

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance adopting the Downtown Subarea Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment (25-102194-AC) pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, and Chapter 35A.63 RCW; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

This Ordinance amends the Comprehensive Plan's Volume 2 Downtown Subarea Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Downtown Subarea Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) in this year's annual CPA work program.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6868

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

To be consistent with past Council direction, action on the 2025 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are considered by individual Ordinance. A separate general Ordinance covers the amending action to the Comprehensive Plan itself, consistent with the applicable provisions of the state Growth Management Act (GMA) relating to annual CPA review.

The Ordinances presented under separate agenda for each proposed amendment reflect September 16 Council direction to act on the proposed 2025 amendments. This Ordinance adopts the Downtown Subarea Plan CPA, as recommended by the Planning Commission and discussed by Council at the September 16 Study Session. The proposed CPA updates Comprehensive Plan, Volume 2 (Attachment A), and is formatted as strike/underline to clearly show the changes to the text. The changes to the figures and maps are included in Attachment B.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**Policy Impact**

Comprehensive Plan Policy LU-19 directs the City to, "Sustain Downtown's designation as a Regional Growth Center." The monitoring and redesignation process is a procedure carried out periodically by PSRC to ensure that the Regional Growth Centers continue to comply with PSRC's regional Vision, recently updated to Vision 2050. The update supports the redesignation of Downtown as a Regional Center.

The GMA states that comprehensive plans may be amended no more frequently than once per year (with limited exceptions) so that the cumulative effect of the proposals can be considered. Bellevue's 2025 annual CPA work program includes no privately-initiated plan amendments and three City-

initiated amendments in Final Review by action of the City Council under Land Use Code (LUC) 20.30I.130.B.1.

Fiscal Impact

Downtown's designation as a Regional Growth Center makes the City eligible for federal transportation funds. The redesignation of the center would ensure that Bellevue continues to be eligible for these funds.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance adopting the Downtown Subarea Plan Comprehensive Plan Amendment (25-102194-AC) pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, and Chapter 35A.63 RCW; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Downtown Subarea Plan – Strike/Underline
 - B. Downtown Subarea Plan – Maps & Graphics
- Proposed Ordinance No. 6868

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N/A