

2014 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: DPD permitting review process improvements.

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

It is the Council’s intent that the City develop ways to streamline its land use and building permitting systems and determine opportunities to decrease project wait time, increase permitting coordination, provide greater customer service and improve the local economic climate.

The Council directs the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and the Office of Economic Development (OED) to work with the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and members of the planning and development community to coordinate and convene a charette to review expedited permitting processes found to be successful in other municipalities. The main outcome of the charette will be a report identifying the best practices that may be implemented in Seattle to improve services provided by DPD to the public. The report could also include recommendations for improving the design review process.

Charette attendees could include representatives from the planning departments of other municipalities in addition to members of the development communities and other community stakeholders.

This budget action initiates a process for reviewing and improving permitting.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Planning, Land Use and Sustainability

Date Due to Council:

Charette to be Convened by: March 29, 2014

Report on charette recommendations to Council: April 17, 2014