

Amendment 2 Version #1 to CB 120632 - OPCD Downtown Retail Core Zone Amendment ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Pedersen

Add a recital regarding access during construction

Effect: This amendment would add a recital to Council Bill 120632 noting the importance of maintaining access through the rezone area during construction.

Add a recital to Council Bill 120632, as follows:

WHEREAS, greater downtown Seattle has experienced significantly increased vacancy rates for commercial office and retail uses since the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle holds it as a high priority to support economic recovery for downtown neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, City departments are engaging in planning processes for long-term solutions to increase downtown activity and vitality that may include programmatic strategies and capital investments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to long-term strategies, a variety of immediate actions are sought to increase downtown activation and vitality in the short-term; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bruce Harrell has convened stakeholders for input and is formulating a suite of actions to support downtown as part of a Downtown Activation Plan including this proposed zoning amendment to a portion of the Downtown Retail Core zone; and

WHEREAS, this proposed action would increase housing capacity, and through application of the City's Mandatory Housing Affordability (MHA), increase housing affordability, and mitigate displacement; and

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WHEREAS, the City Council intends that the Seattle Department of Transportation and the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections collaborate with each other and consult with pedestrian and disability rights organizations to ensure that pedestrian safety, access to transit facilities, and paths of travel for pedestrians are not substantially restricted or impaired as development occurs in the area; NOW, THEREFORE,

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