

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 relating to land use and zoning; modifying use and development standards to remove regulatory impediments and allow the siting of child care centers throughout the city; and amending Sections 23.42.050, 23.44.006, 23.44.022, 23.45.510, 23.45.570, 23.47A.004, 23.47A.013, 23.48.005, 23.48.605, 23.48.620, 23.48.720, 23.48.732, 23.49.011, 23.50.028, and 23.84A.018 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The City Council is proposing to amend the Land Use Code (Title 23 SMC) to update requirements for child care centers, to allow them to be built throughout the city.

The legislation would:

- Remove limits on child care centers in home occupations.
- Allow child care centers as a permitted use in single-family zones.
- Remove dispersion requirements for child care centers in multifamily areas.
- Exempt child care centers from floor area limits in multifamily zones and commercial zones.
- Remove maximum size limits for child care centers in some commercial zones.
- Add code flexibility for child care centers in Seattle Mixed zones.

The bill responds to a need for additional child care spaces to serve residents of the City of Seattle in locations near their homes and workplaces. State and County studies have shown a need for child care centers and have recommended loosening regulations in order to allow them to be built as needed. The result of the legislation is likely to be an increase in child care spaces in single-family areas, where they are currently limited by conditional use requirements.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

No.

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) would enforce the proposed legislation. It could reduce the number of conditional use applications that staff is required to review, but could increase enforcement requests related to the City's noise ordinance.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

If yes, what public hearing(s) have been held to date, and/or what public hearing(s) are planned/required in the future?

Yes, the City Council's Land Use and Neighborhood's Committee will hold a public hearing prior to any action on the bill. The Chair's intent is to hold a public hearing on June 24, 2020.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

If yes, please describe the measures taken to comply with RCW 64.06.080.

Yes the City Council's Land Use and Neighborhood's Committee will hold a public hearing prior to any action on the bill. The Chair's intent is to hold a public hearing as early as June 24, 2020.

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.

Yes, notice of the public hearing will be required. Notice of a determination of non-significance under the State Environmental Policy Act was published on April 27.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.

This legislation amends zoning regulations and the types of uses and development that can occur across the city. Summary Attachment 1 shows the zoning categories affected by the proposed legislation.

f. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

If yes, please explain how this legislation may impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. Using the racial equity toolkit is one way to help determine the legislation's impact on certain communities. If any aspect of the legislation involves communication or outreach to the public, please describe the plan for communicating with non-English speakers.

The proposed legislation is intended to increase access to childcare across the city, particularly in residential neighborhoods. By increasing the ability of child care providers to locate in single-family areas where land is cheaper, there may be an expansion of childcare centers across the City. In addition, by allowing child care centers to locate in single-family areas, fewer child care centers may locate in multifamily areas, which are disproportionately occupied by Black, Indigenous, People of Color and low-income residents of the city. The Council will use its normal language access approach to provide communications to the public.

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).

This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

Not applicable

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Attachment 1 – Zones affected by the Childcare Near You Proposal