



Bellevue Planning Commission

A Resolution of the Planning Commission
January 22, 2025

Objective Design Land Use Code Amendment Recommendation

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			Craighton Goepple, Chair
			Luisa Cuellar-Calad, Vice-Chair
			Andres Villaveces
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On the motion of:			
Seconded by:			
The following resolution was adopted:			

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature Adopted House Bill (HB) 1293 during the 2023 legislative session, which mandates that Cities and Counties may only require clear and objective design regulations ; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue City Council initiated processing of this Land Use Code Amendment to retain only clear and objective design regulations on July 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Plan Policy HO-15 encourages housing development through the streamlining of the permitting processes and providing objective development regulations; and

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Plan Policy ED-7 encourages the provision of an efficient, streamlined, timely, predictable, and customer-focused permit process that coordinates inter departmental review; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.64.070 Bellevue City Code and section 20.35.410 Land Use Code establishes the powers and duties of the Planning Commission to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council by holding public hearings, advising, and making recommendations to the City Council on land use ordinances and regulations to implement the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Development Services Department encouraged public participation and provided information on the land use code amendment on its website; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held study sessions on October 23, 2024 and December 11, 2024 to discuss the proposed objective design land use code amendment; and



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WHEREAS, after providing legally required public notice, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 22 for the objective design land use code amendment; and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission finds that the proposed amendments meet the decision criteria of LUC 20.30J.135 and are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, enhance the public safety and welfare, and are not contrary to the best interest of the citizens and property owners of the City of Bellevue; now, therefore,

THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT IT ADOPTS THE OBJECTIVE DESIGN LAND USE CODE AMENDMENT (FILE NO. 24-120021-AD).

Craighton Goepppe, Chair

Date

Thara Johnson, staff liaison

Date