

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
Sales and Use Tax Deferral for Conversions to Housing
Seattle Municipal Code Amendment**

The Seattle City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 on a proposed ordinance that would authorize a sales and use tax deferral program for owners of underutilized commercial properties seeking to convert their buildings into housing and affordable housing. The legislation enacts the authority granted to the City by the State of Washington through Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 6175 (E2SSB 6175). The City Council voted to approve a resolution stating the City’s intent to enact the program on December 17, 2024. The intent of the tax deferral is to encourage the production of market rate and affordable housing and employment opportunities in targeted urban areas including downtown Seattle. The action is one of the strategies from Mayor Harrell’s Downtown Activation Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed bill on Tuesday, February 4, 2024, at 2:00 pm. The hearing will be held in the:

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

Persons who wish to participate in or attend the hearing may be offered the opportunity to do so remotely. If this is the case, the City will provide instructions in the meeting agenda on how to participate remotely. Please check the City Council agenda a few days prior to the meeting at www.seattle.gov/cityclerk/agendas-and-legislative-resources/city-council-agendas and click on “current agendas” on the left hand side of the web page.

Print and communications access is provided on prior request. Please contact Asha Venkataraman at 206-684-5382 or via e-mail at: Asha.Venkataraman@Seattle.gov as soon as possible to request accommodations for a disability.

Questions concerning the public hearing may be directed via e-mail to Geoff Wentlandt in the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) at Geoffrey.Wentlandt@Seattle.gov , or Asha Venkataraman on the Council Central Staff at Asha.Venkataraman@Seattle.gov .

WRITTEN COMMENTS

For publication in the LUIB and DJC on December 23, 2024

Written comments on the legislation will be accepted until noon on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Please send comments to Council President Sara Nelson via e-mail at: Sara.Nelson@seattle.gov, or by mail to:

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Copies of the proposed bill and associated documents describing the tax deferral program may be obtained from the Office of Planning and Community Development website at www.seattle.gov/opcd/office-to-residential .

Questions regarding the legislation may be directed to Geoff Wentlandt in the City of Seattle Office of Planning and Community Development at (206) 683-0111 or via e-mail at geoffrey.wentlandt@seattle.gov or Asha Venkataraman at the City Council Central Staff at (206) 684-5382 or via email at asha.venkataraman@seattle.gov .