

BILL SUMMARY & FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to land use, zoning, and environmental policy; amending Sections 3.58.070, 3.58.090, 23.22.024, 23.24.020, 23.28.030, 23.34.009, 23.41.004, 23.41.008, 23.41.010, 23.41.012, 23.42.038, 23.44.014, 23.44.041, 23.44.051, 23.45.504, 23.45.508, 23.45.510, 23.45.512, 23.45.518, 23.45.526, 23.45.529, 23.45.532, 23.45.536, 23.45.570, 23.46.002, 23.47A.004, 23.47A.012, 23.47A.013, 23.47A.014, 23.47A.016, 23.47A.032, 23.47A.039, 23.48.010, 23.49.008, 23.49.010, 23.49.012, 23.49.013, 23.49.178, 23.49.242, Map 1I in Chapter 23.49, 23.50.020, 23.53.006, 23.53.015, 23.54.015, 23.54.025, 23.54.030, 23.58A.044, 23.66.020, 23.67.060, 23.75.140, 23.75.180, 23.76.006, 23.76.012, 23.76.026, 23.76.032, 23.84A.002, 23.84A.008, 23.84A.012, 23.84A.032, 23.84A.038, 23.86.006, 23.86.010, 23.86.012, 23.86.016, 23.88.020, 25.05.164, 25.05.508, 25.05.510, 25.05.610, 25.05.756, 25.05.800, 25.05.920, 25.05.960, 25.06.030, 25.06.050, 25.08.425, 25.08.590, and 25.08.655, and repealing Section 23.40.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code, to correct typographical errors, correct section references, clarify regulations, and make minor amendments; and amending the Wallingford Design Guidelines to update the title page and to correct the map of the Wallingford Planning Area Boundary.

Summary and background of the Legislation: Ongoing maintenance of the Land Use Code and related land use regulations including the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) periodically requires amendments that are relatively small scale and have limited scope and impact. Such amendments include correcting typographical errors and incorrect section references, as well as clarifying existing code provisions.

Periodic updating of the Land Use Code is an important part of the regulatory process. Clarifying development regulations is necessary from time to time to correct errors and omissions when they are discovered, and to ensure that the City's policy intent is clear and achievable. Adoption of these Land Use Code amendments will help to facilitate easier understanding and improved administration and application of the Land Use Code. The last omnibus ordinance of Code amendments was adopted in 2013. A more detailed summary of the proposed amendments is included in the attached Director's Report.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

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?**
No.
- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
No financial impacts. The legislation contains amendments to the City's State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) that reflect changes already made to the parallel Washington Administrative Code (WAC) regulations. Failure to amend the local regulations would lead to contradictions between SMC Chapter 25.05 and the State WAC, causing interpretive issues. Similarly, failure to adopt the proposed cleanup amendments to the Land Use Code would continue lack of clarity in Title 23 and cause ongoing interpretive issues.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Amendments to SEPA would streamline review requirements for certain road and other utility construction projects. These would benefit SPU, SDOT and SCL. These departments were consulted in developing the amendments.
- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
Yes. The City Council must hold a public hearing, to be scheduled before the Planning, Land Use and Sustainability Committee.
- e) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
Yes. Publication of notice of the Council public hearing will be made in *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and in the City's Land Use Information Bulletin (LUIB). Environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is also required for this legislation, and publication of notice of the environmental determination was made in *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and in the City's Land Use Information Bulletin on January 8, 2015, when similar legislation was first proposed.
- 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?**
No.
- 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

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i) Other Issues: None.

List attachments below: