

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE amending the Seattle Comprehensive Plan to incorporate changes proposed as part of the 2013-2014 Comprehensive Plan annual amendment process.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

The ordinance makes several amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, including updates to the Central Area and University District neighborhood plans, new policies addressing the Stadium Transition District and industrial lands and several Future Land Use Map (FLUM) changes that accompany these policies.

**Background:**

State law permits the Comp 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 topics from those suggestions to receive further consideration. Based on department review of those topics, the Mayor recommends an ordinance to amend the Plan in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter for Council action in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the following year. The ordinance addressed by this fiscal note represents the recommendations for Council action in early 2014.

Please check one of the following:

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

**This legislation has financial implications.**

## **Other Implications:**

**a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**

While this ordinance is not likely to have long-term financial implications, if, at a later time, rezones and development happen within the new FLUM category created by this Ordinance, some of this different type of development could have infrastructure requirements and costs that are different than had been anticipated under previous policies. However, the underlying (and current) zoning for most of the Stadium District would accommodate similar types of development and thus infrastructure cost would likely only change marginally.

**b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**

There is no financial cost of not adopting this legislation.

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

The Comprehensive Plan provides broad guidance to several departments that have roles in managing or serving development. To the extent that development, particularly in the Stadium District, would occur at a faster rate than had previously been estimated, some departments, such as SDOT and SPU, may experience an increased need for their services and for infrastructure planning.

**d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** The Comprehensive Plan is the document state law designates for articulating City policy about matters affecting how the City manages growth. If the elected officials determine they want to make these policy adjustments, this ordinance is the only way to accomplish that.

**e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

Yes, City Council will hold a public hearing in early 2014.

**f) 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 DPD has already published notice of a SEPA determination of non-significance (meaning no environmental impact statement required) in the DJC. Notice of the public hearing will also appear in the DJC.

**g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

The ordinance does not affect a particular property; the Comp Plan has general effects across the entire city. Although the goals and policies and the FLUM changes have relevance to specific sub-areas and parcels, rezones would have to take place for the parcels to be affected directly.

**h) Other Issues: None**

**List attachments to the fiscal note below: None**