

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance amending Sections 3.55.030, 3.56.030, 3.61.030, 3.62.030, 3.63.030, 3.64.030, and 3.100.030 of the Bellevue City Code concerning remote participation and public participation requirements for advisory board and commission meetings.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As directed by Council on July 24, this Ordinance amends the City Code provisions as it relates to remote participation and public participation at Council-appointed board and commission meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6752

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On May 16, 2022, the Council adopted Ordinance 6662, amending the remote participation requirements in Title 3 of the Bellevue City Code (BCC) for members of the Council's advisory boards and commissions. At that time the Council indicated its intent to revisit the provisions of that ordinance after a year to determine their effectiveness.

Staff received feedback from the board and commissions concerning Ordinance 6662 and, at the Council's July 24 study session, proposed amendments to the Code based on that feedback. In addition, staff proposed amendments to the Code for public participation requirements at board and commission meetings, similar to the amendments proposed for the Council meetings, to ensure consistency on those issues. Council directed the proposed changes be brought back this evening for final action, with a modification that the board and commissions do not limit public testimony during oral communications solely to topics on that evening's agenda. In addition, speaking off topic was inadvertently left out of the list of possible disruptions that could result in removal from public comment or meeting attendance, and has been included, as well as a clarifying change concerning the meeting room on which notices of exclusion involving future meetings will be posted. Finally, the same code changes were made to a newly-created Council advisory board, the Bellevue-Redmond Tourism Promotion Area Advisory Board.

A redline version of the amended Code is included as Attachment A.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

RCW 35A.13.080 authorizes the Council to appoint boards and commissions advisory to the Council, and in Title 3 of the BCC, the Council has set forth requirements and procedures for those boards and commissions.

RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, governs the way in which advisory board and commission meetings are conducted.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending Sections 3.55.030, 3.56.030, 3.61.030, 3.62.030, 3.63.030, 3.64.030, and 3.100.030 of the Bellevue City Code concerning remote participation and public participation requirements for advisory board and commission meetings.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Redline version of BCC
Proposed Ordinance No. 6752

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N/A