



**SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, January 4, 2011**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**\*\*\*PUBLIC HEARING\*\*\***

Members: Richard Conlin, Chair  
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Jean Godden, Member  
Tim Burgess, Alternate

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2nd floor of the City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington

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1. **Chair's Report**  
(5 minutes)
2. **Public Comment**  
(10 minutes)
3. C.B. [117060](#) **Related to land use and zoning, adopting new development standards for solid waste transfer stations and utility services uses**, amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 23.44.022, 23.45.504, 23.47A.016, 23.48.024, 23.49.029, 23.50.034, 23.50.036, and 23.50.038, and adopting new Sections 23.44.036 and 23.50.040  
BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

*Presenters: Dave LaClergue, Department of Planning and Development;  
Ketil Freeman, Council Central Staff*

*Supporting Documents:*

- [Utility Landscaping and Screening Amendments](#)
- [Utility Landscaping and Screening Council Briefing Powerpoint](#)
- [Utility Landscaping and Screening Briefing Memo](#)
- [Screening and Landscaping Standards for Solid Waste Transfer Stations and Utility Service Uses – Central Staff Memo](#)

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**PUBLIC HEARING** (20 minutes)

5. **Regional Development and Sustainability Committee 2010 Accomplishments**

BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

*Presenters: Traci Ratzliff, Council Central Staff*

*Supporting Documents:*

- [Regional Development and Sustainability \(RDS\) 2010 Accomplishment](#)

6. **Directors' Reports**

(50 minutes)

*Presenters: Marco Lowe, Office of Intergovernmental Relations; Steve Johnson, Office of Economic Development; Jill Simmons, Office of Sustainability and Environment; Barb Graff, Office of Emergency Management; Susan Hildreth, Seattle Public Library*

*Supporting Documents:*

- [Seattle Public Library 2011 Operation Plan](#)

**ATTACHED BELOW IS THE NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING STANDARDS  
FOR CERTAIN UTILITY FACILITIES**



## NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN UTILITY FACILITIES

The Regional Development and Sustainability Committee of the Seattle City Council will consider updated screening and landscaping standards for solid waste transfer stations and utility services uses. This legislation would:

- Apply a Seattle Green Factor landscaping standard to solid waste transfer stations. Green Factor is a scoring system for landscape amenities. The proposed language would require substantial landscaping including trees and shrubs, with incentives for green roofs and walls, green stormwater infrastructure, and tree preservation.
- Establish minimum setbacks in some zones for fences and free-standing walls around utility services uses, which include electrical substations, combined sewer overflows, pumping stations, and trolley transformers. Require landscaping in these setback areas.
- Establish standards for architectural detailing and/or setbacks for fences/walls around utility services in other zones.

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Regional Development and Sustainability Committee will hold a public hearing to take comments on Council Bill (C.B.) 117060 on **Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Seattle City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue**. The entrances to City Hall are located on the west side of Fifth Avenue, and the east side of Fourth Avenue, between James and Cherry Streets. For those who wish to testify, a sign-up sheet will be available outside the Council Chamber one-half hour before the public hearing.

Questions concerning the public hearing may be directed to Sara Nelson in the offices of Councilmember Richard Conlin, at 684-8805 or via e-mail at [sara.nelson@seattle.gov](mailto:sara.nelson@seattle.gov). The City Council Chamber is accessible. Print and communications access is provided on prior request. Please contact Sara Nelson at 684-8805 as soon as possible to request accommodations for a disability.

### WRITTEN COMMENTS

For those unable to attend the public hearing, written comments may be sent to:

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or by email to [richard.conlin@seattle.gov](mailto:richard.conlin@seattle.gov)

Written comments should be received by January 4 at 5 p.m.

### INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Proposed legislation and a DPD Director's Report are available at [www.cityofseattle.net/dpd/Planning/UtilityLandscaping/default.asp](http://www.cityofseattle.net/dpd/Planning/UtilityLandscaping/default.asp). Paper copies of C.B. 117060 are available at the City Clerk's Office on the third floor of City Hall, 600 Fourth Avenue. The City Clerk's Office is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Questions regarding the proposal may be directed to Ketil Freeman with Council Central Staff ([ketil.freeman@seattle.gov](mailto:ketil.freeman@seattle.gov) or 684-8178).