

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6540

AN ORDINANCE suspending the requirement in Bellevue City Code (BCC) Section 14.60.070 for the owners of property with a Transportation Management Program (TMP) performance goal to conduct biennial surveys for the 2020-2021 measurement cycle.

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the worldwide outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission, which significantly impacts the life and health of Washington's people, as well as the economy; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Bellevue, pursuant to the authority granted by Bellevue City Code (BCC) 9.22.010, proclaimed that a civil emergency exists within the City of Bellevue due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a state of worldwide pandemic due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency due to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Inslee imposed a Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order throughout Washington State prohibiting all people in Washington State from leaving their homes, with few exceptions, and prohibiting businesses determined by the Governor to be non-essential from conducting business until midnight on April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Stay Home – Stay Healthy Order was subsequently extended, and on May 31, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.4 transitioning from Stay Home – Stay Healthy to Safe Start – Stay Healthy County-By-County Phased Reopening, which was subsequently amended but still remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, King County is in Phase two of the Governor's four phase reopening plan; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many employees are teleworking and not commuting to the worksite; and

WHEREAS, a survey measurement taken this fall would not provide meaningful indication that a building is making longer-term, substantive progress

toward its performance goal given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on employees commuting to work; and

WHEREAS, in addition, conducting such surveys requires significant effort on the part of building managers and their tenant contacts to disseminate the survey messaging to employees and, especially, to send follow up messaging to encourage employee response and thus secure an adequate overall rate of response; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the City Council finds that the requirement in BCC 14.60.070 to conduct biennial surveys for certain properties should be suspended for the 2020-2021 measurement cycle; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The requirement in Bellevue City Code (BCC) Section 14.60.070 for the owners of property with a Transportation Management Program (TMP) performance goal to conduct biennial surveys is hereby suspended for the 2020-2021 measurement cycle.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2020
and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____,
2020.

(SEAL)

Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Kathryn L. Gerla, City Attorney

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Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk

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