

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, amending Section 23.47A.004 of the Seattle Municipal Code to allow for the expansion of up to 20,000 square feet of existing medical services uses in Neighborhood Commercial 1 zones.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

The legislation would allow existing medical service uses (community health providers) that serve individuals and families with incomes at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level to expand their current operations on site within Urban Centers and Urban Villages within Neighborhood Commercial (NC1) zones, when the use is not associated with a medical major institution.

Medical services are limited to 10,000 square feet (sf) in size in NC1 zones. This limits the ability of existing medical services uses to provide a broad range of health care to a larger number of clients, which can be an appropriate fit in certain circumstances. Neighborhood scale clinics provide a needed community service that can activate a neighborhood business district by creating walk-in/foot traffic that supports adjacent businesses and creates the vitality that many neighborhoods seek. If these services are not allowed to expand they may be forced to relocate outside of their current neighborhoods. This could result in an outcome that conflicts with Comprehensive Plan goals and policies for mixed use areas if these neighborhood-serving uses relocate to areas that are less accessible to pedestrians or by frequent transit service.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

 X **This legislation does not have direct financial implications.**

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**
No
- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**
No

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No

d) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

Yes. The City Council must hold a public hearing before the Planning, Land Use and Sustainability (PLUS) Committee.

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

Yes. Publication of notice of the Council public hearing will be made in The Daily Journal of Commerce and in the City's Land Use Information Bulletin. Environmental review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is also required for this legislation, and publication of notice of the environmental determination was also made in The Daily Journal of Commerce and in the City's Land Use Information Bulletin.

f) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

There are four parcels that currently meet the criteria established by the legislation that could potentially be affected.

g) Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

The legislation will allow for community health providers who serve individuals and families with incomes at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level to expand their current operations on-site within Urban Centers and Urban Villages within NC1 zones. By not allowing this to change, these organizations may not be able to find similarly accessible space to serve their clients, limiting health care options for low income individuals and families who are often the most vulnerable and historically disadvantaged.

h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.

This legislation does not involve a new initiative or programmatic expansion.

i) Other Issues: None

List attachments below: None.