Next Right Work ADU Reform LUCA

City Council Study Session

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Direction for Council Consideration

Provide direction on ADU parking requirements, then direct staff to finalize the LUCA Ordinance for final action at a future meeting.

Meeting Agenda

Background

LUCA Objectives

Recommended LUCA

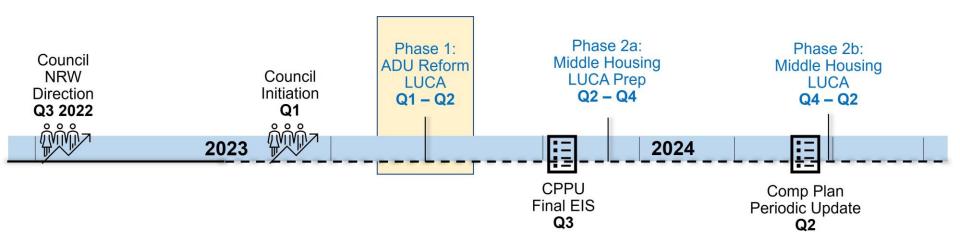
Public Engagement

• LUCA Process & Timeline

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Background

- Next Right Work: Phase 1 action to encourage ADUs with mechanism for separate ownership
- AHS Strategy B: Create a variety of housing choices
 - Increase housing supply
 - Implement Action B-2 to update ADU standards



LUCA Objectives

Council direction:

- Encourage construction of attached ADUs in existing and new homes.
- Create mechanism for separate ownership.

Considerations:

- Housing Needs Assessment
- Other housing-related initiatives
 - Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update
 - Next Right Work, AHS
- State legislation HB 1337



What are ADUs?

- Accessory Dwelling Units
 - Smaller unit separate from existing house
 - Also called: basement apartments, granny flats, in-law suites, etc.
- In Bellevue, ADUs must be attached to primary residence
- Generally come in many forms:



Why ADUs?



Housing to reflect diverse community needs

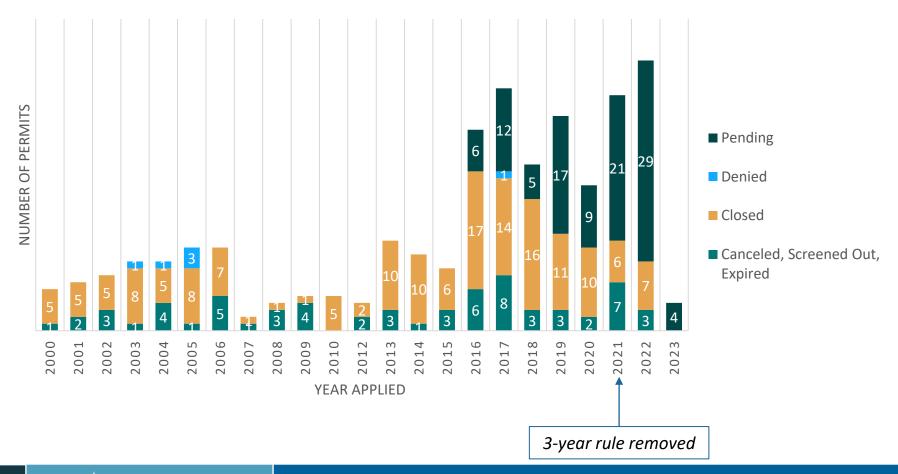


Homeownership opportunities



Options for Bellevue's growing senior population

ADU Permitting History



Recommended LUCA

Requirement	Existing Code	PC Recommendation
Size Limits	• 800 sf <u>or</u> 40% of home (whichever <u>less</u>)	 1200 sf <u>or</u> 40% of home (whichever <u>greater</u>)
Design Controls	 No second front entry door 	No requirement
Process Requirements	 Separation registration process Public notice after approval Inspection by Land Use staff 	No registrationNo public noticeNo Land Use inspection

Recommended LUCA

Requirement	Existing Code	PC Recommendation
Owner Occupancy	Owner occupancy required	No requirement
Separate Ownership	ADU sale prohibited	ADU sale allowed
Parking	 1 space for ADUs No parking within ¼ mile of transit 	 1 space for ADUs >1000 sf 2 spaces for ADUs > 2000 sf No parking within ½ mile of frequent transit

Staff Recommended Parking

- HB 1337 caps required ADU parking based on lot area:
 - Max. 1 space if lot is < 6,000 sq. ft.
 - Max. 2 spaces if lot is > 6,000 sq. ft.

ADU Location/Size	Planning Commission Recommendation	Staff Recommendation
 ADU within ½ mile of frequent transit and/or < 1,000 sq. ft. 	No parking required	No parking required
ADU larger than 1,000 sq. ft.	• 1 space	• 1 space
ADU larger than 2,000 sq. ft.	• 2 spaces	 1 space if on lot 6,000 sq. ft. 2 spaces if on lot 6,000 sq. ft.

Proposed LUCA Overview

Requirement	Proposed Change	
Owner Occupancy	No requirement	
Separate Ownership	Remove prohibition	
Size Limits	1200 sf or 40% of home (whichever larger)	
Design Controls	Remove second entry door prohibition	
Permit Process	No Land Use process – only construction permit(s) and inspection(s)	
Parking	Required based on: • ADU Size (PC Rec.) and Lot Size (Staff Rec.)	

Planning Commission Review

- Study Session 1 held on March 22
- Public Hearing held on May 10
- Recommend adoption of LUCA



Public Engagement

Process IV Requirements

- Notice of Application
- Notice of Public Hearing
- Public Hearing

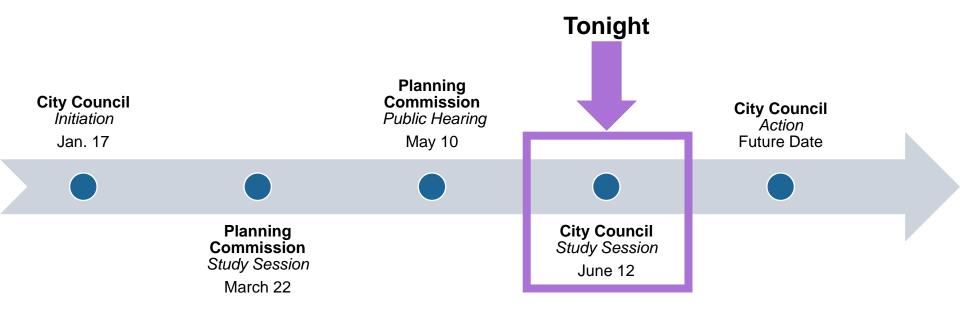
Direct Engagement

- Virtual community meeting
- Meetings with
 - ADU builders
 - City review staff
- Comprehensive Plan Update feedback

Online Presence & Publications

- City webpage
- Notice of community meeting
- FAQs
- Neighborhood News article (March 2023)

LUCA Schedule



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