

Code Amendments



City Council Study Session

April 22, 2014

3 categories of amendments

1. Hearing Examiner duties and land use decision criteria.
2. SEPA Substantive Authority
3. Comprehensive Plan (new chapter)

Hearing Examiner amendments

- Removes duplications, avoids conflicts between SMC 1.20 and Zoning Code citations
- SMC 1.20 amendments were reviewed by Planning Commission
- Decision criteria to remain in Zoning Code
- Other amendments for clarification or consistency.

SEPA Substantive Authority (SMC 16A.23.130)

- Amendments update an outdated portion of Code
- Basis for conditioning proposals through the SEPA process
- Proposed amendments cite currently used policy documents

Comprehensive Plan

- Adds a new chapter to Code (SMC 16A.25)
- Identifies all documents that constitute the Plan
- Provides foundation for the amendment process
- Ensures consistency with State Growth Management Act

Questions?