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SUBJECT: Bellevue City Code and Land Use Code Online Update

Summary

The purpose of tonight's briefing is to preview an update to the online Bellevue City Code (BCC) and Land Use Code (LUC). The changes are intended to improve the experience for those who review the Code, including City Council, residents, businesses and city staff.

Background

RCW 35.21.500 requires the City of Bellevue to codify (edit, rearrange, group into titles, chapters, sections, etc.) ordinances adopted by the City Council. The work of codification is highly technical and substantially complex in nature, therefore the City Clerk's Office has contracted with Code Publishing (vendor) to perform the codification of the BCC and LUC since the mid-nineties. The vendor has been hosting the online version of the BCC and LUC since 2002.

In coordination with a platform update by the vendor, staff in the City Clerk's Office began working to update the look and feel and user interface for the online code, allowing for an improved experience from the end-user perspective and offering new and enhanced features to supplement the current features being offered.

New Features

The new interface creates a smooth transition between the city website and the BCC/LUC and offers a platform that mirrors the city website in look and feel. The new interface is mobile responsive, making the BCC/LUC accessible and more consistent from any device.

In addition, several new features have been implemented with the goal of an improved research experience for internal and external customers.

New features include:

- **Links to Zoning Definitions:** customers can hover over underlined terms in the BCC/LUC and a pop-up will appear with the definition of that term.
- **CodeTrak:** sections containing recently codified ordinances are highlighted with a “revised” green alert in the table of contents and the code.
- **Archival/Compare Versions:** customers can view prior versions of the code, as well as compare archival versions, in redline, to the current code. A new version is created each time the BCC/LUC is updated.

The launch of the new interface and additional features is scheduled for Thursday, June 7. For additional information about the new interface or new features of the City Code and Land Use Code, please contact Charmaine Arredondo, Assistant Director in the City Clerk’s Office, at 452-6466.