

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

- a. **Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE amending the Seattle Comprehensive Plan to incorporate changes proposed as part of the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Plan annual amendment process.
- b. **Summary of the Legislation:** The ordinance makes amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, including a new Land Use policy relating to air quality, and several new policies added to the Chinatown / International District neighborhood plan.

Background: State law permits the Comprehensive Plan to be amended only once a year. The City Council has adopted an annual procedure for reviewing suggested amendments in the spring/summer and adopting a “docketing” resolution that identifies some amendments that should receive further analysis and consideration. Based on OPCD’s review of those topics, this ordinance is the Mayor’s recommendation for Council action in 2017.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. **Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** ___ Yes ___x___ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?** ___ Yes ___x___ No
- b. **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.
- c. **Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**
There is no financial cost of not adopting this legislation.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
The Comprehensive Plan provides broad guidance to departments that have roles in managing or serving development.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

Yes, City Council will hold a public hearing in 2017.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant? No.

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

This legislation is subject to review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), and OPCD has already published notice of a SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (meaning no environmental impact statement required) in the Daily Journal of Commerce (DJC). Notice of the Council's public hearing will also appear in the DJC.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

The ordinance does not affect a particular property; the Comprehensive Plan has general effects across the entire city. The new Chinatown/International District policies relate to a specific area of the city shown on a map on page 285 of the adopted Comprehensive Plan, but not to specific properties.

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?

The legislation has no negative impact on vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. The proposed amendment relating to air quality would support the City's authority to identify and seek to reduce land use actions that could pose special health risks for residents living near air-pollution generators, such as neighborhoods with high traffic volumes. This broad authority can help to accomplish the City's Race and Social Justice policy goals.

The proposed amendments to the Chinatown International District (CID) Cultural & Economic Vitality Policies were drawn from several OPCD efforts: outreach & engagement with CID stakeholders during planning for the Little Saigon business district, a CID cultural EcoDistrict framework and a study for an equity TDR to be applied in the CID. During these processes, CID stakeholders emphasized the urgent need for a policy framework and general City direction to prevent displacement of small, family-owned ethnic businesses and retain the neighborhood's strong Asian-American cultural identity. Both the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation & Development Authority (SCIDpda) and InterIm CDA had a significant role in shaping the language of these amendments and they directly reflect these community priorities.

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 legislation does not include any new initiatives or major programmatic expansions.

h. Other Issues: None.