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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31418

A RESOLUTION related to the Comprehensive Plan, stating the City's intent to work with communities to review and implement neighborhood plans in the Neighborhood Planning Element of the Comprehensive Plan and directing the Department of Planning and Development and Department of Neighborhoods to initiate this work accordingly.

WHEREAS, the adopted neighborhood plans in the Neighborhood Planning Element are an important part of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood plans were adopted into the Neighborhood Planning Element between 1998 and 2000 after a city-wide effort energizing thousands of neighbors to work together to become community advocates for the neighborhood vision; and

WHEREAS, to be accurate guides for changing neighborhoods the neighborhood plans must be periodically reviewed and refreshed; and

WHEREAS, neighborhood plans are a critical element in determining how Seattle will carry out its obligations under the growth management act (GMA), which is a fundamental purpose of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, those plans that have been recently updated or where implementation work is underway include Broadview-Bitter Lake, Roosevelt, University District, Capitol Hill, Downtown, South Lake Union, North Beacon Hill, Mount Baker, Othello, and Rainier Beach; and

WHEREAS, Growth Management Act (GMA) targets referenced in the neighborhood planning process were expressed as twenty year growth targets and we are now approaching the fourteenth anniversary of the adoption of the neighborhood plans; and

WHEREAS, fully redoing neighborhood plans is generally not necessary, as there are many elements that express continuing values and policy approaches that are largely consistent with current values and policy approaches for most neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, many neighborhoods have experienced implementation of a significant number of neighborhood plan priorities since the plans were initially adopted and significant growth in number of households and/or jobs; and



1 WHEREAS, the conversations and hard work required through neighborhood planning and plan
2 implementation build connections between community members, local business and local
government in the quest for true planning partnership; and

3 WHEREAS, a regular schedule will allow neighborhoods to review the implementation of
4 neighborhood plans, engage new residents and businesses in working directly to
5 implement the plans, provide the opportunity to consider whether recommendations that
6 have not been implemented should be dropped, modified, or reemphasized, and adopt to
changing conditions by developing new priorities and plans for the next phase of
development under Seattle's implementation of the GMA; and

7 WHEREAS, work going forward will emphasize a place-based approach that successfully
8 leverages public improvement, private investments and a collaborative approach to
9 community engagement that furthers plan implementation, offers more value from the
community's input, and is strategic in leveraging investments to create change toward
community and City goals;

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11 NOW, THEREFORE,

12 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
13 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

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15 Section 1. The City intends to work with local communities to review and support
16 implementation of the adopted neighborhood plans in the Neighborhood Planning Element of the
17 Comprehensive Plan. In at least three or four neighborhoods per year, DPD and DON will
18 engage local communities to do strategic work on implementing neighborhood plans and to
19 address emerging neighborhood priorities consistent with available budget and resources. The
20 City will strive to involve each neighborhood in this work at least every ten years. Other City
21 departments will partner in this work to ensure that neighborhood priorities are addressed and
22 inclusive engagement and outreach to neighborhoods is provided, especially OED, SDOT and
23 DPR. This work will follow and reflect neighborhood planning goals NG1 through NG7 and
24 policies N1 through N19 as they exist today or are amended in the future.
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2 Section 2. Priority shall be given to neighborhoods whose plans have not been reviewed
3 since initial adoption, have experienced significant changes in conditions (such as
4 implementation of major transportation facilities), have experienced either significantly more or
5 significantly less growth than anticipated, and/or are expected to experience significantly
6 increased growth in the future. Any urban center plans that have not been fully implemented or
7 recently updated shall be given priority.
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9 Section 3. The Department of Planning and Development, Department of
10 Neighborhoods, and the Seattle Planning Commission shall review adopted neighborhood plans
11 consistent with the intent of sections 1 and 2. The Department of Planning and Development
12 shall provide a draft schedule for implementation work based on the needs of specific
13 neighborhoods as part of its ongoing three-year workplan which is reviewed by City Council on
14 a quarterly basis.
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1 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2012, and
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day
3 of _____, 2012.

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5 President _____ of the City Council
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7 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:
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10 Michael McGinn, Mayor
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12 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.
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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk
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Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION related to the Comprehensive Plan, stating the City's intent to work with communities to review and implement neighborhood plans in the Neighborhood Planning Element of the Comprehensive Plan and directing the Department of Planning and Development and Department of Neighborhoods to initiate this work accordingly.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation directs DPD and DON to review and support implementation of the adopted neighborhood plans in the Neighborhood Planning Element of the Comprehensive Plan at least every 10 years. In at least three or four neighborhoods per year, DPD and DON will engage local communities to do strategic work on implementing neighborhood plans, as well as revising goals and policies where needed. Other City departments will engage in this work to ensure neighborhood priorities are addressed and inclusive engagement and outreach to neighborhoods is provided, especially OED, SDOT and DPR.

Background:

Neighborhood plans were adopted into the Neighborhood Planning Element between 1998 and 2000 after a city-wide effort energizing thousands of neighbors to work together to become community advocates for the neighborhood vision; and are an important part of the Comprehensive Plan. They are a critical element in determining how Seattle will carry out its obligations under the Growth Management Act, a fundamental purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, and to be accurate guides for changing neighborhoods the plans must be periodically refreshed while fully redoing neighborhood plans is generally not necessary, as there are many elements that express continuing values and policy approaches that are largely consistent with current values and policy approaches for most neighborhoods.

A place-based approach that successfully leverages public improvement, private investments and a collaborative approach to community engagement furthers plan implementation, offers more value from the community's input, and is strategic in leveraging investments to create change toward community and City goals. The collaborative work required through neighborhood planning and plan implementation builds connections between community members, local business and local government in the quest for true planning partnership.

Please check one of the following:



X This legislation does not have any financial implications.

(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-h. Earlier sections that are left blank should be deleted. Please delete the instructions provided in parentheses at the end of each question.)

Appropriations: See Green Sheet 49-2-A-1

Add \$244,000 and \$254,000 in GSF in 2013 and 2014, respectively, to DPD's Planning Division for additional planning staff.

Other Implications:

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

Implementing this Resolution will require the commitment of staff and consultant resources in DPD and DON, as well as support from OED, SDOT, DPR and other city departments. Resources are currently available in DPD to do focus work with communities in implementing specific neighborhood goals, such as completing a streetscape plan or implementing a rezoning for a limited area. DPD is not resourced to support the wholesale updating of Neighborhood Plans, which is not the intent of the legislation and would require significant additional resources.

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

The financial cost of not implementing the legislation is indirect and occurs as a result of not supporting neighborhoods in implementing plan goals, and not achieving the growth and development in neighborhoods that this legislation supports.

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

This legislation will likely increase the work load for partnering departments such as SDOT, OED, DPR and especially DON.

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? None

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

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

No

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

h) Other Issues:

No

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

