

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance relating environmental regulations; Amending LUC 20.20.520, LUC 20.20.900, LUC 20.25H.035, LUC 20.25H.075, LUC 20.25H.095, LUC 20.25H.130, LUC 20.25H.200, LUC 20.45A.060, and LUC 20.45B.055; Providing for Severability; and setting 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Use Code Amendment (LUCA) for general clean-ups to improve clarity and internal consistency and correct inaccurate or outdated citations relating to landscape and environmental regulations.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6932

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**Background**

The Omnibus code amendment package includes amendments in five subject areas:

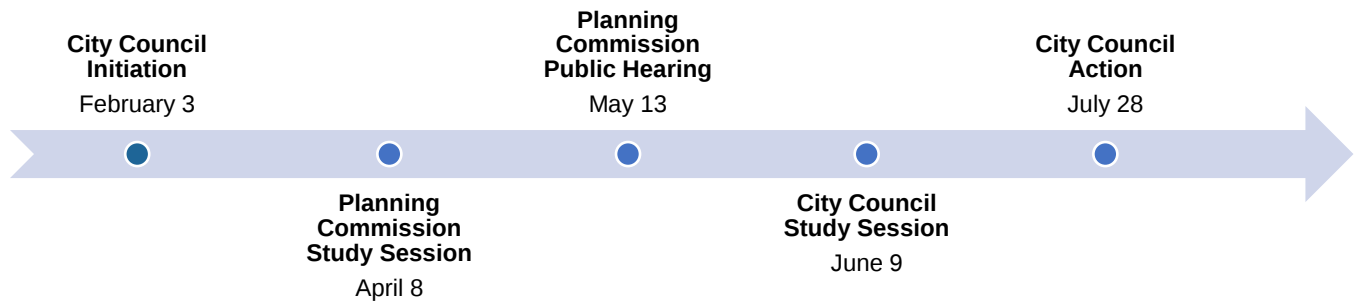
- Clean-Up Amendments
- Development Regulations
- Trees, Landscaping, and Environment
- Process Changes
- Bellevue City Code Amendments

This Ordinance relates to the trees, landscaping, and environment amendments, which amends Chapters 20.20, 20.25H, 20.45A, and 20.45B of the Land Use Code to improve clarity and internal consistency and correct inaccurate or outdated citations relating to landscape and environmental regulations. 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 environmental regulations; Amending LUC 20.20.520, LUC 20.20.900, LUC 20.25H.035, LUC 20.25H.075, LUC 20.25H.095, LUC 20.25H.130, LUC 20.25H.200, LUC 20.45A.060, and LUC 20.45B.055; Providing for Severability; and setting an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Trees, Environment, and Landscape Amendments Strike Draft
Proposed Ordinance No. 6932

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