

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; renaming Single-Family zones to Neighborhood Residential zones; amending Chapter 23.32 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) at pages 1 through 107, 111 through 114, 117 through 126, 131 through 140, 142 through 214, and 216 through 221 of the Official Land Use Map; renaming Chapter 23.44 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 6.600.080, 11.16.240, 15.16.040, 15.17.100, 15.17.120, 15.17.150, 15.32.200, 15.32.300, 22.801.200, 22.900C.010, 23.04.010, 23.30.010, 23.30.030, 23.34.006, 23.34.010, 23.34.011, 23.34.012, 23.34.013, 23.34.014, 23.34.018, 23.34.072, 23.34.089, 23.40.006, 23.41.004, 23.41.008, 23.42.052, 23.42.056, 23.42.058, 23.42.106, 23.42.108, 23.42.110, 23.42.112, 23.42.122, 23.42.124, 23.42.130, 23.44.002, 23.44.006, 23.44.008, 23.44.010, 23.44.011, 23.44.012, 23.44.013, 23.44.014, 23.44.016, 23.44.017, 23.44.019, 23.44.020, 23.44.021, 23.44.022, 23.44.024, 23.44.028, 23.44.034, 23.44.035, 23.44.036, 23.44.041, 23.44.046, 23.44.060, 23.45.514, 23.45.518, 23.45.527, 23.45.536, 23.45.550, 23.45.578, 23.47A.014, 23.47A.040, 23.50.024, 23.50.030, 23.51A.002, 23.51B.002, 23.53.006, 23.53.010, 23.53.015, 23.53.030, 23.54.015, 23.54.020, 23.55.012, 23.55.015, 23.55.020, 23.57.005, 23.57.008, 23.57.009, 23.57.010, 23.58C.050, 23.69.024, 23.71.012, 23.71.030, 23.71.036, 23.72.004, 23.72.010, 23.84A.048, 23.86.006, 23.86.007, 23.86.008, 23.86.010, 23.90.019, 23.91.002, 25.05.800, 25.08.225, 25.09.240, 25.09.260, 25.11.040, 25.11.050, and 25.11.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This bill would implement Ordinance 126456 by making a series of changes to the Seattle Municipal Code to rename single-family zones to neighborhood residential zones. Ordinance 126456 made related changes to the City’s Comprehensive Plan, changing “single-family areas” to “neighborhood residential areas.” Zoning district names would be updated on the zoning map and in the Land Use Code (Title 23 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC)), short-term rental regulations (SMC 6.600), traffic administration regulations (SMC 11.16), street use regulations (SMC Title 15), building and construction codes (SMC Title 22), and all environmental regulations (SMC Title 25) except the Shoreline Code. Under the proposed bill:

- Single-Family 9600 (SF 9600) zones would be renamed “Neighborhood Residential 1” (NR1);
- Single-Family 7200 (SF 7200) zones would be renamed “Neighborhood Residential 2” (NR2);
- Single-Family 5000 (SF 5000) zones would be renamed “Neighborhood Residential 3” (NR3); and

- Residential Small Lot (RSL) zones would be renamed “Neighborhood Residential Small Lot” (RSL).

No substantive effect is anticipated or intended from these changes.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes No

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

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

No

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

Yes, a public hearing will be scheduled held in the City Council’s Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee.

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

Yes. Notice will be published in the Daily Journal of Commerce.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

While the proposal would change the name of areas on the zoning map, no substantive affects would result from the proposal.

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

The proposed bill is intended to be an initial step in addressing the segregation that has resulted in keeping most of the City’s residential land in single-family land use. The intent of the bill is to provide a more expansive term for zones currently called single-family in order

to allow for a broader and deeper dialogue regarding the future of the City’s residential neighborhoods as part of the City’s next major update to the Comprehensive Plan and to better reflect the mix of uses in these areas. This discussion will need to grapple with the racist history of “single-family” zoning and its role in the displacement of BIPOC households. As part of its work leading the major update of the Comprehensive Plan, OPCD is preparing an outreach and engagement plan that will include language access.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

No

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

No

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).

Not applicable

List attachments/exhibits below:

None