

**NOTICE OF A SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED COUNCIL BILL
EXTENDING PROVISIONS ALLOWING FOR VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW
OF DESIGN REVIEW, LANDMARK, AND OTHER PROCESSES**

In April 2020, the Seattle City Council adopted, and the Mayor signed, Ordinance 126072 to facilitate virtual meetings and virtual public outreach, allow projects to elect to be processed through administrative design review while SDCI set up a system for virtual public meetings, and allow various processes related to historic preservation and public school departures to be handled administratively.

Ordinance 126072 will expire on October 25, 2020. In light of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing need for these measures, several of the provisions included in Ordinance 126072 are proposed to extend until six months after the termination of the civil emergency proclaimed by the Mayor on March 3, 2020. The proposal includes the following:

Design Review

- Allow virtual meetings to continue.
- Allow applicants meeting certain milestones to elect administrative review until December 31, 2020.
- Exempt affordable housing projects from Design Review and allows the SDCI Director to permit modifications to certain development standards.
- Allow electronic and other methods to substitute for in-person early community outreach.
- Allow administrative review of certain permit applications at Yesler Terrace.

Historic Preservation

Allow administrative review of certain applications within the Pioneer Square, Ballard Avenue, Columbia City, Ft. Lawton, Harvard-Belmont, Pike Place Market, Sand Pt. Naval Air Station, and International Special Review Districts.

Public School Departures

Allow administrative review of applications for development standard departures for public school structures.

Planned Community Developments

Allow developers of proposals for Planned Community Developments (a downtown master planning process that allows development potential to be move across blocks when public benefits are provided) to conduct other types of public outreach instead of having in-person public meetings.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council's Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee will hold a public hearing on the ordinance on Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 AM. The hearing will be held in the:

City Council Chambers 2nd floor,
Seattle City Hall 600 Fourth Avenue

Due to the COVID-19 civil emergency declared by the City and the State of Washington, persons who wish to participate in or attend the hearing may be required to do so remotely. The City will provide instructions in the meeting agenda on how to participate remotely. Please check the Committee agenda a few days prior to the meeting at <http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees>.

Council Hearing Notice for Publication in the August 24 LUIB and DJC

Print and communications access is provided on prior request. Please contact Noah An at (206) 684-5326 or via e-mail at: noah.an@seattle.gov as soon as possible to request accommodations for a disability.

Questions concerning the public hearing may be directed to Noah An in Councilmember Dan Strauss' office, by calling (206) 684-5326 or via e-mail at: noah.an@seattle.gov.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the bill will be accepted through 5:00 PM on September 22, 2020. Please send comments to Noah An in Councilmember Dan Strauss' office, via e-mail at: noah.an@seattle.gov, or by mail to:

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The proposed bill and a Director's Report from the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections describing the bill are available at: <http://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/land-use-and-neighborhoods>.

Questions regarding the legislation may be directed to Mike Podowski of SDCI at (206) 386-1988, mike.podowski@seattle.gov; or Ketil Freeman of the City Council Central Staff at (206) 684-8178, ketil.freeman@seattle.gov