

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE establishing a new Office of Planning and Community Development and a new Department of Construction and Inspections; abolishing the Department of Planning and Development; and amending the Seattle Municipal Code to implement those organizational changes and make technical revisions; all by a 2/3 vote of the City Council.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The Mayor's 2016 Proposed Budget creates a new Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) that will centralize the City's planning functions and coordinate long range planning across all City departments.

The new Office of Planning and Community Development is established to manage a coordinated vision for growth and development so that the City can make informed decisions about equitable growth that are consistent with Seattle's Comprehensive Plan and align capital investments across the city. The objective of OPCD is to ensure that the City supports thriving communities with a mix of amenities, open space, transportation, affordable housing, and economic opportunity to meet current and future community needs.

The Department of Planning and Development, which currently encompasses functions of planning, land use services, permit services, inspections and compliance, will retain all of its other functions and will be renamed Department of Construction and Inspections (DCI).

This legislation enacts this change by establishing a new Office of Planning and Community Development; changing the name of DPD to Department of Construction and Inspections (DCI); identifying the functions and duties associated with the new offices; abolishing the Department of Planning and Development; and amending the Seattle Municipal Code Title 23 (commonly referred to as the "Land Use Code") to implement those organizational changes.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

_____ **This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.**

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budgetary impacts of the creation of OPCD are explained in the 2016 Proposed Budget.

3.a. Appropriations

___ **This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.**

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

___ **This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.**

3.c. Positions

___ **This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.**

Position Notes:

This legislation does not add, change, or delete positions. However, the Mayor's 2016 Proposed Budget transfers position authority to the new Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD).

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**
Yes. The Mayor's 2016 Proposed Budget will include the direct financial impacts of transferring most of DPD's Planning Division to the new OPCD and providing other resources to allow the new department to carry out its charge.
- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
Yes. If this legislation is not implemented, proposed changes in the 2016 Proposed Budget will also need to be adjusted.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
This legislation affects DPD, which is being renamed to DCI and transferring most Planning Division positions from DPD to the new OPCD.
- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
Yes. Because this legislation amends Title 23 of the Seattle Municipal Code, a public hearing is required. It is scheduled for October 20, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Seattle City Hall.
- e) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
Yes, publication is required in *The Daily Journal of Commerce*.
- f) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No.
- g) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social**

Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

The Mayor's vision for the new Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) is to plan for a city with equitable and sustainable communities in which individuals and families from all backgrounds can afford to live and work. By establishing a dedicated citywide planning office that works closely with the City's capital departments to analyze and plan for growth and impacts, the City will better coordinate its efforts to help guide and plan for growth, mitigate the impacts of displacement from development, and provide communities with well-planned mix of amenities, affordable housing, transportation, and economic development.

- h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**

N/A

- i) Other Issues:**

List attachments/exhibits below: