

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 127290
COUNCIL BILL 121049

AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; amending Chapter 23.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) at page 8 of the Official Land Use Map to rezone land in the Lake City neighborhood.

WHEREAS, the Lake City Community Center was severely damaged by fire in 2023 and Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Seattle Office of Housing are partnering to pursue an innovative project to rebuild the community center in a mixed-use building with a new community center at the ground level and multiple stories of affordable housing above it; and

WHEREAS, Seattle continues to face significant housing affordability challenges as an estimated 32 percent of all households in the city are cost burdened, and of these, close to 50,000 households are severely cost-burdened and at especially high risk of housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS, new rent- and income-restricted affordable housing is one of the most direct ways the City can support affordable housing for its residents and aid community members at risk of displacement; and

WHEREAS, rebuilding a new Lake City community center is a high priority for residents and workers in Lake City and a new community center will provide an important public service to households throughout Lake City and adjacent neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance would increase development capacity for housing and community serving uses and maintain a Mandatory Housing Affordability requirement on a group of parcels that include currently lightly used or vacant properties; and

1 WHEREAS, this proposal will be compatible with the planned land use pattern envisioned in the
2 Comprehensive Plan and the Seattle Municipal Code, since the proposal meets rezone
3 criteria, and would be consistent with the precedent of the mix of uses in other nearby
4 areas and would provide a more gradual stepped transition between higher intensity and
5 lower intensity zoned areas; and

6 WHEREAS, a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance
7 (DNS) was issued on June 9, 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, the proposed rezone meets criteria in the Land Use Code as discussed in the
9 Director's Report accompanying this ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11 Section 1. The Official Land Use Map, Chapter 23.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code, is
12 amended to rezone properties identified on page 8 of the Official Land Use Map as shown on
13 Attachment 1 to this ordinance.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code
Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the 9th day of September, 2025,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 9th day of
September, 2025.



President _____ of the City Council

☒ Approved / ☐ returned unsigned / ☐ vetoed this 11th day of September, 2025.



Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this 11th day of September, 2025.

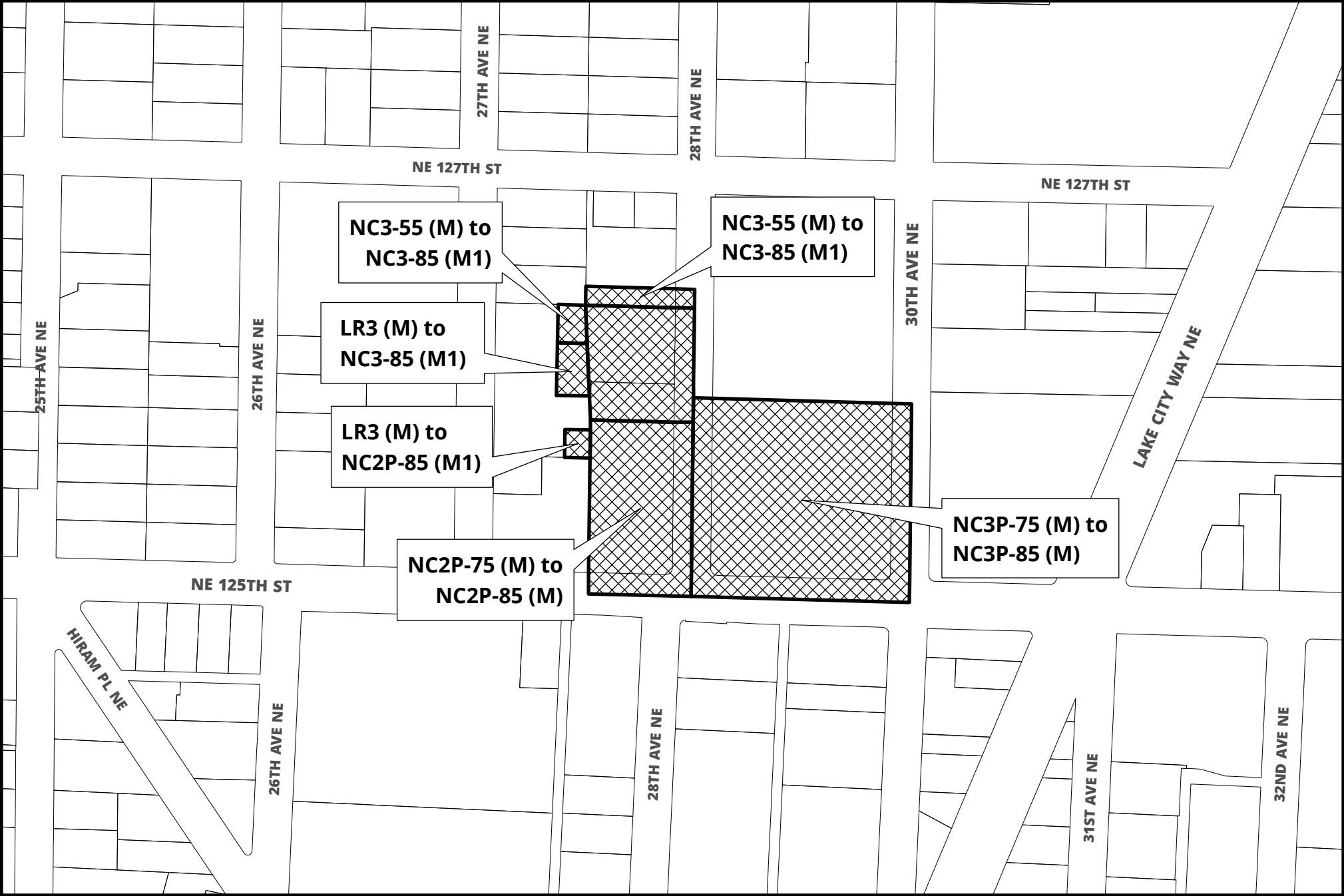


Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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Attachments:
Attachment 1 – Lake City Rezone Map

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 **Rezone area**

