



Schools Conditional Use Code Refinement Project

City Council Hearing
February 23, 2011



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Today's Agenda

1. Recap of April 2010 hearings
2. Introduction of Mayor's alternative proposal
3. Public testimony (continued from previous hearings)
4. City Council discussion and action



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Recap of April 2010 Hearings

On April 22, 2010, Council heard testimony on 4 topics:

1. Enrollment Fluctuations
2. Change of Grade Level
3. Recreational Field Uses
4. Conditional Use Status for Vacant School Property



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Recap of April 2010 Hearings

On April 28, 2010, Council adopted amendments related to Recreational Field Uses and continued hearing on school-related topics.



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Questions this project seeks to resolve:

1. What are appropriate **thresholds** to trigger Conditional Use (CU) Reviews?
2. What type of CU Review is appropriate: **Type II** or **Type III**?



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Topic 1 Enrollment Fluctuations

- Flexibility needed to address changing demographics
- Allow fluctuations in enrollment without CU review; use square footage as CU trigger instead



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Topic 2 Change of Grade Level

- Levels vs. grades
- Code compliance complaints
- Clarify what triggers a CU when new grades are added to an existing school



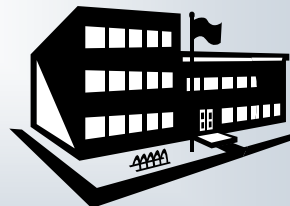
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Topic 4 Conditional Use Status for Vacant School Property

- Extend length of time that may pass before vacant schools lose CU Status
- Current - 3 years
- Recommended - 5 years



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Issues Raised at April 22, 2010 Hearing

- Transportation safety when mixing grades
- Need for expanded coordination between school districts and City
- Impacts of school closures on communities
- Code enforcement concerns
- Public's role in CU reviews (Type II / Type III)
- Safe Routes to Schools Program



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Planning Commission's Recommendation

Adopt: *Schools and Parks Conditional Use Code Refinement Project - Recommended Draft*, which includes amendments to the Zoning Code;
and

Direct staff to pursue:

- Agreements between school districts and the City of Portland, and
- Policy changes in the Portland Plan and the Comprehensive Plan update

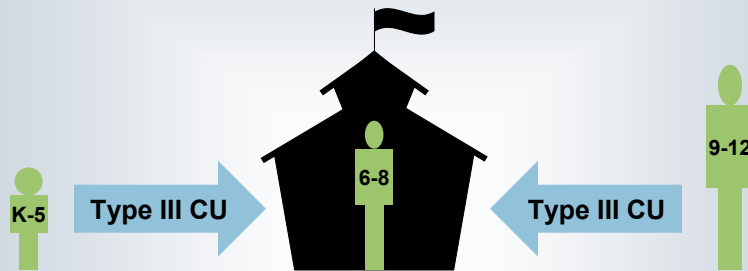


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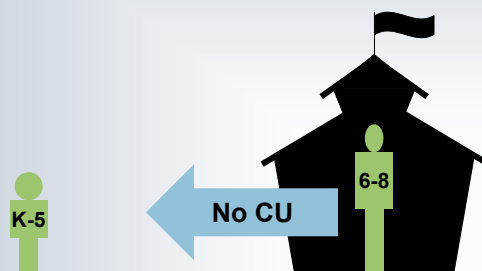


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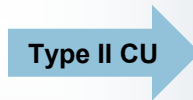
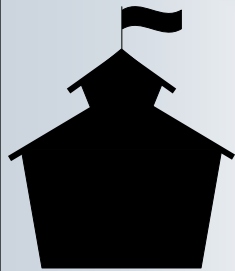


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