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| <b>Subject:</b><br><br>Street Element Excerpt from the Ballard Municipal Center Master Plan— Appendix to Street Improvement Manual*<br><br>*NOTE: The Street Improvement Manual is Joint Director's Rule DCLU 30-90 & SDOT 91-4 | <b>Code and Section Reference:</b><br><br>Land Use Code<br>Chapter 23.53 |  |
|   | <b>Type of Rule:</b><br><br>Code Interpretation                          |  |
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## Background

The Ballard Municipal Center is the priority element that emerged from the Ballard/Crown Hill Neighborhood Plan, which was recognized by the City Council in 1998. The Ballard Municipal Center Master Plan is intended to help achieve a healthy, vibrant urban core in Ballard, and to be a catalyst to encourage high quality public and private investment. The street element of the Ballard Municipal Center Master Plan, pages 19 - 36, establishes a consistent design framework and identifies

elements that balance the needs of pedestrians, motorists and services. The Master Plan area extends from 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northwest to 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northwest and from Northwest 56<sup>th</sup> Street to Northwest 58<sup>th</sup> Street, including abutting properties.

## **Rule**

The Street Element, an excerpt of the Ballard Municipal Center Master Plan, is incorporated into the Seattle Street Improvement Manual as Appendix B. The provisions of the Street Element of the Ballard Municipal Center Master Plan are voluntary. However, property owners are encouraged to follow them in order to achieve the intent of the Master Plan.

The concept plans for the street designs in the Street Element have been pre-approved by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). Wheelchair ramps as shown in the Street Element must comply with the most current version of City of Seattle Standard Plan No. 422. Therefore, Street Use Permit submittals that follow these concept plans can be assured that the major design elements contained in their plans meet and exceed the requirements described in the Street Improvement Manual. The Street Improvement Manual is the standards manual used by SDOT's Street Use Division in the permit review process for private contracts.

## **Reason**

While the Street Element of the Ballard Municipal Center Plan does not establish requirements, the designs in the Master Plan have been approved through an intensive review by SDOT. Adopting the Street Element excerpt from the Master Plan as an Appendix to the Street Improvement Manual provides recognition of the Plan and design guidance to property owners who wish to follow the Plan.