

CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31536

A RESOLUTION identifying proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to be considered for possible adoption in 2015 and requesting that the Department of Planning and Development and the Seattle Planning Commission review and make recommendations about the proposed amendments.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle adopted a Comprehensive Plan through Ordinance 117221 in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle last amended the Comprehensive Plan through Ordinance 124458 in May 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted procedures for amending the Comprehensive Plan in Resolution 31117 in March 2009, consistent with the requirements for amendment prescribed by the Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 31402 in August 2012, the City Council amended the criteria by which proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are selected for analysis and possible adoption, a process known as setting the Comprehensive Plan docket, and repealed other criteria used in prior years; and

WHEREAS, except in limited circumstances, the Growth Management Act allows the City to amend the Comprehensive Plan only once a year; and

WHEREAS, various parties proposed amendments for consideration during the 2014-2015 annual amendment process; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and the Seattle Planning Commission have provided recommendations on which proposed amendments should be further evaluated for possible adoption in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Council's Planning, Land Use and Sustainability Committee held a public hearing on July 15, 2014 to take testimony on the amendments proposed for consideration and further considered the matter on August 13, 2014; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. Comprehensive Plan docket of amendments to be considered in 2015. The following proposed amendments should be further developed for review and consideration by the

1 Mayor and Council as possible amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. The full texts of the
2 proposals are contained in Clerk File 313852.

3 1. West Seattle Church of the Nazarene. Amend the Future Land Use Map for property at
4 the southwest corner of 42nd Avenue Southwest and Southwest Juneau Street to change the
5 designation from single family to multi-family.

6 2. YWCA East Cherry Branch. Amend the Future Land Use Map to both expand the 23rd
7 Avenue at S. Jackson-Union Residential Urban Village boundary to include the property at the
8 northwest corner of East Cherry Street and 29th Avenue and change the designation of the
9 northern portion of that property from single family to multi-family.

10 3. Flexibility for height of public facilities. Consider the proposed amendment to the
11 Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan related to allowing greater flexibility for the
12 height of public facilities, such as the King County Children and Family Justice Center.

13 **Section 2. Amendment to be considered as part of the Comprehensive Plan Update.**

14 The proposed amendment to the Urban Village element of the Comprehensive Plan related to
15 monitoring urban village growth should be further developed for review and consideration by the
16 Mayor and Council as part of the major update of the Comprehensive Plan. The full text of the
17 proposal is contained in Clerk File 313852.

18 **Section 3. Amendments from sub-area planning.** Amendments to neighborhood plans
19 related to ongoing sub-area planning, such as in the University District, Georgetown, Lake City,
20 Ballard or Uptown should be further developed for review and consideration by the Mayor and
21 Council as possible amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

22 University Playground and Blessed Sacrament Parish. As part of the Department of
23 Planning and Development's ongoing sub-area planning in the University Community Urban
24 Center, consider modifications to the University Community Urban Center (UCUC) boundary, to
25 include the Blessed Sacrament Parish and to exclude portions of several blocks north of the
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1 library and south of the park, and consider amendments to several policies regarding the UCUC.
2 boundary. The full text of the proposal is contained in Clerk File 313852.

3 **Section 4. Amendments relating to environmental actions.** Amendments relating to
4 environmentally critical areas consistent with the Growth Management Act and amendments
5 relating to green stormwater infrastructure consistent with Resolution 31459, and consistent with
6 the City's 2013 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit (NPDES) should be further developed for
7 review and consideration by the Mayor and Council as possible amendments to the
8 Comprehensive Plan.

9 **Section 5. Request for review and recommendations.** The Council requests that DPD
10 review the amendments listed in Section 1, conduct public reviews as appropriate, and present its
11 analyses and the Mayor's recommendations to the City Council consistent with the procedures
12 for considering Comprehensive Plan amendments stated in Resolution 31117.

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14 Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2014, and
15 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day
16 of _____, 2014.

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18 President _____ of the City Council

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20 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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23 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

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Summary of the Legislation:

This resolution identifies proposed amendments, or concepts for amendments, to the Comprehensive Plan, that the Council will consider for possible adoption in 2015. It also asks the Department of Planning and Development to consider additional proposed amendments in the context of ongoing projects, including the Seattle 2035 Comprehensive Plan update, planning for the University District, and planning to support low-impact development.

Background:

Every year the City Council may consider amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Each spring the Council invites proposed amendments from the public and from City departments. In the summer the Council decides which of these proposed amendments it will consider for adoption the next year.

In 2015, the City Council will also be considering Seattle 2035, a State-mandated update to the Comprehensive Plan. This resolution seeks to align review of the proposed amendments received from members of the public and the Seattle 2035 process.

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?**

Since the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to shape the city in the long term, the amendments themselves may have long-term implications. One purpose of the review by the Department of Planning & Development called for in the resolution is to determine these implications.

- b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
None.
- c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
The Department of Planning and Development and the Seattle Planning Commission are charged with implementing the legislation, and their Directors are aware of the legislation.
- 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?**
A hearing will be held on the legislation.
- 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?**
Not directly.
- h) Other Issues:** None.

List attachments to the fiscal note below: None.