

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

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AN ORDINANCE relating to land use and zoning; amending the Seattle Comprehensive Plan to incorporate changes proposed as part of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan annual amendment process.

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WHEREAS, The City of Seattle adopted a Comprehensive Plan through Ordinance 117221 in 1994 and most recently adopted amendments to its Comprehensive Plan in December 2022 through Ordinance 126730; and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW, authorizes annual amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the adopted procedures in Resolution 31807 provide the process for interested citizens to propose annual Comprehensive Plan amendments for consideration by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, various parties proposed amendments for consideration during the 2022 annual amendment process; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2022, the City Council considered these proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and adopted Resolution 32068, directing that City staff further review and analyze certain proposed amendments relating to the Industrial and Maritime Strategy; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the City convened a Industrial and Maritime Strategy Council to advise the City on development of an Industrial and Maritime Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the stakeholder committee consisted of a City-wide committee and 4 regional committees representing Georgetown/South Park, SODO, Interbay, and Ballard; and

1 WHEREAS, the principles that guided the Industry and Maritime Strategy Council focused on:

- 2 • Actions to strengthen racial equity and recovery;
- 3 • Using the power of local workers and companies to chart a blueprint for the future using
- 4 the principles of restorative economics to support the cultural, economic, and political
- 5 power of communities most impacted by economic and racial inequities;
- 6 • Strengthening and growing Seattle’s industrial and maritime sectors so communities that
- 7 have been excluded from the prosperity of our region can benefit from our future growth;
- 8 • Promoting equitable access to high quality, family-wage jobs and entrepreneurship for
- 9 Black, Indigenous, and People of Color through an inclusive industrial economy and
- 10 ladders of economic opportunity;
- 11 • Improving the movement of people and goods to and within industrial zones and
- 12 increases safety for all travel modes;
- 13 • Aligning Seattle’s industrial and maritime strategy with key climate and environmental
- 14 protection goals; and
- 15 • Developing a proactive land use policy agenda that harnesses growth and economic
- 16 opportunities to ensure innovation and industrial jobs are a robust part of our future
- 17 economy that is inclusive of emerging industries and supportive of diverse
- 18 entrepreneurship; and

19 WHEREAS, in May 2021 the Industrial and Maritime Strategy Council issued a report  
20 recommending eleven strategies to advance the guiding principles of the Council; and

21 WHEREAS, land use issues are addressed in six of the 11 strategies; and

22 WHEREAS, on July 8, 2021, pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and the  
23 City’s environmental polices set out in Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 23.50, the Office

1 of Planning and Community Development issued a Determination of Significance and  
2 initiated a SEPA scoping period to seek public comment on four distinct land use  
3 alternatives each based on a new industrial land policy framework reflective of the  
4 Strategy Council’s recommendations and received 105 comments; and

5 WHEREAS, on December 15, 2021 Office of Planning and Community Development issued the  
6 Industrial and Maritime Strategy Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and

7 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) held two public  
8 hearings during a 75-day public comment period and received 142 comments; and

9 WHEREAS, in September 2022 Office of Planning and Community Development issued a Final  
10 Environmental Impact Statement featuring a preferred alternative; and

11 WHEREAS, OPCD is proposing five ordinances that together implement the land use strategies  
12 recommended by the Industrial and Maritime Strategy Council and that were studied in  
13 the Industrial and Maritime Strategy Environmental Impact Statement, including this  
14 ordinance amending Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan to create a new land use policy  
15 framework; and

16 WHEREAS, these proposed amendments has have been reviewed and analyzed by OPCD and  
17 considered by the Council; and

18 WHEREAS, the City has provided for public participation in the development and review of  
19 these proposed amendments and other changes to comply with the Growth Management  
20 Act, including requirements for early and continuous public participation in the  
21 development and amendment of the City’s Comprehensive Plan; and

1 WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and considered the Director’s report and  
2 recommendations, public testimony made at the public hearings, and other pertinent  
3 material regarding all the proposed amendments; and

4 WHEREAS, the Council finds that this amendment to the Comprehensive Plan is consistent with  
5 the Growth Management Act, and will protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare  
6 of the general public; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 Section 1. The Seattle Comprehensive Plan, last amended by Ordinance 126730, is  
9 amended to include amendments to the Growth Strategy Element and the Future Land Use Map  
10 as shown in Attachments 1 and 2 to this ordinance.

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- 1 Att 3 – Amendments to the Comprehensive Future Land Use Map - Judkins Park
- 2 Att 4 – Amendments to the Comprehensive Future Land Use Map - South Park