

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Ordinance amending the Bellevue Land Use Code at Parts 20.30I.130.A.2.d, 20.30I.110, and 20.30I.A.2.a LUC, for the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process; and establishing an effective date.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As directed by the City Council on October 23, this Ordinance amends the text of the Land Use Code at Chapter 20.30I LUC for the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process to respond to changing needs or conditions of the City which have been identified in the review process for privately-initiated plan amendments.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6495.

If approved, effective date: 12/10/2019

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Planning Commission's unanimous recommendation to approve these proposed amendments to the text of the Land Use Code for the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process was presented to the City Council at the November 4 Study Session. The amendments are being returned tonight for adoption to ensure the amendments are applicable, as appropriate, to the 2020 annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process.

As a result of their November 4 Study Session, Councilmembers directed staff to return with an Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process at LUC 20.30I as follows:

- Initiation of amendment proposals section in [20.30I.130.A.2.d](#) (Application for Consideration of Amendment Proposals) would be amended to measure the limitation decision criterion from when an application for a proposed plan amendment is submitted **and to change the limitation period from three years to two years**. This measuring would continue to apply to property added through geographic scoping; and
- The Scope and Background section in [20.30I.110](#) would be amended to prohibit amendments proposed by the public within a Great Neighborhoods area while a Council-initiated plan amendment process is underway in that area; and
- Initiation of amendment proposals section in [20.30I.130.A.2.a](#) (Application for Consideration of Amendment Proposals. Time) would be amended to require applications be submitted by September 15 of the year preceding the annual review year.

- ***A staff report to City Council regarding the effect of these changes on the annual comprehensive plan amendment process would be required.*** This report would be due to the City Council after the next [major] periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan. The major update is due to be completed by June 2023, so a report could be presented to City Council in 2025.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Comprehensive Plan

The intent of the proposed amendments is to assure their use as a mechanism to “respond to changing conditions or needs of the City” as Comprehensive Plan policy is interpreted and implemented (LUC 20.30J.120 – Purpose).

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing these LUC amendments. The fee structure for applications for proposals to privately initiate a site-specific Comprehensive Plan amendment is not affected by the number of applications in any given year.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance amending the Bellevue Land Use Code at Parts 20.30I.130.A.2.d, 20.30I.110, and 20.30I.A.2.a LUC, for the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process; and establishing an effective date.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Summary of November 4 Study Session minutes
- B. Ordinance – redlined
Proposed Ordinance No. 6495

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N/A