

CITY OF SEATTLE

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COUNCIL BILL _____

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4 AN ORDINANCE amending the Seattle Comprehensive Plan to incorporate changes proposed
5 as part of the 2011-2012 Comprehensive Plan annual amendment process.

6 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle adopted a Comprehensive Plan through Ordinance 117221 in
7 1994; and

8 WHEREAS, the City of Seattle last amended the Comprehensive Plan through Ordinance
9 123854 on April 2, 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, the City Council adopted procedures in Resolution 31117 for amending the
11 Comprehensive Plan consistent with the requirements for amendment prescribed by the
Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A; and

12 WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act, Chapter 36.70A RCW, requires that the City's
13 Comprehensive Plan be subject to continuing review and evaluation; and

14 WHEREAS, in determining which amendments to consider the Council applied criteria set out in
15 Resolution 30662; and

16 WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 31370 to adopt principles and a revised
17 schedule for conducting the state-mandated Major Review and Update of the
Comprehensive Plan;

18 WHEREAS, various parties proposed amendments for consideration during the 2012-2013
19 annual amendment process, including amendments that represent a portion of the
scheduled Major Review; and

20 WHEREAS, the Council's Planning, Land Use and Sustainability Committee held a public
21 hearing on July 11, 2012, to take public testimony on the amendments proposed for
22 consideration; and

23 WHEREAS, the Council's Planning, Land Use and Sustainability Committee met on July 25 and
24 August 8, 2012, to consider the proposed amendments; and

25 WHEREAS, on August 13, 2012, the City Council considered these proposed Comprehensive
26 Plan amendments and adopted Council Resolution 31396 directing that City staff further
review and analyze certain proposed amendments; and

1 WHEREAS, these proposed amendments have been reviewed and analyzed by the Department
2 of Planning and Development and considered by the Council; and

3 WHEREAS, the City has provided for public participation in the development and review of
4 these proposed amendments that comply with the Growth Management Act's
5 requirement for early and continuous public participation in the development and
6 amendment of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

6 WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and considered the Executive's report and
7 recommendations, public testimony made at the public hearing, and other pertinent
8 material regarding the proposed amendments; and

8 WHEREAS, the Council finds that the amendments to be adopted are consistent with the Growth
9 Management Act, and will protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the
10 general public; NOW, THEREFORE,

11 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

12 Section 1. The Seattle Comprehensive Plan, as last amended by Ordinance ____, is
13 amended as follows:

- 14 A. Climate Action: Amend the Discussion in the Urban Village Element and policies in
15 the Environment Element, as shown in Attachment A, to guide City activities in ways
16 that will help achieve the City's adopted climate goals.
- 17 B. Urban Design: Add a new Urban Design Element, as shown in Attachment B.
- 18 C. Healthy Food: Amend the Urban Village, Land Use, Economic Development and
19 Human Development Elements, as shown in Attachment C, to clarify the City's role
20 in urban food systems.
- 21 D. Transit Communities: Add a new section to the Land Use Element, as shown in
22 Attachment D, describing an approach to encouraging and investments near key
23 transit stops.
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1 E. Broadview-Bitter Lake-Haller Lake Neighborhood Plan: Amend the Neighborhood
2 Planning Element, as shown in Attachment E; and amend the Future Land Use Map,
3 as shown in Attachment F, to reflect the results of engagement with the community.

4 F. Rainier Beach Neighborhood Plan: Amend the Neighborhood Planning Element, as
5 shown in Attachment G; and amend the Future Land Use Map, as shown in
6 Attachment H, to reflect the results of engagement with the community.

7 G. Container Port Discussion: Add the following language as a Discussion in the
8 Container Port Element:

9 The Port of Seattle is one of the largest cargo centers in the United States, serving
10 as the entry and exit point for marine cargo to and from the Pacific Rim and Alaska.

11 The Port of Seattle container operations are unique among West Coast ports
12 because they are adjacent to the urban core, abutting the busy downtown, a tourist-
13 friendly waterfront and two sports stadiums that attract millions of visitors each year.

14 The Port of Seattle's marine cargo terminal plays a vital role in the Seattle economy.

15 The Port of Seattle includes approximately 1,400 acres of waterfront land and nearby
16 properties. Nearly 800 acres of that land are dedicated to container terminal

17 operations and cargo handling. Most of the freight shipped through the Port travels
18 in intermodal containers that are transferred to or from railcars or trucks on the dock.

19 Some of the containers are shuttled by truck between BNSF and UP railroad yards.

20 Marine cargo accounts for thousands of jobs, millions of dollars of state and local
21 taxes and billions of dollars in business and personal income for Seattle and the
22 region.

23 As vital as the marine cargo economic sector is, it is also vulnerable to changes in
24 nearby land uses, traffic infrastructure and congestion, and larger economic
25 conditions. In 2007, the City strengthened protection for industrial uses in industrial
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1 zones by limiting the maximum size of office and retail uses. This Element advances
2 the same policy intention while responding to the state mandate.

3 The state legislation that requires the inclusion of this Container Port Element in this
4 Plan also identifies approaches that the City may consider using in the future. These
5 include creating a “port overlay” district to specifically protect container port uses;
6 industrial land banking; applying land use buffers or transition zones between
7 incompatible land uses; limiting the location, size, or both, of non-industrial uses in
8 the core area and surrounding areas; policies to encourage the retention of valuable
9 warehouse and storage facilities; and joint transportation funding agreements. The
10 core area is defined as roughly co-terminus with the Duwamish
11 Manufacturing/Industrial Center. The state law also adds key freight transportation
12 corridors that serve marine port facilities to the state’s list of transportation facilities of
13 statewide significance.

14 H. Recreational Boating Industry: Amend policy ED 11 in the Economic Development
15 Element as follows: “Recognize the importance of tourism and its support of
16 international trade as well as its contribution to the health of the Seattle retail core.
17 Recognize the important contribution of historic districts such as Pioneer Square and
18 the Pike Place Market to tourism, and support the continued protection and
19 enhancement of these districts. Recognize the role of Seattle’s recreational boat
20 industry in attracting tourists to visit and to extend their visits to the city.”

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22 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
23 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
24 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

1 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2012, and
2 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
3 ____ day of _____, 2012.

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6 President _____ of the City Council

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8 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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11 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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13 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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16 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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