

Amendment 2 Version #1 to CB 120824 – Downtown Activation Plan: Design Review Exemption

Sponsor: Councilmember Morales

Reporting on Exemption Outcomes

**Effect:** Council Bill (CB) 120824 would authorize the Director of the Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) on an interim basis to grant waivers or modifications to development standards that would otherwise only be available on a project basis through Design Review or on an areawide basis through rezones or changes to development standards approved by the Council through an ordinance.

This amendment would request that SDCI report to the Council by early summer of 2025 on exemption outcomes. Reporting by May will allow the Council to consider outcomes in light of broader changes to the Design Review program required by [ESHB 1293](#) and other required reporting on temporary Design Review provisions approved by [Ordinance 126854](#), which is intended to encourage development of units on site under the Mandatory Housing Affordability program.

Add a new section 8 to CB 120824 as follows:

Section 8. By May 31, 2025, the Council requests that SDCI provide to the Council, and publish on its website, a report on the Downtown Activation Plan design review exemption authorized by this ordinance. The report should include a map showing the location of projects that have utilized the exemption and identify for each project the waivers or modifications sought; the waivers or modifications granted; public comment provided to SDCI; and the amount of additional floor area in the project that resulted from the waivers or modifications.

Section ~~((8))~~ 9. This ordinance shall automatically expire 36 months after its effective date unless the Council takes action to either extend it as provided by statute or terminate it sooner.

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Section ~~((9))~~ 10. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.