

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance relating to tree preservation, retention, replacement, and protection during construction; Repealing and replacing section 20.20.900 of the City of Bellevue Land Use Code (LUC) and amending LUC sections 20.25A.020, 20.25B.040, 20.25F.040, 20.25Q.020, 20.50.014, 20.50.016, 20.50.032, 20.50.042, 20.50.046, 20.50.048, and 20.50.052 to revise the City's regulations in response to Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship Plan Action N.1.1, calling for a comprehensive review and update of provisions in the Land Use Code and City Code for tree preservation, retention, replacement, and protection during construction; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION

On June 18, after discussion in Study Session, Council directed staff to finalize this Ordinance for action. The Ordinance is a Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) amending provisions related to tree preservation, retention, replacement, and protection.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6796

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Background

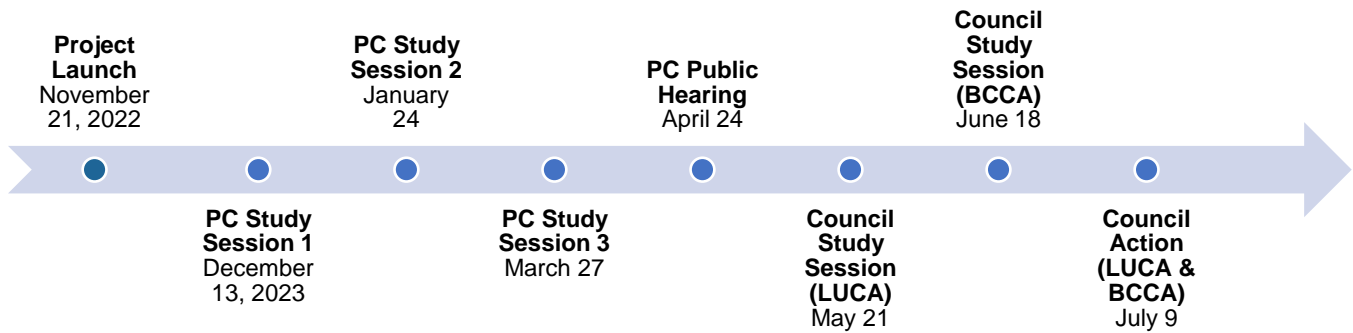
The recommended LUCA will amend chapters 20.20, 20.25A, 20.25B, 20.25F, 20.25Q and 20.50 to update tree preservation, retention, replacement, and protection provisions in the Land Use Code (LUC) to better support Citywide tree canopy goals. A strike-draft of the recommended LUCA is provided as Attachment A.

Updates Since Last Council Review

The Council last considered this LUCA on June 18, when Council directed staff to finalize the LUCA Ordinance for final action at a future meeting on the consent calendar. In finalizing the LUCA Ordinance, staff corrected several typos and identified the need for two minor updates or clarifications to the LUCA ordinance as follows:

- **Updated Recitals.** The recitals listed at the beginning of the LUCA Ordinance have been updated to reflect Council discussion and, where needed, received public comments and outreach.
- **Definition of Qualified Tree Professional.** The proposed definition of Qualified Tree Professional is updated to clarify that a Qualified Tree Professional is someone who has obtained one or more of the listed credentials, rather than just one.

Review Process



POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The recommended LUCA will advance the Environmental Stewardship Plan.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing the recommended LUCA.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance relating to tree preservation, retention, replacement, and protection during construction; Repealing and replacing section 20.20.900 of the City of Bellevue Land Use Code (LUC) and amending LUC sections 20.25A.020, 20.25B.040, 20.25F.040, 20.25Q.020, 20.50.014, 20.50.016, 20.50.032, 20.50.042, 20.50.046, 20.50.048, and 20.50.052 to revise the City's regulations in response to Bellevue's Environmental Stewardship Plan Action N.1.1, calling for a comprehensive review and update of provisions in the Land Use Code and City Code for tree preservation, retention, replacement, and protection during construction; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. LUCA Final Strike-Draft
Proposed Ordinance No. 6796

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