

TEMPORARY ENCAMPMENT Land Use Code Amendment

(Ch. 20.30U LUC)

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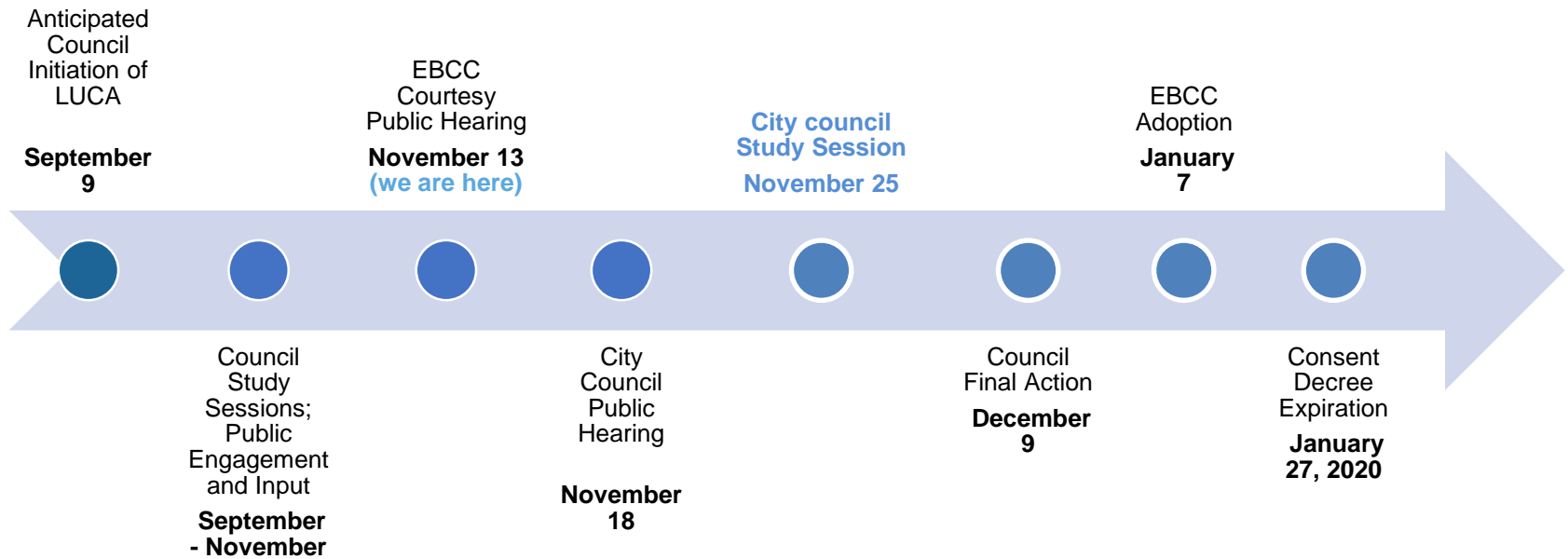


Agenda

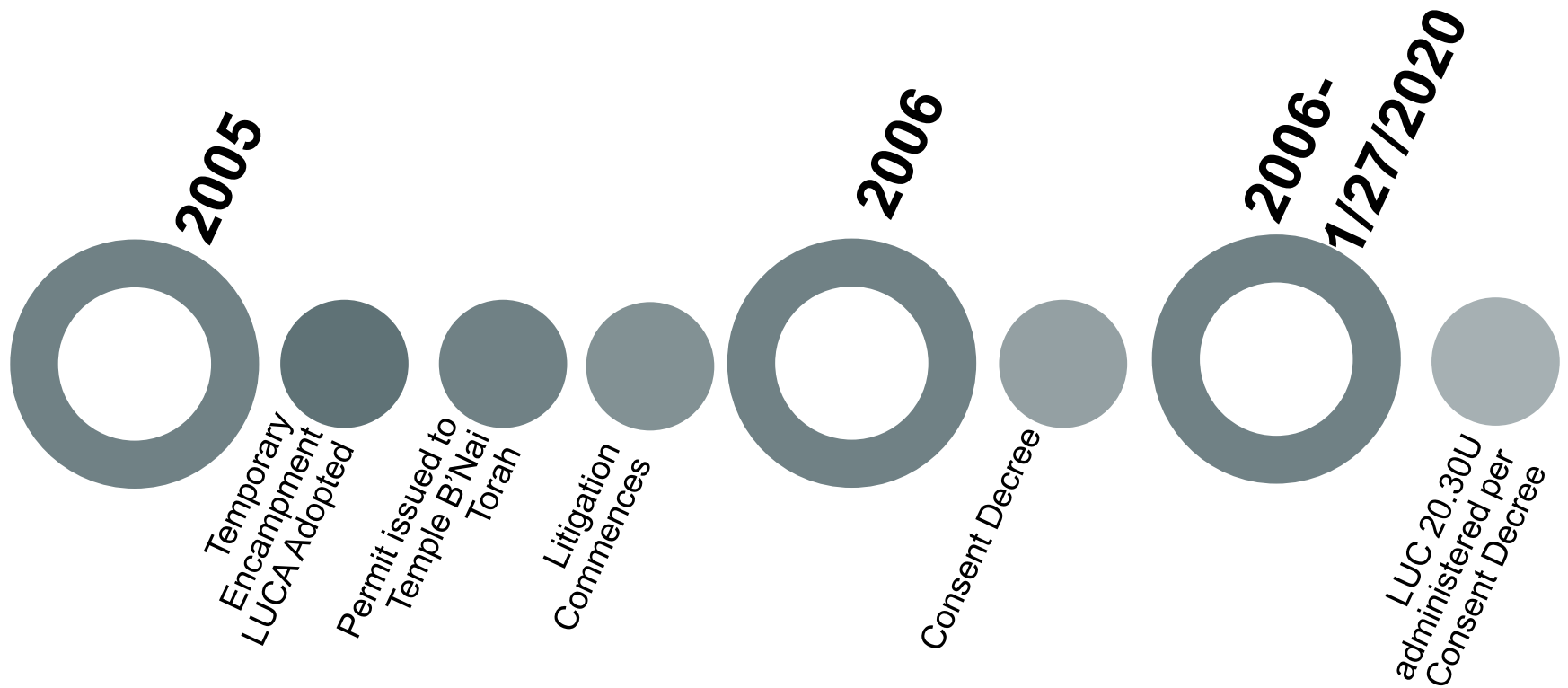
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4. Public Engagement Plan & Schedule



Schedule



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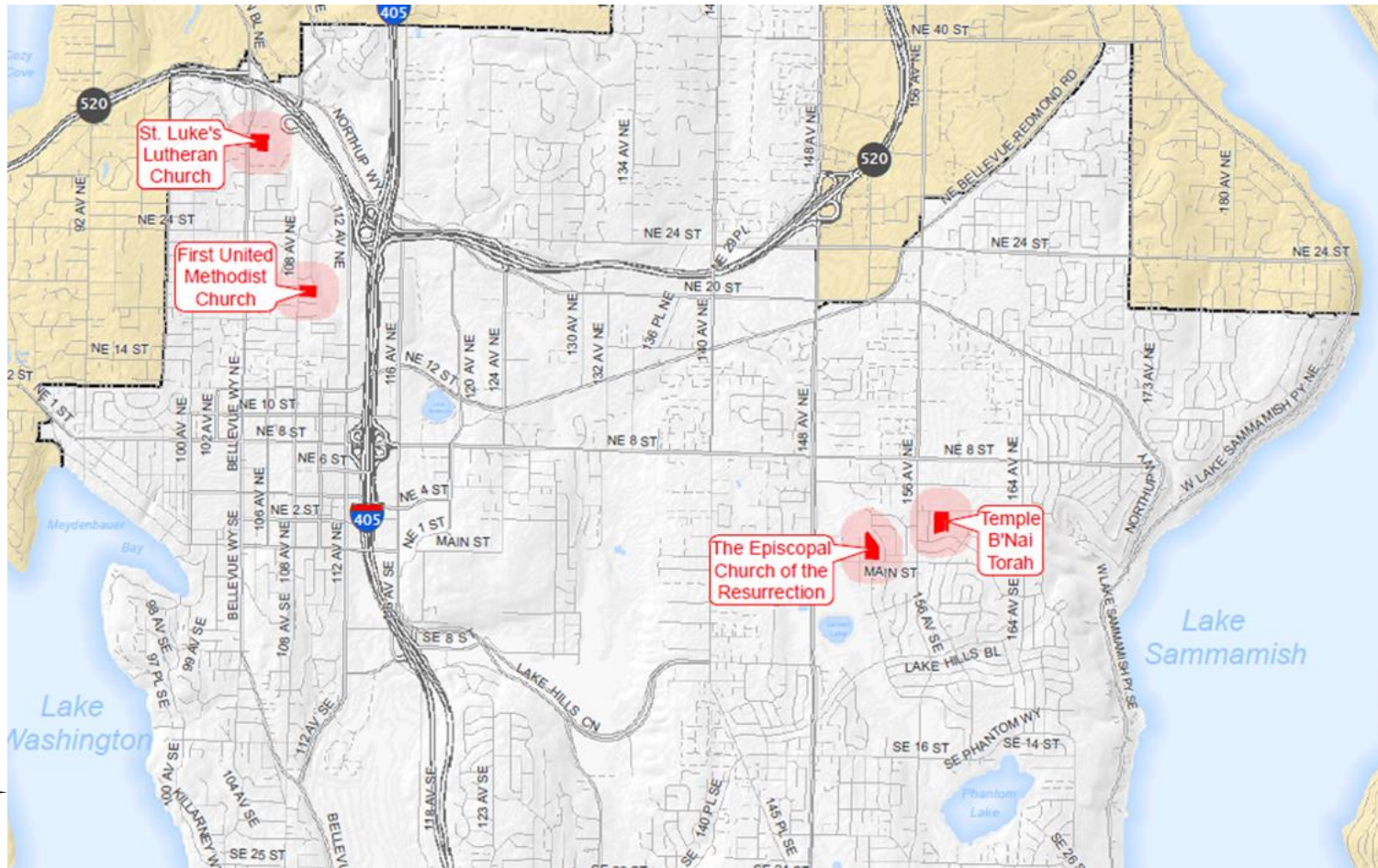
What this LUCA is not

LUC 20.30U does not regulate:

- Unlawful camping on public property such as in parks, public right of way, etc.
- Parking or sleeping overnight in vehicles.
- Temporary or permanent shelters for persons experiencing homelessness



Temporary Encampment Hosts 2005 - 2016



Stakeholder Feedback

Original Signatories and Neighborhood Focus Group



Encampment Host Feedback

- Tent cities are necessary and have a right to exist.
- The Consent Decree and 20.30U are outdated.
- Simplification of the permitting process for religious institutions who have hosted previously.
- Tent cities should be managed consistently throughout the region.



Neighborhood Group Feedback

- Increase accountability for encampment hosts and operators.
- Seek alignments between Consent Decree and 20.30U.
- Incorporate best practices learned from previous hostings.
- Bellevue based solution for temporary encampments.
- Create flexibility for hosts who are committed to working with the adjacent neighborhood.



Topics for Council Consideration



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- **Four Recommended Topics:**
 1. Alignment of health standards to the consent decree
 2. Neighborhood engagement
 3. Location frequency and duration
 4. Permit process



Alignment of Health and Safety Standards to the Consent Decree

Experience:

- 13+ years of operating in this manner
- Success in preventing disease and protecting public health
- Better reflect practical realities that exist on temporary encampment sites (e.g. showers available, water supply)

Staff Recommendation: Amend health and safety standards to reflect operations under Consent Decree



Neighborhood Engagement

Staff recommendations:

- Remove litter requirement from the LUC
- Establish Optional Post-Issuance Meeting Between encampment host and neighborhood
 - Director discretion to require meeting



Duration and Frequency

Duration

- **Current Framework:** 90 days
- **Staff Recommendation:** 120 days

Frequency

- **Current Framework:**
 - 18-month gap between deployments to the same site.
 - Limits deployments to one per calendar year.
 - Minimum 180-day gap between deployments to the City
- **Staff Recommendation:** Consolidate site-specific and City-wide requirements to a 12-month gap between deployments in the City



Streamlined Permit Process

Year 1 Application Requirements

**ESTIMATED PROCESS
TIME: 120 DAYS**

Application

Encampment Management Responsibility Plan

- Description of Security Measures
- Insurance information
- Exemptions sought (e.g. hardship)
- Transportation Plan
- Proposed site plan
- Street address

Meet and confer with Bellevue Police Department

Meet and confer with schools/day cares

Public meeting

Mailed and signed notice of application



Streamlined Permit Process

Subsequent Year Application Requirements

(for no change, minor modifications)

**ESTIMATED PROCESS
TIME: 60 DAYS**

- Courtesy letter to neighbors
- Description of proposal
- Arrival / departure dates
- Identification of any modification to previous approval
- Safety and Security Report
- Periodic Operation Reports



Public Engagement & Schedule



Public Engagement Plan

- Inform community stakeholders of potential changes
- Process IV Requirements:
 - Public Hearing held by Council
 - Courtesy Public Hearing before EBCC
- Enhancements:
 - Establish web presence under Hot Topics
 - PIO to message LUCA progression
 - Create a LUCA mailbox for commenters



Questions/Discussion?

- 1. Health and Safety Standards:** Included within the initial draft LUCA
- 2. Neighborhood Engagement:** Eliminate the litter patrol and add an optional post issuance meeting
- 3. Duration and Frequency:** Increase the length of stay to 120 days with a 12-month gap citywide
- 4. Streamlined Permit Process (5-year approval):** Provide a streamlined permitting process for sites in good standing



Five Year Approval with One Year Gaps



Maximum Frequency of Deployments Citywide

