

July 9, 2018

## CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ITEM

### **SUBJECT**

Permanent Homeless Shelter Permitting Amendments to the Land Use Code (LUC) – informational release.

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### **POLICY ISSUES**

No discussion or presentation regarding the Shelter Permitting LUC Amendment (LUCA) is scheduled for July 9. Materials provided for this item are informational only.

Following the public hearing on the Homeless Services Uses LUCA on June 11, Council discussed a process for suggesting amendments to the Public Hearing Draft LUCA. For ease of reference, a copy of the Public Hearing Draft LUCA is provided with this memorandum as Attachment A. The Mayor encouraged Councilmembers to work with staff to prepare suggested amendments to the Public Hearing Draft LUCA for consideration by the full Council.

At the June 25 Extended Study Session, Council discussed and voted on several amendments presented in Attachments E and C of the published agenda memorandum. The approved amendments are noted as follows:

- Amendments E-1, E-2, E-5, E-7, E-8, and E-9 were approved as presented by a vote of 7 – 0.
- Amendments E-4, E-6, E-10 were approved 7 – 0 with amendments.
- Amendment E-3 was withdrawn from consideration.
- Amendment E-11 was redrafted for the July 9 agenda packet with language to apply the Code of Conduct requirements within an identified perimeter area of a sited shelter. See Attachment B.
- Amendment C-1 was rejected by a vote of 3 - 4. Council then approved an amendment to encourage Large Overnight Shelters of more than 50 beds to be located within one mile of a public transit stop by a vote of 7 – 0.

Attachment C presents the Public Hearing Draft LUCA amended to capture the June 25 amendments noted above.

On July 2, Council continued discussion regarding the remaining amendments to the Public Hearing Draft LUCA. Specifically, the City Council considered amendments to the Permit Process Path Alternatives and the Good Neighbor Advisory Committee Member Group sections of the Public Hearing

Draft LUCA. The amendments approved at the July 2 meeting will be added to the Final Draft Ordinance 6419 which will be available for City Council review and action at the July 16 Council Meeting.

**DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL**

**ACTION**



**DIRECTION**



**INFORMATION ONLY**



The July 9 packet materials are informational only and are intended to provide an early release of the Draft LUCA with the amendments approved on June 25 along with proposed amendment language for E-11. This provides extended time for public review. No discussion or action is scheduled for July 9.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

In January, the City Council affirmed its intent to allow for a permanent homeless shelter in Bellevue by extending the Interim Official Control (IOC) that regulates shelter permitting, and by directing staff to develop permanent homeless shelter permitting regulations. A Council-endorsed community engagement approach and LUCA processing schedule was adopted on March 5. The initial draft of a Homeless Services Uses LUCA was introduced to the City Council on April 23, and Council held policy discussions regarding the content of the LUCA during May 7 and May 21 Study Sessions.

At the May 21 Study Session, Council set June 11 as the date for a public hearing on the Draft LUCA. The following policy objectives provided guidance to City staff during development of the Draft LUCA that was the topic of public hearing consideration on June 11.

1. Work toward an Eastside solution for a permanent winter shelter (Council Priority);
2. Support the establishment of a year-round homeless shelter on the Eastside (2014 Diversity Advantage Plan);
3. Prevent individuals from becoming homeless, and for those that do experience homelessness, that it is rare, brief and one time (Committee to End Homelessness Interest Statement adopted by the Bellevue City Council on June 22, 2015); and
4. Regulate Homeless Services Uses in a manner that is not construed as criminalizing homelessness (City Council Policy discussion on May 5).

Following the public hearing on June 11, the City Council discussed a process for suggesting amendments to the Public Hearing Draft code. The suggested amendments were reviewed by the council on June 25 and July 2 which will culminate in the development of Final Ordinance 6419 for July 16.

The July 9 packet materials are intended to provide an early release of the June 25 Draft LUCA amendments and amendment E-11 to allow extended time for public review. The July 9 materials are informational only and no discussion or action is scheduled for July 9 on the Homeless Services Uses LUCA. The amendments approved by the City Council at the July 2 meeting will be added to the Final Draft Ordinance 6419, which will be available for City Council review and action at the July 16 Council Meeting.

**OPTIONS**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Public Hearing Draft LUCA for Homeless Services Uses
- B. Amendment E-11
- C. Draft LUCA 6-25 Amendments

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Compilation of comment letters received on the Homeless Service Uses LUCA