

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance relating the clarification of known errors contained in, and clean-up of, the Land Use Code; Amending LUC 20.10.400, LUC 20.10.440, LUC 20.20.010, LUC 20.20.025, LUC 20.20.030, LUC 20.20.070, LUC 20.20.127, LUC 20.20.130, LUC 20.20.170, LUC 20.20.195, LUC 20.20.255, LUC 20.20.425, LUC 20.20.455, LUC 20.20.540, LUC 20.25A.050, LUC 20.25D.070, LUC 20.25D.080, LUC 20.25I.070, LUC 20.25J.020, LUC 20.25J.030, LUC 20.25L.020, LUC 20.25P.030, LUC 20.25P.050, LUC 20.25Q.020, LUC 20.25Q.050, LUC 20.25Q.070, LUC 20.30J.135, LUC 20.30N.115, LUC 20.30N.120, LUC 20.30N.140, LUC 20.30U.122, Chapter 20.50 LUC; Amending Chapter 20.20 LUC to include a new LUC 20.20.790; Providing for severability; and an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

On June 9, after discussion in study session, the City Council directed staff to finalize this Ordinance for final action. This Ordinance is a Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) for general clean-ups to improve clarity and internal consistency, correct inaccurate or outdated citations, and directly comply with changes to state law.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6930

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**Background**

Staff routinely identify and document potential Land Use Code (LUC) amendments and periodically address them through omnibus code amendment packages. Historically, these amendments have been limited to spelling corrections, outdated cross-references, scrivener's errors, and minor revisions that clarify code intent. The city last completed an omnibus clean-up LUCA in 2022.

For this cycle, Council expanded the scope to include amendments necessary to maintain compliance with state law, as well as minor code revisions that require limited policy direction. The amendments are also limited to topics not already addressed through other ongoing or planned code amendment projects. The omnibus package includes amendments in five subject areas:

- Clean-Up Amendments
- Development Regulations
- Trees, Landscaping, and Environment
- Process Changes
- Bellevue City Code Amendments

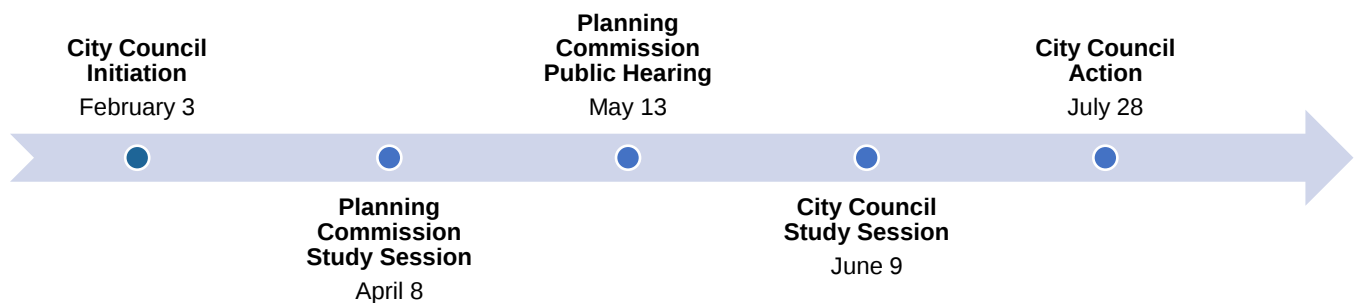
This Ordinance relates to the clean-up amendments, which amends Chapters 20.10, 20.20, 20.25,

20.30, and 20.50 of the Land Use Code to improve clarity and internal consistency, correct inaccurate or outdated citations, and ensure compliance with changes to state law. A final strike-draft of the LUCA is provided as Attachment A.

On June 9, Council reviewed this LUCA. Following discussion, Council directed staff to finalize an Ordinance for the LUCA for final action.

LUCA Schedule

This schedule is intended to ensure compliance with state law changes that must be implemented by the statutory deadline in summer 2026.



POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

This LUCA will improve the administration and clarity of the Land Use Code. Additionally, some changes in this Ordinance are necessary for compliance with state law.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing this LUCA.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance relating the clarification of known errors contained in, and clean-up of, the Land Use Code; Amending LUC 20.10.400, LUC 20.10.440, LUC 20.20.010, LUC 20.20.025, LUC 20.20.030, LUC 20.20.070, LUC 20.20.127, LUC 20.20.130, LUC 20.20.170, LUC 20.20.195, LUC 20.20.255, LUC 20.20.425, LUC 20.20.455, LUC 20.20.540, LUC 20.25A.050, LUC 20.25D.070, LUC 20.25D.080, LUC 20.25I.070, LUC 20.25J.020, LUC 20.25J.030, LUC 20.25L.020, LUC 20.25P.030, LUC 20.25P.050, LUC 20.25Q.020, LUC 20.25Q.050, LUC 20.25Q.070, LUC 20.30J.135, LUC 20.30N.115, LUC 20.30N.120, LUC 20.30N.140, LUC 20.30U.122, Chapter 20.50 LUC; Amending Chapter 20.20 LUC to include a new LUC 20.20.790; Providing for severability; and an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Clean-Up Amendments Strike Draft
Proposed Ordinance No. 6930

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