

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

COUNCIL BILL 118182

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.400.010; amending Section 110 of the 2012 Seattle Mechanical Code, regarding administrative review of decisions related to application of the Mechanical Code.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Chapter 1 of the Seattle Mechanical Code, which Chapter was last amended by Ordinance 124275, is amended as follows:

**SECTION 110**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW**

**110.1 Administrative review by the code official.** Prior to issuance of the building permit, ((A))applicants may request administrative review by the code official of decisions or actions pertaining to the administration and enforcement of this code. Requests shall be addressed to the code official.

**110.2 Administrative review by the Construction Codes Advisory Board.** After administrative review by the building official, and prior to issuance of the building permit, ((A))applicants may request review of decisions or actions pertaining to the application and interpretation of this code by the Construction Codes Advisory Board according to International Building Code Section 103.11, except for stop work orders, notices of violations and revocations of permits. The review will be performed by three or more members of the Construction Codes Advisory Board, chosen by the Board Chair. The Chair shall consider the subject of the review and members' expertise when selecting members to conduct a review. The decision of the review panel is advisory only; the final decision is made by the code official.

1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, and  
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
6 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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9 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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11 Approved by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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14 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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16 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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19 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Municipal Code Section 22.400.010; amending Section 110 of the 2012 Seattle Mechanical Code, regarding administrative review of decisions related to application of the Mechanical Code.

**Summary of the Legislation:** This legislation clarifies the procedure for review of DPD decisions about permit applications. Review by the building official is available before the permit is issued, and review by the Construction Codes Advisory Board is available between the time the building official reviews and permit issuance.

**Background:** The Seattle Mechanical Code is one of several construction-related codes that local jurisdictions are required to enforce. New editions of these codes are adopted by the State every 3 years; Seattle adds local amendments to the State codes. Seattle adopted the 2012 codes in 2013.

This legislation is one of seven related bills that amend the construction-related codes to adopt recent state code provisions and correct errors. The issue addressed in this legislation is included in 5 of the bills.

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

**Other Implications:**

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**  
No
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** It's unlikely there would be any cost.
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** No

- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives? No**
- 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: None**

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



**City of Seattle**  
**Edward B. Murray**  
**Mayor**

July 29, 2014

Honorable Tim Burgess  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that amends the 2012 Seattle Mechanical Code that was adopted last year. This bill clarifies the procedure for review of DPD decisions about permit applications.

We are submitting seven related bills that amend different construction-related codes. Some of the amendments are repeated in each of the bills. Every three years the City adopts a new edition of the codes except for the Grading Code. These bills make smaller changes that are nonetheless important to have in place until the next code editions are adopted in 2016.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Maureen Traxler at 233-3892.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Murray  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council