

Right-of-Way Use Code Amendments



City Council Study Session

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Purpose of today's presentation

- Introduction of proposed amendments to SMC Chapter 11.10
- Council direction on any desired modifications
- Schedule amendments for final action (consent or action item)

City Council Goal

- Foster a positive business environment and aggressively pursue economic development opportunities to attract and retain businesses and jobs while maintaining reasonable laws and regulations

Incorporate Routine Housekeeping Measures

- Throughout SMC Chapter 11.10.
- Incorporate routine housekeeping measures following the 2011 reorganization (definitions, references, department names, typos, etc).
- These revisions were not fully captured during the original code revisions implementing the reorganization.

Extend ROW Permit Duration

- Section 11.10.140 Renewal of Permits
- Clarify the extension of a ROW use permit's duration to match the corresponding building permit duration.
- Matching permit durations will reduce the conflict in tracking and monitoring of permits.

Incorporate and simplify provisions for large-scale material hauling permits

- Section 11.10.080 (D) Right-of-Way Use Permits
- Incorporate and simplify provisions for large-scale material hauling permits (Class E ROW Permits) from Exhibit D of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Port of Seattle.
- Proposed standards would be city-wide for material haul quantities at and above 50,000 cy. ILA currently has a 100,000 cy threshold.
- Approval of this provision would eliminate the need for continuing Exhibit D in an updated ILA.

Modify Right-of-Way Restoration Requirements

- Section 11.10.260 (A) Right-of-Way Restoration
- Modify right-of-way restoration requirements to memorialize a long-standing operational policy that prohibits the cutting and excavating of City roadways that were reconstructed or rehabilitated within five (5) years.
- Include a clear process for requesting an exception to this time limitation.

Next Steps

- Council Direction:
 - Any proposed modification or additional review
 - Placement on Consent Agenda or Action Item for 11/24 RCM



Council Comments and Questions?