



**Legislative Department
Seattle City Council
Memorandum**

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To: Sally Clark, Chair
Tim Burgess, Vice Chair
Sally Bagshaw, Member
Committee on the Built Environment (COBE)

From: Ketil Freeman, Council Central Staff

Subject: Comprehensive Plan Docket Setting – Reso. 31313

Introduction and Background

With a few limited exceptions, the Council may amend the Comprehensive Plan once a year. Council’s review process will end next spring with a vote on a bill amending the Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan amendment process is set out in Resolution 31117. Generally, the process occurs in two steps. First, in the summer the Council reviews amendment applications and, after receiving the advice of the Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) establishes by resolution a docket of the amendments the Council will consider. This is often referred to as the “docket setting” or “threshold decision” resolution. Second, in the spring of the following year, after DPD review and environmental analysis and after receiving the advice of the Planning Commission, the Council considers the merits of proposed amendments and acts on a bill amending the Comprehensive Plan.

Resolution 31313

On July 13th the Committee on the Built Environment discussed the 17 proposed amendment applications received this year and considered the recommendations of the Planning Commission, DPD, and Central Staff. At that meeting, COBE directed that staff prepare a resolution that directs DPD and the Planning Commission to make recommendations on the merits of 11 proposed amendment applications . Those applications would amend existing goals and policies or establish new goals and policies that would:

1. Create a new Container Port Element;
2. Add the Lake-to-Bay Loop to the urban trails system map in the Transportation element;
3. Amend existing policies in the Environment Element for consistency with the Urban Forestry Management Plan;
4. Amend the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to remove the area known as “South of Charles” from the Duwamish Manufacturing / Industrial Center (MIC) and change the FLUM designation from Industrial to Downtown;
5. Amend Environmental Goal seven to establish per capita greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for 2020, 2030, and 2050 and add as either goals or policies sector-based per capita reduction targets for transportation, buildings, and waste;
6. Amend existing policies in the Land Use Element to authorize long-term homeless encampments as an allowed residential use;

7. Amend the FLUM to remove an area east of 15th Avenue NW between NW 48th Street and NW 51st Street from the Ballard / Interbay North End Manufacturing / Industrial Center (BINMIC) and change the FLUM designation from Industrial to Commercial/Mixed Use;
8. Amend the FLUM to remove property addressed as 1600 W. Armory Way from the BINMIC and change the FLUM designation from Industrial to Commercial/Mixed Use;
9. Amend the FLUM to remove property addressed as 2130 Harbor Avenue SW from the Duwamish MIC and change the FLUM designation from Industrial to Commercial/Mixed Use;
10. Amend the FLUM for two parcels in the Roosevelt Residential Urban Village addressed as 1009-1011 NE 73rd Street to change the FLUM designation from Single Family to Commercial/Mixed Use; and
11. Amend the FLUM for an area of the Roosevelt Residential Urban Village generally bounded by Interstate 5 to the west, Ravenna Boulevard to the south, the alley between 8th and 9th Avenues to the east and NE 64th Street to the north to change the FLUM designation from Single Family to Multifamily.

Complete copies of all amendment applications are attached to the memo as is the recommendations of DPD, the Planning Commission and Central Staff. All application will be filed in Clerk's File 311668.