

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Public Hearing and action on Ordinance amending the City of Bellevue Land Use Code responding to the state termination of the East Bellevue Community Council, which will terminate as a matter of law on July 9, 2022; amending chapters 20.10, 20.20, 20.25, 20.30, 20.35, 20.40, 20.45A, 20.45B, and 20.50 of the Land Use Code to remove references to the East Bellevue Community Council and effectuate certain land use code provisions; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the June 21 Study Session, Council directed staff to prepare and schedule this LUCA Ordinance to remove references to the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC) from the LUC and to adopt previously disapproved Ordinances within the EBCC jurisdiction area for a public hearing. This Ordinance is in response to recent state legislation, House Bill (HB) 1769, which established a sunset date for community councils in Washington.

## RECOMMENDATION

Hold the Public Hearing and, following the Public Hearing, move to adopt Ordinance No. 6670

## BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

### Background

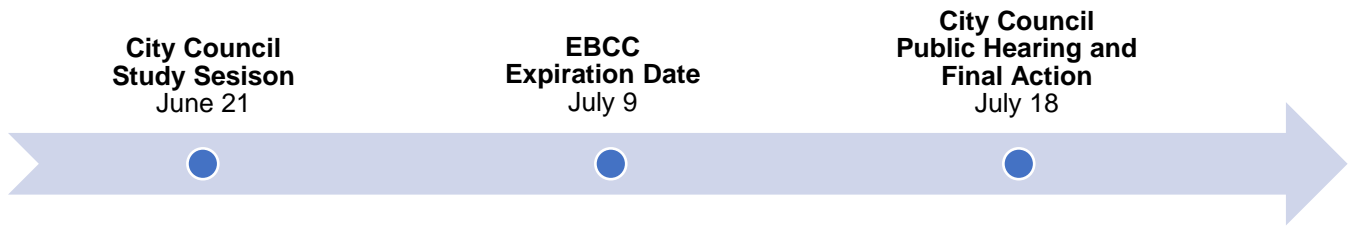
On June 21, staff introduced the recommended LUCA to Council, including an overview of the history and function of the EBCC and the objectives and components of the LUCA. The Staff Report describing the background, process, LUCA components, and analysis of the proposed amendments and their relationship to the LUCA decision criteria in LUC 20.30J.135 is provided as Attachment A. A final strike-draft showing the specific amendments in the LUCA is provided as Attachment B.

The LUCA responds to recent amendments to Chapter 35.14 RCW adopted HB 1769, which established an expiration date for the statutory authority granted to community councils. For the EBCC, this expiration occurred on July 9, 2022. On January 1, 2023, all state law provisions relating to community councils will be repealed. In 2003, the City undertook a similar legislative effort when voters within the jurisdiction of the former Sammamish Community Council voted against continuing that community council.

This LUCA intends to address any resulting gaps and ambiguities, and put in place equitable, consistent, and predictable set of provisions within the EBCC area. To do so, the LUCA is proposed to extend the Citywide regulations into the EBCC area by adopting previously disapproved Ordinances within the EBCC jurisdiction area.

## Review Process

The timeline below details the review process for this LUCA:



## POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

### Policy Impact

The proposed LUCA responds to recent amendments to RCW 35.14.060, which established an expiration date for the statutory authority granted to community councils 30 days following the effective date of the amendments, which for the EBCC occurred on July 9. The proposed amendments also adopt previously disapproved Ordinances and extend Citywide LUC provisions, to achieve equity, consistency, and predictability within the EBCC jurisdictional area. Each of the Ordinances at issue were implemented through the LUCA process and were evaluated then for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. As a result, the substance of each of the provisions has previously been determined by the City Council to further implement the City's Comprehensive Plan policies.

Additionally, the Comprehensive Plan contains language that supports the proposed LUCA, including:

- **Comprehensive Plan Policy ED-6:** Strike to provide an efficient, streamlined, timely, predictable, and customer-focused permit processes, conducted in a manner that integrates multiple city departments into a coordinated entity, recognized the role of development in creating places for economic activity.

### Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing these changes.

## OPTIONS

1. Hold the Public Hearing and, following the Public Hearing, adopt the Ordinance amending the City of Bellevue Land Use Code responding to the state termination of the East Bellevue Community Council, which will terminate as a matter of law on July 9, 2022; amending chapters 20.10, 20.20, 20.25, 20.30, 20.35, 20.40, 20.45A, 20.45B, and 20.50 of the Land Use Code to remove references to the East Bellevue Community Council and effectuate certain land use code provisions; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Hold the Public Hearing and, following the Public Hearing, do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. LUCA Staff Report
- B. LUCA Final Strike-Draft  
Proposed Ordinance No. 6670

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N/A