that administrative or maintenance personnel are present. The Director may reduce the required parking for any event when projected attendance for a spectator sports facility is certified to be 50 percent or less of the facility's seating capacity, to an amount not less than that required for the certified projected attendance, at the rate of one space for each ten fixed seats of certified projected attendance. An application for reduction and the certification shall be submitted to the Director at least 15 days prior to the event. When the event is one of a series of similar events, such certification may be submitted for the entire series 15 days prior to the first event in the series. If the Director finds that a certification of projected attendance of 50 percent or less of the seating capacity is based on satisfactory evidence such as past attendance at similar events or advance ticket sales, the Director shall, within 15 days of such submittal, notify the facility operator that a reduced parking requirement has been approved, with any conditions deemed appropriate by the Director to ensure adequacy of parking if expected attendance should change. The parking requirement reduction may be applied for only if the goals of the facility's Transportation Management Plan are otherwise being met. The Director may revoke or modify a parking requirement reduction approval during a series, if projected attendance is exceeded.</p> |  |                                      |

**Table A for 23.54.015  
 Required parking for non-residential uses other than institutions**

| Use  | Minimum parking required |
|--|--------------------------|
| <sup>3</sup> For indoor sports and recreation uses that exceed 25,000 square feet in size in (( <del>the Ballard Interbay Northend</del> )) a Manufacturing Industrial Center, the minimum requirement is 1 space for each 2,000 square feet.  |                          |
| <sup>4</sup> The amount of required parking is calculated based on the maximum number of staff or animals the center is designed to accommodate.   |                          |
| <sup>5</sup> The general minimum requirements of Part I of Table A for 23.54.015 are superseded to the extent that a use, structure, or development qualifies for either a greater or a lesser minimum parking requirement (which may include no requirement) under any other provision. To the extent that a non-residential use fits within more than one line in Table A for 23.54.015, the least of the applicable minimum parking requirements applies. The different parking requirements listed for certain categories of non-residential uses shall not be construed to create separate uses for purposes of any requirements related to establishing or changing a use under this Title 23. |                          |

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Section 13. Section 23.58B.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance 125792, is amended as follows:

**23.58B.040 Mitigation of impacts - payment option**

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| Table B for 23.58B.040   |  |                       |                       |
|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Payment calculation amounts:                                     |  |                       |                       |
| Outside Downtown, SM-SLU, SM-U, and SM-NG zones                  |  |                       |                       |
| Zone   | Payment calculation amount per square foot |                       |                       |
|  | Low  | Medium                | High                  |
| All Industrial Buffer zones (IB)                                 | Not applicable                             | Not applicable        | Not applicable        |
| All Industrial General zones (IG)                                | Not applicable                             | Not applicable        | Not applicable        |
| All Master Planned Communities—<br>Yesler Terrace zones (MPC-YT) | Not applicable                             | Not applicable        | Not applicable        |
| <u>All Maritime, Manufacturing and Logistics zones (MML)</u>     | <u>Not applicable</u>                      | <u>Not applicable</u> | <u>Not applicable</u> |
| <u>All Urban Industrial zones (UI)</u>                           | <u>Not applicable</u>                      | <u>Not applicable</u> | <u>Not applicable</u> |

|  |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <del>((IC 85-175)) II 85-240</del>                   | \$10.00        | \$10.00        | \$10.00        |
| All other IC zones                                   | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Zones with an (M) suffix                             | \$5.00         | \$7.00         | \$8.00         |
| Zones with an (M1) suffix                            | \$8.00         | \$11.25        | \$12.75        |
| Zones with an (M2) suffix                            | \$9.00         | \$12.50        | \$14.50        |
| Other zones where provisions refer to Chapter 23.58B | \$5.00         | \$7.00         | \$8.00         |

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Section 14. Section 23.58B.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 126685, is amended as follows:

**23.58B.050 Mitigation of impacts - performance option**

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| Table B for 23.58B.050<br>Performance calculation amounts:<br>Outside Downtown, SM-SLU, SM-U, and SM-NG zones |  |                       |                       |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Zone  | Performance calculation amount per square foot |                       |                       |
|   | Low  | Medium                | High                  |
| All Industrial Buffer zones (IB)  | Not applicable                                 | Not applicable        | Not applicable        |
| All Industrial General zones (IG)   | Not applicable                                 | Not applicable        | Not applicable        |
| <u>All Maritime, Manufacturing, and Logistics zones (MML)</u>   | <u>Not applicable</u>                          | <u>Not applicable</u> | <u>Not applicable</u> |
| <u>All Urban Industrial zones (UI)</u>  | <u>Not applicable</u>                          | <u>Not applicable</u> | <u>Not applicable</u> |
| All Master Planned Communities—<br>Yesler Terrace zones (MPC-YT)  | Not applicable                                 | Not applicable        | Not applicable        |

| Table B for 23.58B.050<br>Performance calculation amounts:<br>Outside Downtown, SM-SLU, SM-U, and SM-NG zones |  |                       |                       |
|---|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Zone  | Performance calculation amount per square foot |                       |                       |
|   | Low  | Medium                | High                  |
| <del>((IC 85-175)) II 85-240</del>  | 6.1%   | 6.1%                  | 6.1%                  |
| All other II zones  | <u>Not applicable</u>                          | <u>Not applicable</u> | <u>Not applicable</u> |
| Zones with an (M) suffix  | 5.0%   | 5.0%                  | 5.0%                  |
| Zones with an (M1) suffix   | 8.0%   | 8.0%                  | 8.0%                  |
| Zones with an (M2) suffix   | 9.0%   | 9.0%                  | 9.0%                  |
| Other zones where provisions refer to Chapter 23.58B  | 5.0%   | 5.0%                  | 5.0%                  |

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Section 15. Section 23.74.002 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance 119972, is amended as follows:

**23.74.002 Purpose, intent, and description of the overlay district—Rezone requirement—  
 Rezone criteria((:))**

A. Purpose and ~~((Intent))~~ intent. The purpose of this ~~((chapter))~~ Chapter 23.74 is to implement the City's Comprehensive Plan, including the neighborhood plan for the Greater Duwamish Manufacturing/Industrial Center, by establishing a Stadium Transition Area Overlay District for the area shown on ~~((Exhibit 23.74.004 A))~~ Map A for 23.74.004. The Stadium Transition Area centers on large sports facilities and allows uses complementary to them. It is intended to contribute to a safer pedestrian environment for those attending events and permits a mix of uses, supporting the pedestrian-oriented character of the area as well as the surrounding industrial zone, while minimizing conflicts with industrial uses. Within the overlay district, use provisions and development standards are designed to: create a pedestrian

1 connection with downtown; discourage encroachment on nearby industrial uses to the south;  
2 and create a pedestrian-friendly streetscape. Allowing a mix of uses, including office  
3 development, restaurants, lodging, and maker uses and arts, is intended to encourage  
4 redevelopment and to maintain the health and vibrancy of the area during times when the  
5 sports facilities are not in operation.

6 B. Relationship to ~~((Surrounding Activity of Areas Located Within))~~ surrounding  
7 activity of areas located within the District. The District is an area where stadiums and similar  
8 major, regional attractions are located, in which transportation and other infrastructure can  
9 support additional development. It is an area surrounded by land with widely varying  
10 development patterns and land use characteristics including the mixed use urban development  
11 of south Downtown, Pioneer Square, the working waterfront, and the industrial area. The  
12 desired relationship of the Stadium Transition Area is with Pioneer Square and First Avenue,  
13 permitting strong pedestrian and transit links to the north. There should be well-defined edges  
14 between the pedestrian activity of the Stadium Transition Area and industrial activity  
15 surrounding it. The portion of Fourth Avenue South that is north of Royal Brougham and the  
16 main line railroad tracks create a strong edge to the east and should be the eastern boundary.  
17 South Holgate Street, the first major cross street to the south of the ~~((Safeco Field))~~  
18 professional baseball stadium, should be the southern boundary. Boundaries should not be  
19 shifted farther into the industrial area.

20 C. Rezones resulting in ~~((Boundary Changes))~~ boundary changes to the Stadium  
21 Transition Overlay Area District. A rezone pursuant to Chapter 23.34 shall be required to  
22 change the established boundaries of the Stadium Transition Area Overlay District. A rezone  
23 shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 23.76~~((, Procedures for Master Use Permits and~~



1 ~~Council Land Use Decisions~~). Areas to be included within the District boundaries shall be  
2 compatible with the purpose and intent as stated in this ~~(section)~~ Section 23.74.002, and shall  
3 either be areas developed as major spectator sports facilities, or areas that meet the criteria for  
4 Industrial Commercial or Urban Industrial zoning and are along preferred pedestrian routes  
5 that can provide safe and attractive passage for pedestrians between the stadiums and retail  
6 areas and transit service.

7 Section 16. Section 23.74.006 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance  
8 119972, is amended as follows:

9 **23.74.006 Application of ~~(Regulations.)~~ regulations**

10 Land located within the Stadium Transition Area Overlay District, as shown on ~~(Exhibit~~  
11 23.74.004 A) Map A for 23.74.004, is subject to the regulations of the underlying zone except  
12 as otherwise expressly provided in this ~~(chapter)~~ Chapter 23.74. In the event of a conflict  
13 between the provisions of this ~~(chapter)~~ Chapter 23.74 and the underlying zone, the  
14 provisions of this ~~(chapter)~~ Chapter 23.74 apply. ~~(Where the provisions of the underlying~~  
15 ~~zone are more restrictive, that is not considered a conflict and compliance with the provisions~~  
16 ~~of the underlying zone is required, except as specifically provided in this chapter. Where the~~  
17 ~~provisions of this chapter are more restrictive, compliance with this provisions is required,~~  
18 ~~subject to any departures that may be authorized pursuant to design review under Section~~  
19 ~~23.41.012 and to provisions for nonconforming uses and structures in Sections 23.50.008 and~~  
20 ~~23.50.010.)~~

21 Section 17. Section 23.74.008 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
22 125558, is amended as follows:

23 **23.74.008 Uses~~(\*)~~**

1 Notwithstanding the use provisions of the underlying zone, the following use provisions apply:

2 ~~((A. The following uses are permitted outright:~~

- 3 ~~1. Medical services;~~
- 4 ~~2. Museums;~~
- 5 ~~3. Community clubs or centers;~~
- 6 ~~4. Private clubs; and~~
- 7 ~~5. Religious facilities.~~

8 ~~B))~~A. The following uses are permitted in buildings existing on ~~((September 1, 1999))~~

9 June 1, 2023:

- 10 1. Artist's studio/dwellings;
- 11 2. Major institutions.

12 ~~((C))~~B. The following uses are prohibited:

- 13 1. Heavy manufacturing uses;
- 14 2. High-impact uses;
- 15 3. Solid waste management;
- 16 4. Recycling uses;
- 17 5. Animal shelters and kennels;
- 18 6. Veterinary offices;
- 19 7. Pet grooming;
- 20 8. Airports, land and water based;
- 21 9. Hospitals;
- 22 10. Elementary and secondary schools;
- 23 11. Drive-in businesses~~((-except))~~ including gas stations;

1 12. Bus bases;

2 13. Flexible-use parking <sup>1</sup> ; and

3 ~~((14. Lodging uses; and~~

4 ~~15. Colleges <sup>2</sup> ;))~~

5 14. Residential uses otherwise allowed as an administrative conditional use in  
6 the Urban Industrial zone pursuant to subsection 23.50A.006.B.3.

7 <sup>1</sup> Parking required for a spectator sports facility or exhibition hall is allowed and shall be  
8 permitted to be used for flexible-use parking or shared with another such facility to meet its  
9 required parking. A spectator sports facility or exhibition hall within the Stadium Transition  
10 Overlay Area District may reserve non-required parking only outside the overlay district and  
11 only if:

12 (a) The parking is owned and operated by the owner of the spectator sports facility or  
13 exhibition hall; and

14 (b) The parking is reserved for events in the spectator sports facility or exhibition hall;  
15 and

16 (c) The reserved parking is south of South Royal Brougham Way, west of 6th Avenue  
17 South and north of South Atlantic Street. Parking that is provided to meet required parking will  
18 not be considered reserved parking.

19 ~~((<sup>2</sup> Training facilities for industrial trades operated by colleges and universities are permitted.))~~

20 Section 18. Section 23.74.009 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance  
21 119972, is amended as follows:

22 **23.74.009 Height((:))**

1           A. Within the Stadium Transition Area Overlay District, maximum height limits of the  
2 underlying zone are not applicable to spectator sports facilities.

3           B. Parking garages accessory to spectator sports facilities north of South (~~Royal~~  
4 ~~Brougham Way~~) Massachusetts Street may exceed the height limit if all the conditions in this  
5 subsection 23.74.009.B are satisfied.

6                   ~~((1. A Master Use Permit ("MUP") decision to permit the parking garage was~~  
7 ~~issued before June 12, 2000.~~

8                   ~~2. Any height above the maximum height permitted by such MUP decision is~~  
9 ~~allowed by the Director pursuant to applicable provisions of this title for modification of such~~  
10 ~~decision.))~~

11                   ~~((3.) 1. The total height of the parking garage does not exceed 130 feet. ((If~~  
12 ~~additional height is granted as described in subsection B2 above, exemptions for rooftop~~  
13 ~~features from height limits of the underlying zone shall apply only to the extent the Director~~  
14 ~~determines such features and exemptions are necessary to the operation of the structure.))~~

15                   ~~((4.) 2. All floor area above the maximum height allowed by such MUP~~  
16 ~~decision is used as parking required for the spectator sports facility, or for storage or meeting~~  
17 ~~space accessory to the spectator sports facility or exhibition hall, except that the top floor or~~  
18 ~~the rooftop may contain other permitted uses.~~

19           C. The height limit for areas zoned UI-U/85 in the Stadium Transition Area Overlay  
20 District shall be 85 feet, except for land bounded by 1st Avenue South at the east, Colorado  
21 Avenue South at the west, South Atlantic Street at the south, and within 320 linear feet north of  
22 South Atlantic Street at the north, which shall have a height limit of 65 feet.

1 Section 19. Section 23.74.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance  
2 125791, is amended as follows:

3 **23.74.010 Development standards**

4 \* \* \*

5 B. For the areas marked on Map A for 23.74.010, the following development standards  
6 and provisions apply to all uses and structures except for spectator sports facilities:

7 1. Floor area ratio (FAR) ~~((and floor area))~~ limits

8 a. The maximum FAR for all uses is ~~((3.25))~~ 4.5. ~~((FAR limits of the~~  
9 ~~underlying zone do not apply.~~

10 b. ~~The gross floor area limits for certain uses in subsection~~  
11 ~~23.50.027.A.1, including limits based on lot area, do apply.))~~

12 b. In addition to the FAR exemptions in subsection 23.50A.010.B, the  
13 first 25,000 square feet of street-level general sales and service, medical services, eating and  
14 drinking establishments, or lodging uses on any lot are exempt from the maximum FAR limit.

15 ~~((2. Exemptions. In addition to the FAR exemptions in subsection 23.50.028.E,~~  
16 ~~the first 75,000 square feet of street level general sales and service, medical services, animal~~  
17 ~~shelters or kennels, automotive sales and services, marine sales and services, eating and~~  
18 ~~drinking establishments, or lodging uses on any lot are exempt from the maximum FAR~~  
19 ~~limit.))~~

20 2. Maximum size of use limits

21 a. If a development provides an amount of gross floor area that totals at  
22 least 0.4 times the lot area in qualifying industrial uses as indicated in Table A for 23.50A.004

1 and meeting the standards of subsection 23.50A.012.A.1.b, the development is exempt from all  
2 maximum size of use limits.

3 b. Developments not exempt from the maximum size of use limits  
4 according subsection 23.74.010.A are subject to the maximum size of use limits shown in  
5 Table A for 23.74.010.

| <b><u>Table A for 23.74.010</u></b>   |   |
|---|---|
| <b><u>Maximum size of use limits in the Stadium Transition Area Overlay District*</u></b> |   |
| <b><u>Uses subject to maximum size limits**</u></b>                                       | <b><u>Maximum size limit (in square feet)</u></b> |
| <u>Animal shelters and kennels</u>  | <u>10,000</u>                                     |
| <u>Drinking establishments***</u>   | <u>N.S.L.</u>                                     |
| <u>Entertainment**</u>  | <u>75,000</u>                                     |
| <u>Information Computer Technology</u>  | <u>N.S.L.</u>                                     |
| <u>Lodging uses</u>   | <u>N.S.L.</u>                                     |
| <u>Medical services</u>   | <u>75,000</u>                                     |
| <u>Office</u>   | <u>75,000</u>                                     |
| <u>Restaurants</u>  | <u>N.S.L.</u>                                     |
| <u>Retail sales, major durables</u>   | <u>20,000</u>                                     |
| <u>Sales and services, automotive</u>   | <u>20,000</u>                                     |
| <u>Sales and services, general</u>  | <u>40,000</u>                                     |

Key for Table A for 23.74.010  
N.S.L. = No size limit  
\*Size of use limits do not apply to ancillary uses in the Urban Industrial zone.  
\*\* Where permitted under Table A for 23.50A.004.  
\*\*\* The size limit applies to principal use drinking establishments such as bars tasting rooms or tap rooms that are unaffiliated with a brewery or distillery within 1,500 linear feet.

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7 C. Pedestrian environment. The following development standards apply to each use and  
8 structure, except spectator sports facilities, to the extent that the use or structure either is on a  
9 lot fronting on Railroad Way South, First Avenue South, South Holgate between First Avenue  
10 South and Occidental Avenue South, or Occidental Avenue South, or is within a 40-foot radius  
11 measured from any of the block corners of First Avenue South or Occidental Avenue South  
12 intersecting with the following streets: Railroad Way South, South Royal Brougham, South

1 Atlantic, South Massachusetts, South Holgate, and any other streets intersecting with First  
2 Avenue or Occidental Avenue South that may be established between South Holgate Street and  
3 Railroad Way South, as depicted in Map A for 23.74.010. Railroad Way South, First Avenue  
4 South, South Holgate Street, and Occidental Avenue South within the Stadium Transition Area  
5 Overlay District, and all street areas within a 40-foot radius of any of those block corners  
6 described above, are referred to in this Section 23.74.010 as the “pedestrian environment,”  
7 except that, in applying this Section 23.74.010 to a through lot abutting on Occidental Avenue  
8 South and on First Avenue South, Occidental Avenue South is not considered part of the  
9 pedestrian environment.

10 1. Street-facing facade requirements. (~~The following requirements apply to~~)

11 For street-facing facades or portions thereof facing streets or portions of streets in the  
12 pedestrian environment(~~:~~

13 a. ~~Minimum facade height. Minimum~~) , the minimum facade height is  
14 25 feet, but minimum facade heights do not apply if all portions of the structure are lower than  
15 the elevation of the required minimum facade height.

16 (~~b. Facade setback limits~~

17 1) ~~Within the first 25 feet of height measured from sidewalk~~  
18 ~~grade, all building facades must be built to within 2 feet of the street property line for the entire~~  
19 ~~facade length. For purposes of this subsection 23.74.010.C.1.b, balcony railings and other~~  
20 ~~nonstructural features or nonstructural walls are not considered parts of the facade of the~~  
21 ~~structure.~~





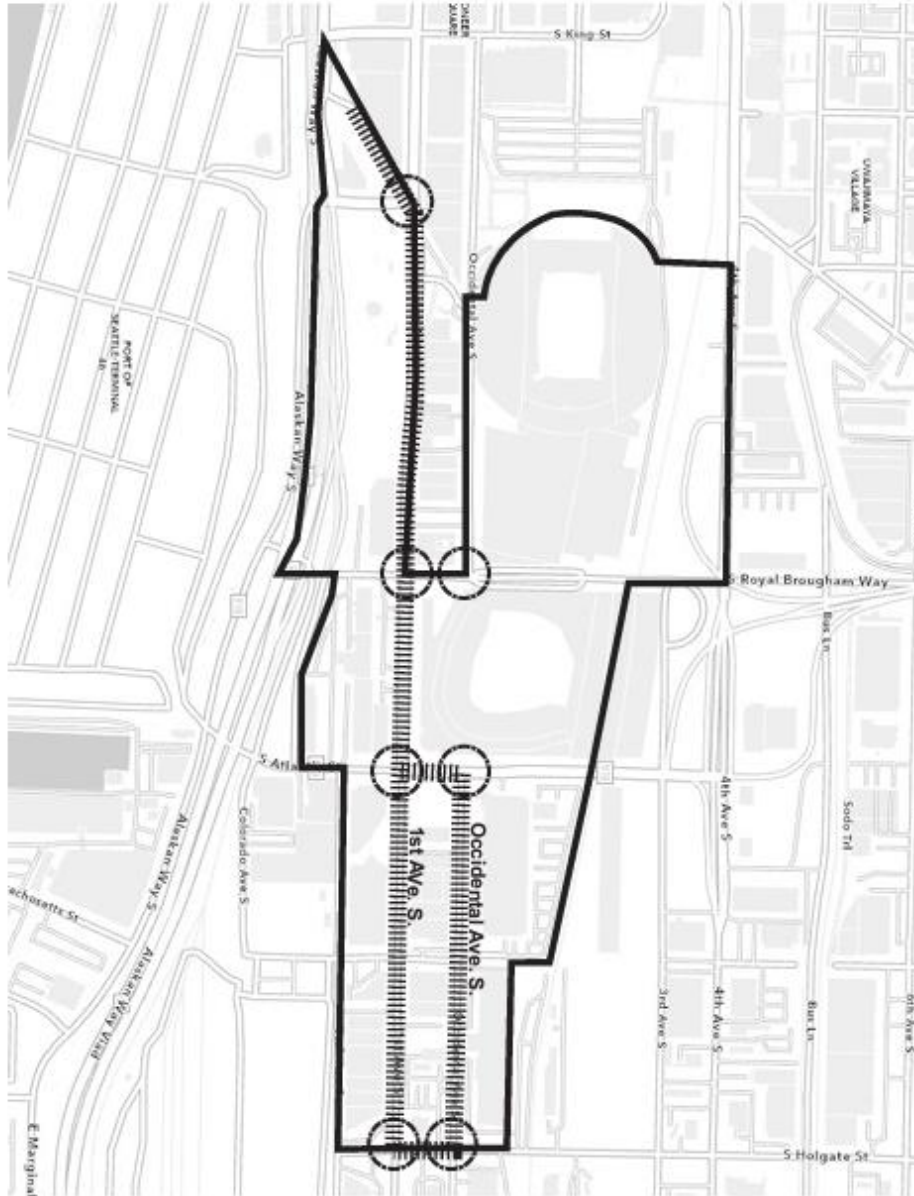
1 commercial sales (except for fuel sales), heavy commercial services, outdoor sports and  
2 recreation, wholesale showrooms, (~~mini-warehouse,~~) warehouse, transportation facilities  
3 (except for rail transit facilities), utilities (except for utility service uses), and light and general  
4 manufacturing.

5 4. Blank facades(~~(,)~~) and transparency requirements(~~(, street trees, and~~  
6 ~~screening)~~). (~~In addition to the blank facade requirements of subsection 23.50.038.B, the~~)  
7 The blank facade limits and transparency ((~~and street tree~~)) requirements of subsections  
8 23.49.056.C(~~(,)~~) and 23.49.056.D(~~(, and 23.49.056.E)~~), and the screening of parking  
9 requirements of subsection 23.49.019.B apply to facades or portions thereof facing streets in  
10 the pedestrian environment, except that requirements for Class I Pedestrian Streets and  
11 designated green streets do not apply.

12 5. Principal pedestrian entrances. A principal pedestrian entrance to a structure  
13 having a facade along Railroad Way South, First Avenue South, or Occidental Avenue South  
14 shall be located on Railroad Way South, First Avenue South, or Occidental Avenue South,  
15 respectively. If the structure has facades along both First Avenue South and Occidental Avenue  
16 South, a principal pedestrian entrance is required only on First Avenue South.

17 6. Pedestrian walkway. Development shall provide a pedestrian walkway that is  
18 a minimum of 10 feet wide when fronting a street in the pedestrian environment. The walkway  
19 must be continuous for the length of the development site and may be designed to include  
20 sidewalk space in the public right of way and space on the site adjacent to the right of way.

1 **Map A for 23.74.010**  
2 **Stadium Transition Area Overlay District development standards**



**Map A for 23.74.010:**  
**Stadium Transition Area Overlay District Development Standards**



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1 Section 20. Section 23.84A.018 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by  
2 Ordinance 126131, is amended as follows:

3 **23.84A.018 "I"**

4 \* \* \*

5 "Infill development" means development consisting of either:

- 6 1. Construction on one (1) or more lots in an area that is mostly developed, or
- 7 2. New construction between two (2) existing structures.

8 "Information Computer Technology (ICT)" means a use primarily focused on  
9 computing, computer coding, or digital information technology, leading to the development of  
10 new products, knowledge creation, and innovation. This use may include computer hardware or  
11 software development and includes research and prototyping and engineering activities that  
12 result in technology and computer products or applications. This use shall be considered a  
13 distinct use category in industrial zones of Chapter 23.50A and shall be considered a part of the  
14 office use category in all other zones.

15 "Institute for advanced study." See "Institution."

16 \* \* \*

17 Section 21. Section 23.84A.025 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by  
18 Ordinance 126684, is amended as follows:

19 **23.84A.025 "M"**

20 \* \* \*

21 "Major Phased Development" means a (~~nonresidential,~~) multiple building project that,  
22 by the nature of its size or function, is complex enough to require construction phasing over an  
23 extended period of time, excluding Major Institutions.

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Section 22. Section 23.84A.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 125173, is amended as follows:

**23.84A.040 "U"**

\* \* \*

"Use, accessory" means a use that is incidental to a principal use.

"Use, ancillary" means a nonindustrial activity that occurs in association with a principal use in an Urban Industrial Zone that is subordinate or secondary in ways other than occupied floor space to the principal use and assists to carry out the chief function or purpose of the principal use, for purposes of Chapter 23.50A.

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