



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

August 5, 2024

## NOTICE OF A SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024 OMNIBUS LAND USE BILL

The Seattle City Council's Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing on September 4, at 2:00 PM on Council Bill 120823, the 2024 Omnibus Land Use Bill, which makes minor changes to various sections of Titles 23 and 25 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC). The proposed bill includes relatively minor changes that have been determined to not warrant independent legislation, including updating regulations based on changes to State Law, correcting typographical errors and incorrect section references, as well as clarifying or correcting existing code language for consistency. Among the changes the bill would make are the following:

- Amending the SMC to reflect changes to Washington State law, including removing parking as a subject of environmental review (SMC 25.05.444 and 25.05.675), removing references to household size (SMC 23.42.060 and 23.84A.016), and changing the term "marijuana" to "cannabis" to make the SMC consistent with RCW 69.50.710
- Expanding the permitted size of grocery stores in Neighborhood Commercial zones (SMC 23.47A.010.)
- Clarifying that commercial outdoor activities are allowed when adjacent to a lot that is both zoned residential and commercial (SMC 23.47A.011.)
- Amending the Seattle Mixed zones to facilitate additional height for preserving open space in South Lake Union (SMC 23.48.225) and to facilitate additional FAR for lots that the monorail runs through in Uptown (SMC 23.48.720.)
- Clarifying the lodging height limit in part of Belltown (SMC 23.49.008) and the height of 'towers' (SMC 23.49.058) for a block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Downtown.
- Updating to multiple sections of the SMC in order to use the tree categories defined in the tree protection ordinance (Ordinance 126821.)
- Clarifying provisions of SMC 25.11 Tree Protection to support implementation of new tree protection requirements.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Council's Land Use Committee will hold a public hearing to take comments on the bill on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the:

City Council Chambers  
2nd Floor, Seattle City Hall  
600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA

Persons who wish to participate in or attend the hearing may be offered the opportunity to do so remotely. If this is the case, the City Council will provide instructions in the meeting agenda on how to participate remotely. Please check the City Council agenda a few days prior to the meeting at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees>.

Print and communications access is provided on prior request. Seattle City Council Chambers is accessible. Directions to the City Council Chambers, and information about transit access and parking are available at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/meet-the-council/visiting-city-hall>.

## **WRITTEN COMMENTS**

For those unable to attend the public hearing, written comments may be sent to:

Council Member Tammy Morales  
Attn: Naomi Lewis  
600 Fourth Avenue, Floor 2  
PO Box 34025  
Seattle, WA 98124-4025  
or by email to [council@seattle.gov](mailto:council@seattle.gov)

Written comments should be received by Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

## **INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

Copies of the proposal may be obtained from the City Clerk website at <https://seattle.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>. Please reference Council Bill No. 120823 in the "Search" field.

Questions regarding the ordinance may be directed to Travis Saunders of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections at 206-386-1357 or [travis.saunders@seattle.gov](mailto:travis.saunders@seattle.gov) or Lish Whitson, Council Central Staff at 206-615-1674 or [lish.whitson@seattle.gov](mailto:lish.whitson@seattle.gov).