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Amendment 1 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Incorporate childcare into the Comprehensive Plan

Effect: This amendment would amend the Comprehensive Plan's Growth Strategy and Land Use Elements to reference childcare and the important role that childcare plays in the city. Existing regulations allow childcare centers in most parts of the city, with the exception of the most intensive industrial areas. These amendments recognize those existing regulations and recognize the role that importance of childcare in building complete communities.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 to amend page 26, to amend the description of Neighborhood Centers as follows:

Neighborhood Centers

Neighborhood Centers are places with a diversity of housing options located around a locally focused commercial core and/or access to frequent transit. Neighborhood Centers generally represent the core of a neighborhood providing shops, services, grocery stores, restaurants, childcare centers, and other businesses that residents need to access on a regular basis. These areas provide an opportunity for people to access everyday needs within a short walk or bike ride from their homes. Allowing more housing in these areas can increase opportunities to live in complete connected neighborhoods, strengthen local business districts, and help people reduce reliance on cars.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 to amend page 28, to amend the description of Urban Neighborhoods as follows:

Urban Neighborhoods

Urban Neighborhoods are places outside centers that are primarily comprised of residential development. While lacking the larger business districts located in centers, Urban Neighborhoods may provide opportunities for mixed-use and commercial development along major arterial streets with access to frequent transit. They may also include at-home businesses, corner stores, childcare centers, and other non-residential uses located throughout to support small business and institutions and provide opportunities for ready access to everyday needs. Over the next 20 years and beyond, Urban Neighborhoods represent an opportunity to add more diverse housing options in all neighborhoods. By providing new options to add middle housing, such as duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and cottage housing, across the city and apartments near transit, Urban Neighborhoods will contribute to making Seattle a more affordable and racially inclusive city.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 on page 45, to amend the discussion of Public Facilities and Small Institutions in the Land Use Element, as follows:

Public Facilities and Small Institutions

DISCUSSION

Throughout Seattle, our communities are dotted with facilities that provide needed services to residents. These include schools <u>and childcare centers</u>, fire and police stations, and other buildings that serve special functions that require them to be different from other buildings in the same zone. For instance, fire stations may need extra room for trucks and schools need to be much larger than the homes around them. Similar issues sometimes arise with facilities and small

institutions not operated by the public sector, such as churches, <u>childcare centers</u>, private schools, and nursing homes.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 to amend Land Use Policy LU 10.6, as follows:

LU 10.6 Encourage child-friendly housing with unit sizes and layouts that work for larger households and public spaces and amenities that improve livability for families with children. Provide for facilities, such as childcare centers, that support the daily needs of families with children.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 on page 51, to amend the discussion of Neighborhood Residential zones in the Land Use Element, as follows:

Neighborhood Residential Zones

DISCUSSION

Neighborhood Residential zones generally allow lower-scale housing types, such as detached homes, duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, sixplexes, and cottage housing. Housing types in these zones provide options for homeownership and larger units for families and other multi-person households. Neighborhood Residential zones also allow small commercial businesses and institutions that support residential neighborhoods, including corner stores, home occupations, schools, childcare centers, and religious institutions.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 to amend Land Use Policy LU 12.3, as follows:

LU 12.3 Allow limited nonresidential uses, such as small institutions <u>like childcare centers</u>,

corner stores, and at-home businesses, in neighborhood residential areas to

support small business development and enhance residents' access to everyday

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needs. Apply appropriate development standards for nonresidential uses in order to mitigate potential negative impacts.

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Amendment 2 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Add a policy to the Comprehensive Plan to support anti-displacement and equitable development pilots

Effect: This amendment would amend the Comprehensive Plan to add a policy to support zoning pilot programs, such as "Roots to Roofs," to encourage development and partnership structures to mitigate displacement and promote equitable development.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 to add a policy at p. 37 to Overarching Goals and Policies in the Land Use Element, as follows:

LU 1.8 Consider zoning pilot programs that demonstrate the social benefits of equitable development, including community-serving uses and housing available to a spectrum of household incomes by setting onsite affordability standards and incentives for development of housing and equitable development uses through partnerships between public, private, and community-based organizations.

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Amendment 3 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Hollingsworth

Co-Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Amend Comprehensive Plan discussion of industrial areas to highlight importance of maritime

industrial employment lands

Effect: This amendment would amend the City's Comprehensive Plan discussion of industrial

areas to emphasize the importance of maritime employment to the city.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan

Land Use Element, as follows:

Land Use Element

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Industrial Zones

DISCUSSION

Seattle has a long history as the main shipping, manufacturing, and freight distribution center for

the region. Those activities take place mostly in industrial zones located in the city's two

Manufacturing and Industrial Centers. These maritime and industrial employment lands areas

including lands used for maritime work are large and generally flat. In these areas, City zoning

allows industrial activity such as manufacturing, warehousing, and shipping of goods through

waterways, railways, and highways. Maritime and Industrial zones employment lands are an

important source of living wage jobs and improve the diversity and resilience of the local and

regional economy, making the local economic base more stable. Having industrial activity in the

city makes Seattle less vulnerable to shifts in the economy. Due to the volume of truck traffic,

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the need some industrial businesses have for access to rail service, the large sites that many of those businesses need, and noise, odor, and other impacts generated by these businesses, it is important to provide separate areas for these activities.

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Amendment 4 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Co-Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to limit housing in the Stadium District

Effect: This amendment would amend the Comprehensive Plan to prohibit any zoning changes that would permit housing in any areas of the Stadium District where housing is not currently allowed.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 to amend Policy LU 13.8 as follows:

LU 13.8 Prohibit new residential development in industrial zones except for certain types of dwellings, such as caretaker units. and, in urban industrial zones, dwellings for workers, that are related to the industrial area and that would not restrict or disrupt industrial activity. Within the Stadium Area Transition Overlay District, only allow residential uses east of First Avenue S and do not expand that area.

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Amendment 5 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to support grocery stores in food deserts

Effect: This amendment would amend the Land Use and Climate and Environment Elements to support the development of grocery stores in food deserts.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, as follows:

Land Use Element

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<u>LU 3.7</u> Support increased access to food by providing zoning flexibility for grocery

stores.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Climate and Environment Element, as follows:

Climate and Environment

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Healthy Food System

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<u>CE 15.8</u> Work to increase grocery options and food access across the city, prioritizing food deserts.

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Amendment 6 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to support multigenerational housing

Effect: This amendment would amend the Land Use and Housing Elements to support multigenerational housing.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element, as follows:

Land Use

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Multifamily Zones

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LU 10.3 Allow a variety of attached and stacked housing types to accommodate a wide diversity of households in multifamily zones, including housing that meets the needs of residents with specific needs such as families with children, multigenerational households, and older adults.

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Neighborhood Residential Zones

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LU 12.2 Encourage a range of housing types, sizes, and affordability levels in neighborhood residential areas, including smaller homes for individuals, and homes appropriate for families with children and other multigenerational households.

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Housing

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Diversity of Housing Types

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H 6.4 Encourage in all neighborhoods the development of housing suitable for families with children, larger households, and multigenerational living that is affordable for households with a broad range of incomes, and support strategies that enable the renovation of existing housing to meet the needs of diverse types of households.

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Amendment 9 Version #1 to Amend Comprehensive Plan policy related to priority for freight movement

Sponsor: Councilmember Hollingsworth

Co-Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Amend Comprehensive Plan policy related to priority for freight movement

Effect: This amendment would amend the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element to provide more detail regarding priority for freight movement within Manufacturing and Industrial areas.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element, as follows:

- T 2.10 For streets where priorities for modes of travel overlap and where rightsof-way are constrained, generally apply the following principles to guide corridor investments and management:
 - Within regional, urban, and neighborhood centers and near light rail stations, prioritize the needs of people walking, rolling, and biking.
 - within manufacturing and industrial centers (MICs), prioritize <u>safe</u>

 and efficient truck movement, especially at freight bottlenecks <u>and</u>

 areas where industrial lands are zoned to accommodate increased

 density, new construction, or non-traditional industrial uses, with

 strategies that may include operational strategies, <u>increased turn radii</u>,

 dedicated truck parking and queuing space, freight-and-bus (FAB)

 lanes, and truck-only lanes.

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- Outside of regional, urban, and neighborhood centers and MICs,
 prioritize transit travel time and reliability.
- On streets prioritized for transit and trucks, prioritize freight and transit travel time and reliability, with strategies that may include FAB lanes, transit-only lanes, and other right-of-way and operational strategies.
- On streets that accommodate both freight and bicycle travel, facilities
 for trucks and bicycles should be clearly separated and fully comply
 with width and materials standards, consistent with Streets Illustrated.

Amendment 10 Version #2 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Co-Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to add a policy on transit security

Effect: This amendment would make revisions to the Expanding Transportation Options section of the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element and add a new policy to improve transit security.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to revise the 2nd and 6th paragraph of the "Expanding Transportation Options" discussion in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan as follows:

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Transit, bicycling, and walking reduce collisions, stress, noise, and air pollution, while increasing social contact, economic vitality, affordability, and overall health. They also make more efficient use of our rights-of-way by increasing person throughput vital to meeting the mobility needs of a growing city. Finally, with a large portion of our vehicle fleet still reliant on internal combustion engines, reducing car travel will help the city reduce greenhouse gas emissions sooner. The best way to get Seattleites to take advantage of these options is to make them easy, and enjoyable, and safe choices for people of all ages and abilities and accessible to people at all income levels.

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To help residents make informed decisions, the City must consider all aspects of the transportation system. One effective approach is through transportation demand management, which aims to reduce travel impacts on the system, especially drive-alone

trips during peak times of the day. This includes evaluating parking availability, cost, and proximity to destinations which influence the choice to drive or use other travel options.

Promoting transit, bicycle, and pedestrian safety to reduce barriers to alternatives to drive-alone trips. Efficient first-mile and last-mile travel is crucial for transit users. The first and last mile can often be traveled by walking, biking, ride sharing, or local bus service. To ensure we are doing this equitably, we need to improve accessibility to frequent, and reliable, and safe transit in neighborhoods with proportionally more people who have lower incomes or depend heavily on transit.

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Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to add a new Transportation Element policy T 3.9 under "Expanding Transportation Options" and renumber subsequent policies as follows:

T 3.9 Improve transit security to provide a safe and welcoming environment for transit riders and operators, encourage positive passenger experiences, reduce barriers to transit use, and promote ridership growth.

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Amendment 11 Version #2 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to revise a policy on missing sidewalks

Effect: This amendment would amend the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Element to add policy language regarding missing sidewalks. Version 2 clarifies the intent of the policy to address public rights-of-way.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to revise Transportation Element policy T 2.9 under "Making the Best Use of the Streets We Have" as follows:

T 2.9 Build new and upgrade existing sidewalks, where needed, including in areas planned for new growth and development, and consistent with the dimensional standards as specified in Streets Illustrated. Complete gaps in the pedestrian network with sidewalks and sidewalk alternatives on at least one side of the street to improve pedestrian accessibility in the public right of ways across the city.

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Amendment 12 Version #2 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to add a policy on transportation infrastructure

Effect: This amendment would add a new policy to the Transportation Element related to the maintenance, preservation, and enhancement of transportation infrastructure.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to add a new policy T 1.2 to the Transportation Element under "Supporting the Seattle Growth Strategy" and renumber subsequent policies as follows:

<u>T 1.2</u> <u>Maintain, preserve, and enhance the City's roads, bridges, and transportation</u>

<u>infrastructure so that the transportation system can accommodate the growth that</u>

this Plan anticipates citywide.

Amendment 13 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to revise a policy on electric vehicle charging

Effect: This amendment would amend policy language in the Transportation Element to promote equitable access to electric vehicle charging, including access for electric micromobility options.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to revise Transportation Element policy T 5.7 under "Building A Green Transportation System" as follows:

T 5.7 Encourage the use of electric freight, transit, motor vehicles, and e-cargo bicycles, and. Promote the expansion and equitable access of electric vehicle charging stations citywide for personal vehicles, private fleets, private micromobility (including electric bicycles and wheelchairs), and transit.

Amendment 14 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to add policies on pavement and bridge condition

Effect: This amendment would add policies to the Transportation Element establishing Pavement Condition Index standards and Bridge Rating standards.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to add new policies T 9.5 and T 9.6 under "Operating and Maintaining the Transportation System" in the Transportation Element as follows and renumber subsequent policies:

- T 9.5 Achieve and maintain an average Pavement Condition Index of 80, at a minimum, for arterial streets.
- T 9.6 Achieve and maintain a Federal Highway Administration Bridge Rating of good for at least 30% of vehicle bridges and a rating of Fair for at least 60% of vehicle bridges.

Amendment 15 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to add a pothole policy

Effect: This amendment would add a policy to the Transportation Element related to pothole repair.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to add a new Transportation Element policy T 9.10 under "Operating and Maintaining the Transportation System" and renumber subsequent policies as follows:

T 9.10 Promptly repair potholes to extend the useable life of roads and keep streets serviceable.

Amendment 16 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to revise policy on low-carbon/low-pollution neighborhoods

Effect: This amendment would revise policy language in the Transportation Element to recognize neighborhoods that have been historically impacted by pollution such as the Duwamish Valley.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to revise policy T 5.4 under "Building a Green Transportation System" as follows:

T 5.4 Pursue a mix of capital and programmatic investment along with management strategies to establish low-carbon/low-pollution neighborhoods (LPNs), designated areas or streets where the City can deploy a variety of pilot, policy, program, and physical improvements to improve air and water quality, mobility, and community health. Prioritize employment of these strategies in neighborhoods that have been historically impacted by pollution such as the Duwamish Valley.

Amendment 17 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Reference social housing in the Comprehensive Plan

Effect: This amendment would amend the Housing Element to reference social housing and the important role that social housing can play in meeting the City's growing housing needs.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 to amend page 88 of the Comprehensive Plan, to amend the Housing Element's discussion of "Addressing These Challenges" as follows:

Addressing These Challenges

How do we redress this history and address ongoing disparity, high housing costs, and displacement? This Housing element advances three key strategies:

INCREASE HOUSING PRODUCTION

First, the Housing element complements this Plan's Growth Strategy by promoting more housing production overall, of diverse types and throughout all neighborhoods. This is necessary to meet the needs of a diversifying population, keep pace with demand as the region continues to grow, and address past underproduction. This Plan also identifies the need for a streamlined and predictable permitting process for housing.

INVEST IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Second, this Plan supports resources, investment, and a variety of tools to address housing needs unmet by the market. Despite historic levels of investment in affordable housing for low-income households, we continue to fall far short of the need. The Housing element identifies the critical need for significant public investment to produce and preserve rental units, to develop social housing, and to create homeownership opportunities for people with incomes too low to afford

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housing in Seattle. This Plan also supports land use rules that boost our ability to add income-

restricted homes in all neighborhoods.

IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT DISPLACEMENT

Third, this Plan supports a broad array of anti-displacement strategies to keep vulnerable

households in place and cultural communities intact. Affordable and social housing itself is a are

primary antidisplacement measures. Measures to protect low-income tenants from rent increases

and eviction and preserve housing affordable to them are critical. Additional tools focus on

stabilizing communities, increasing community ownership, and redressing past discrimination

and exclusion, particularly for Black and Indigenous communities.

Amend Attachment 1 to CB 120985 to amend page 91, to amend the Housing Element's

discussion of "Overarching Vision" as follows:

Overarching Vision

DISCUSSION

The policies in this section broadly support our vision for housing in 2044, where diverse

housing choices, affordable to people of all income levels and suitable to all types of households,

exist in every Seattle neighborhood. People who work in Seattle, who relocate from elsewhere in

search of opportunity or safety, and who are struggling with housing insecurity or homelessness

can all find a stable and suitable place to live. Families can grow and shrink over time and fulfill

their changing household needs. Through affordable homeownership, particularly permanently

affordable homeownership opportunities, households achieve stability. Other households can

achieve stability through publicly owned social housing designed for households with a range of

incomes including middle-income households who earn too much to qualify for affordable

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housing. Affordable rental housing provides flexibility for people at various stages of life and helps make it possible for people to achieve other goals, like saving to buy a home, sending children to college, or starting a business. In this vision, after more than a century of racist and exclusionary housing and land use practices, racial disparities in housing outcomes are closing.

Amend Attachment 1 to CB 120985 to amend Housing Policy H 2.3, as follows:

H 2.3 Promote the production of housing with lower market price points, including by removing regulatory barriers to the development of social and affordable housing, to meet Seattle's projected 20-year affordable housing needs.

Amend Attachment 1 to CB 120985 to amend Housing Policies H 3.8 and 3.9, as follows:

- H 3.8 Promote and pursue funding for redevelopment of suitable publicly owned sites for income-restricted rental and ownership housing and social housing.
- H 3.9 Waive or modify development standards and requirements for construction of incomerestricted affordable housing and social housing to reduce costs, delays, and uncertainty in the development process.

Amend Attachment 1 to CB 120985 to add a new policy H 4.11 to the Housing Element's policies on Equitable Access to Housing, as follows:

H 4.11 Support the creation of social housing to provide permanent, publicly owned homes for low-income households and households who can't afford market rate housing but earn too much to qualify for affordable housing.

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Amend Attachment 1 to CB 120985 to amend Housing Policy H 5.6, as follows:

H 5.6 Establish requirements and pursue funding for a housing acquisition strategy that creates opportunities for qualified nonprofits and public development authorities to purchase market-rate housing to preserve long-term affordability and maintain or increase housing quality.

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D#2

Amendment 18 Version #2 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Hollingsworth

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to provide policy direction regarding housing and healthy environments

Effect: This amendment would amend the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan to support equitable access to a healthy built environment. This version clarifies the proposed amendatory language.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to amend Comprehensive Plan Housing Policy H 1.4, as follows:

H 1.4 Develop housing strategies that reflect the values and meet the specific needs of communities most impacted by housing discrimination and injustice, including supporting equitable access to a healthy built environment for these communities.

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D#1

Amendment 19 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Chair Hollingsworth

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to add a goal for multi-bedroom units

Effect: This amendment would add a new policy to the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan stating a goal of at least 25 percent of the City's new housing having two or more bedrooms. Currently, according to American Community Survey data, 59 percent of housing units in Seattle have two or more bedrooms.

Amend Section Council Bill 120985, add a new policy H 2.5 to the Housing Element, as follows:

<u>Use a range of tools to support efforts to reach the goal that at least 25 percent of Seattle's new housing units include two bedrooms or more, including private, public, and non-profit built housing.</u>

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Amendment 20 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to support cultural housing for seniors

Effect: This amendment would amend the Housing Element to add a new policy supporting cultural housing for seniors.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to add a new policy to the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Housing Element, as follows:

Housing

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Housing Security and Stable Communities

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H 5.14 Support the efforts of community-based organizations to develop cultural housing for seniors, enabling them to stay in their communities and access culturally relevant services.

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Amendment 21 Version #2 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsors: Councilmembers Rob Saka and Mark Solomon

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to discourage concentration of human service uses

Effect: This amendment would amend the Comprehensive Plan to discourage the concentration of human service facilities. Currently this policy is part of the Downtown Urban Center Plan, which is proposed to be deleted from the Comprehensive Plan. This amendment would restore the policy but apply its provisions citywide.

It should be noted that frequently, the City does not play a role in the siting of non-City service providers. Where a facility is determined to be an essential public facility, regulations regarding the siting of essential public facilities apply.

This version two of Amendment 21 is identical to version one of the amendment except that it calls out downtown Seattle, including Chinatown-International District and Pioneer Square, as an area where human service facilities should not be over-concentrated.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill (CB) 120985 to add a policy to the Capital Facilities Element's section on Non-City Service Providers, as follows:

CF 5.5 Consider the needs of target populations in locating human service facilities. Administer funds available for human services to ensure the coordination of housing and human service needs of low-income populations. Seek to avoid over-concentration of human service facilities in any one area, such as downtown, including Chinatown-International District and Pioneer Square, and encourage the location of needed facilities in areas lacking such facilities.

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Amendment 23 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to expand policy on balancing utility infrastructure costs

Effect: This amendment would amend Utilities Policy U 1.3 to provide more discussion of the balancing of costs between private development and City utilities when development occurs.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to amend a Utilities Element policy under "Utility Services to Support Further Growth, as follows:

U 1.3 Ensure that new private development provides adequate connections to the existing utility infrastructure and is water and energy <u>efficient</u>. <u>Consider programs to equitably balance the costs of infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate growth.</u>

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Amendment 25 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to voice support for the smallest locally-owned businesses

Effect: This amendment would amend the Economic Development Element to support small businesses.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Element as follows:

Neighborhood Business Districts

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GOAL

ED G1 Seattle consists of <u>healthy</u>, vibrant, and diverse <u>businesses and</u> business districts and commercial areas that serve local communities in neighborhoods across the city.

POLICIES

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ED 1.5 Invest in and promote neighborhood business districts and the smallest businesses

that make up those business districts as the economic and cultural centers of their

communities and as unique places within the city and region.

- ED 1.6 Strengthen local organizations that support businesses, conduct marketing and events, maintain a clean, safe, accessible, and attractive environment, and advocate for community needs.
- ED 1.7 Support business districts <u>and the smallest locally owned businesses</u> serving historically underserved communities, including Native American communities, that have benefited from fewer economic opportunities.
- ED 1.8 Enrich the vibrancy of neighborhood business districts through the integration of design, public art, public space, historic preservation, small locally owned businesses, and cultural spaces and programming.
- Support the vibraney long-term success of the locally owned smallest locally owned businesses and their ability to remain in neighborhood and commercial districts where they exemplify and promote their community's identity, cultural richness, and character, and provide needed goods and services to their community and the city.

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Amendment 26 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Hollingsworth

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to provide policy direction for sustainable public and private open space, tree, and vegetation management

Effect: This amendment would amend the Comprehensive Plan to include a policy to encourage sustainable management of public and private urban forests and open space.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to add a policy to the Comprehensive Plan's Climate and Environment Element, as follows:

Promote sustainable management of public and private open spaces, trees, and vegetation through methods such as preserving or planting native and naturalized vegetation, removing invasive plants, improving soil health, using integrated pest management, and engaging the community in long-term stewardship activities.

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Amendment 27 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Hollingsworth

Co-Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to provide policy direction regarding food access

Effect: This amendment would amend the Comprehensive Plan to support food access and reduce food insecurity.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to amend Comprehensive Plan Climate and Environment Policy CE15.3, as follows:

CE 15.3 Build community food security through culturally relevant, equitable, nutritious food access. Provide for convenient access to culturally relevant, equitable, and nutritious food and work to reduce food insecurity.

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Amendment 28 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Amend the Climate and Environment Element to highlight trees, bees, salmon, orca and herons

Effect: This amendment would amend the Climate and Environment element to recognize the importance of the natural environment and native species, including trees, bees, salmon, orca, and herons.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Climate and Environment Element, as follows:

Climate and Environment

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Climate and Environment Sub-element: Healthy, Resilient Communities and Environment

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Urban Forest and Tree Canopy

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Recognize the importance of old, large, and native trees of diverse species to the regional ecology and ability to combat the effects of climate change. Recognize the importance of providing space for trees to thrive in the city.

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Water

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CE 13.5 Restore, protect, and manage fish and wildlife habitat using comprehensive approaches, such as reconnecting floodplains, daylighting creeks, restoring native vegetation, and removing fish barriers, to accelerate ecosystem recovery of salmon, orca, and other endangered species.

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CE 13.10 Recognize the importance of salmon and orca to the local ecosystem. Work to improve water quality and habitat for salmon in order to improve the hydrological ecosystem and orca health. Consider the impacts of policy decisions on salmon, orca, other endangered aquatic species and aquatic habitats.

CE 13.11 Support clean water and healthy near-water habitat in order to maintain a healthy ecosystem, and streams, trees, and habitat that support for blue herons, bald eagles, and other aquatic birds and animals.

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Air Quality

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CE 14.6 Recognize the importance of creating ecosystems and spaces that support bees

and other pollinators. Consider the impacts of policy decisions on bees and other

pollinators.

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Amendment 29 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to support the development of parks in regional urban centers

Effect: This amendment would amend the Parks and Open Space element to support the creation of parks in regional and urban centers.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Parks and Open Space Element, as follows:

Parks and Open Space

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Access to Public Space

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P 1.1 Create new and enhanced public spaces in areas that lack them, especially where population growth is anticipated in the Growth Strategy, such as in regional and urban centers including the greater downtown area.

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Amendment 30 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to support the development of community centers in regional and urban centers

Effect: This amendment would amend the Parks and Open Space element to support the creation of community centers in regional and urban centers.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Parks and Open Space Element, as follows:

Parks and Open Space

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Access to Public Space

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P 1.18 Prioritize investments in recreation programs and facilities that reduce disparities in health outcomes and neighborhood environmental quality and in locations most easily accessed by the most people, for example in regional and urban centers anticipated to accept the most growth.

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Work to increase access to community centers in locations where the most people can access their services, such as building new community centers in urban and regional centers.

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Amendment 31 Version #1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Amend the Comprehensive Plan to support the creation of cultural gathering places

Effect: This amendment would amend the Arts and Culture Element to support the creation of cultural gathering spaces.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985, to amend the One Seattle Comprehensive Plan Arts and Culture Element, as follows:

Cultural Spaces, Place-making, and Place-keeping

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GOAL

AC G1 All neighborhoods in Seattle include affordable cultural spaces that enhance urban design; promote <u>community-building</u>, cultural awareness, understanding, and pride; and are accessible to of people of all ages and abilities and reflect Seattle's culturally diverse communities.

POLICIES

- AC 1.1 Maintain an inventory of both public and private cultural spaces that includes information about the cultural communities reflected in these spaces.
- AC 1.2 Create incentives to preserve or expand space for artists, arts organizations, cultural workers, musicians, music organizations, <u>indigenous communities</u>, <u>immigrant communities</u>, and cultural communities, and other cultural uses.

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- AC 1.3 Explore opportunities to make surplus City-owned property available to artists, musicians, and arts and cultural organizations.
- AC 1.4 Encourage the adaptive reuse of historic community structures, such as meeting halls, schools, and religious buildings, for uses that continue their role as <u>cultural</u> <u>community gathering spaces and neighborhood anchors.</u>

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AC 1.9 Provide grants and other resources, through coordination among City departments and other non-City partners, that support communities in making their own art, music, and culture, and gathering places.

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Amendment 32 Version 1 to CB 120985 OPCD One Seattle Plan Comprehensive Plan Update ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Public Safety Element

Effect: This amendment would add a new Element to the Comprehensive Plan related to public safety, including new policies as well as reinstating policies from the Community Wellbeing Element of the former Comprehensive Plan.

Amend Attachment 1 to Council Bill 120985 to add a new Public Safety Element as follows:

Introduction

Public safety is a key topic for the City as it is a shared responsibility shouldered by individuals, families, and communities alike. It should include focus on early intervention, such as human service efforts that prevent unsafe situations from occurring and other efforts that intervene before situations become serious. Building safer communities requires the commitment of all Seattleites, from youth to adults. City government can act as a connector in this effort. It can help build partnerships between individuals, agencies, and other groups that work to address the safety needs of individuals and the community at large. As we plan Seattle's future and growth, it is important that we also plan to ensure its public safety infrastructure grows alongside the population, so the City can meet the requirements of maintaining public safety in the future. It is important also that growth and densification do not hinder emergency response. It is critical our streets and alleys allow for passage of fire engines and ladder trucks, plus police vehicles and ambulances. Specific planning for how the City will change in where people live, work, and spend their time will be crucial to integrate into any future planning on how to increase public safety services.

Crime Reduction and Prevention

DISCUSSION

The One Seattle Plan anticipates a future where Seattle continues to grow in the coming decades toward a population approaching one million residents. The level of growth, as well as how and where we grow, will have a big effect on future public safety needs. Coordination among City departments, other

government agencies, and community organizations helps address violence and crime through preventative and reactive policies and programs. One example of this is how SDCI, OPCD, SDOT, OED, and SPD could partner on development proposals or street redesigns that incorporate principles from Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, which is a school of thought that uses evidence-backed designs of the built environment to create places where crime can be reduced.

GOAL

PS G1 Reduce violence and the incidence of crime, and increase the sense of security throughout the City.

POLICIES

- PS 1.1 Coordinate across City departments and with other agencies to address violence, abuse, and exploitation and to hold offenders accountable.
- PS 1.2 Plan and implement best and promising practices that focus on preventing violence.
- PS 1.3 Ensure that violence prevention, violence intervention, and offender accountability programs are culturally and linguistically appropriate.
- PS 1.7 Work in partnership with state, county, and community agencies to prevent violence, including those associated with substance abuse, and firearms injuries.
- PS 1.8 Encourage a policing strategy that works in partnership with the community to reduce crime through education and enforcement.
- PS 1.9 Encourage communities to build block-by-block networks to prevent crime, develop social networks, and solve common problems.
- PS 1.10 Provide competent, professional, and efficient City criminal justice services that hold those who commit crimes accountable, reduce recidivism, and achieve a fair and just outcome.
- PS 1.12 Reinforce the linkage between public safety and human services to encourage lawful behavior, reduce vulnerabilities of street populations, and address family violence and sexual assault.
- PS 1.13 Strive to prevent youth crime, youth violence, and gang activity by promoting efforts that strengthen the community and create capacity for youth to be involved in programs and

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- activities that are alternatives to crime and violence, and that provide a positive path for their lives.
- PS 1.16 Promote information sharing and research coordination among the courts, jails, prosecutors, and police for greater efficiency and more equitable outcomes in the criminal-justice system.
- PS 1.17 Report crime statistics periodically to guide future decisions about programs and resource allocation that can help control crime and make Seattleites feel safer in the city.
- PS 1.18 Integrate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles into design and permitting processes throughout the city.

Emergency Response

DISCUSSION

Emergency response involves several City departments including the Seattle Police Department (SPD), the Fire Department (SFD), and the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department (CARE). SPD currently provides police protection services to the City including emergency response, foot, car, and bike patrols, criminal investigations, traffic and parking enforcement, homeland security. The 911 Communications Center was previously part of SPD but is now a part of the CARE Department, and has teams of call takers, dispatchers, and training supervisors. The 911 Call Center is located above SPD's West Precinct, and staffing levels should be considered in the short and long term future when discussing emergency response. SFD provides fire and rescue response, fire/EMS 911 services, and emergency medical services including basic life support and advanced life support. SFD also has specially trained technical teams that provide technical and heavy rescue, dive rescue, tunnel rescue, marine fire/EMS response, and hazardous materials response. Emergency response generally is influenced by a variety of factors including staffing, equipment, traffic/roadway conditions, and the number and locations of facilities and vehicles. The Capital Facilities Element and Appendix 3 contain additional information including inventories, facilities, and future needs.

SFD Inventory

The Seattle Fire Department (SFD) provides fire protection and emergency medical services throughout the City from thirty-three fire stations, marine facilities, and Harborview Medical Center. SFD

headquarters is in a historic building in Pioneer Square. SFD shares the Joint Training Facility with Seattle Public Utilities. Each station provides a full range of fire protective services including fire suppression, emergency medical, and rescue. Each station is equipped with at least one fire engine. Many stations include other equipment and special units. SFD has thirty-three engine companies, twelve ladder truck companies, four fire boats, five aid units, eight paramedic units, and other specialized units including heavy rescue, hazardous materials, and tunnel rescue that provide a broad range of emergency services. As the City plans for increased population and density, especially in its residential neighborhoods, it is imperative that the City not compromise or reduce the street infrastructure, water infrastructure, or property access that SFD needs. Additional structure setbacks may be required to meet the provisions of Chapter 23.53, which outlines the requirement for development proposals that abut streets and alleys to adhere to the Seattle Fire Code. Existing fire facilities are shown in Capital Facilities Appendix Figures A-1 and A-2.

SFD Planning Goals

SFD evaluates emergency medical capabilities and staffing or equipment additions and institutes operation changes each year as a part of the budget process. State law requires that fire departments report yearly on established emergency response standards. SFD reports response time for fire response and emergency medical services (EMS), which includes basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support (ALS). Response standards are:

Call Processing Time: Sixty seconds for phone answered to first unit assigned, for 90 percent of calls.

Fire Response Time: Arrival within four minutes for first-arriving engine at a fire for 90 percent of calls, and arrival within eight minutes of the full first alarm assignment of fifteen firefighters, for 90 percent of calls.

Basic Life Support: Arrival within four minutes of the first medical unit with two EMTs, for 90 percent of calls.

SPD Inventory

The Seattle Police Department (SPD) currently provides law enforcement patrol services to the city from five precincts and the Harbor Patrol Unit, which covers fifty-nine square miles of waterways. SPD also provides for parking and traffic enforcement as well as specialized units including SWAT, gang unit, mounted patrol, and canine. Information on these precincts and facilities is shown in Capital Facilities Appendix Figures A-3 and A-4.

SPD Planning Goals

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Uniform patrol law enforcement services are generally allocated based on workload, time, and location. The exact location of facilities is usually not critical to the provision of uniform patrol services since police officers are on patrol in the various sectors and calls for service are dispatched by radio. The location of facilities can be important because the distance traveled at shift change time impacts the availability of officers and because locations can enhance interaction with the community. Because of the many changing factors that affect staffing and space objectives of police departments, there are no universally accepted planning goals for the location and distribution of police facilities.

The City plans for asset preservation through a capital maintenance program. Minor and major capital facility projects are programmed in the City's six-year capital improvement plan.

The City is expected to maintain, replace, or expand some police facilities as shown in Capital Facilities Appendix Figure A-4. To support existing police operations citywide, SPD expects that it may upgrade, expand, or replace Harbor Patrol, rifle range, and training facilities. The existing North Precinct is currently overcrowded and does not meet the needs of precinct personnel; therefore, a new consolidated facility is proposed to be built. Future considerations for SPD's facilities may include a subdivision of the North Precinct or sub-precinct stations that will help facilitate fast emergency response times. The City has purchased property for a new North Precinct. In the next twenty-year period, the City may also elect to build its own correctional facility, rather than to continue leasing space from King County at its jail. Other departments such as SDOT can aid in public safety through, for example, traffic and pedestrian safety. SDOT, SPU, and other City departments all contribute to the City's emergency preparedness and disaster management response.

GOAL

PS G2 Plan for improved emergency response across departments.

POLICIES

- PS 2.1 Reduce call answering time and incident dispatching time to meet or exceed standards for fire response, emergency medical services, and precinct-based patrol officers.
- PS 2.2 Plan for asset preservation of facilities and vehicles to support improved emergency response.
- PS 2.3 Use response time goals to inform staffing needs and continually hire above attrition rates.
- PS 2.4 Support and develop the Community Assisted Response and Engagement Department to reduce response times, improve coordination, manage internal needs, and expand offerings.