

# Neighborhood Contact Code Update

Briefing 56/26/2018

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### Where did this project come from?

- Comprehensive Plan changes to existing requirement
- Initially part of Code Reconciliation **Project**

Neighborhood Contact **Building permit application**Permit information available online

Neighborhood Contact Type I or II LUR

Mailed notice,
comment period

Building permit application

Neighborhood Contact Type III LUR

Mailed notice,
staff report, public hearing

Building permit application



# Current Requirement: Thresholds

- Development in multi-dwelling or commercial zones
  - Add ≥10,000 sq ft of building area or ≥5 new dwelling units
  - Not subject to LUR
- Development in campus institution zones
  - Add ≥10,000 sq ft
  - Not subject to LUR

### Current Requirement: Thresholds

- Type IIx or Type III Land divisions and planned developments
- Design-related reviews
  - Proposals using community design standards
  - Proposals involving design or historic review
    - in ...
      - a overlay
      - Albina Community Plan
      - Outer Southeast Community Plan
    - that ...
      - create >3 new units or
      - >10,000 sq ft of building area



# Current Requirement: Process

- Applicant <u>requests</u> a meeting with local neighborhood association (NA).
- NA may then <u>choose</u> to meet with the applicant.
- If a meeting is held, applicant must <u>mail</u> a follow-up letter to NA.

# What problems are we trying to solve?

- Reach of notice
- Consistency and predictability
  - process
  - thresholds

### Key elements of proposal

- All projects in most zones, creating >10,000 sq ft of new building, trigger the requirement.
- Applicant posts a sign and sends an email or mail to NA, district coalition and BA.
- If the project creates >25,000 sq ft of new building, applicant must also hold a public meeting.

# What problems are we trying to solve?

### Reach of notice

- Require on-site sign for projects >10,000 square feet
- Require a meeting for projects >25,000 square feet

### What problems are we trying to solve?

### Consistency and predictability

- Process
  - Developer is always responsible for notice and meeting.
  - Timeline is more consistent.

### Thresholds

- All building permit and LURs for developments > 10,000 square feet will trigger requirement.
- Note: some smaller projects that would trigger the requirement now would not trigger it under the proposal.

## Comparison: Process

	Before 5/24/2018	Current	Proposed	
Initial contact	Letter offering meeting with NA	Letter offering meeting with NA	<ul><li>Letter summarizing project</li><li>Sign summarizing project</li></ul>	
Recipients of contact	NA and DC	NA, DC, BA and school district	<ul> <li>Letter: NA, DC, BA and (for larger projects) school district</li> <li>Sign: Anybody passing by</li> </ul>	
Method of initial contact	Certified mail	Certified mail	Email or mail	

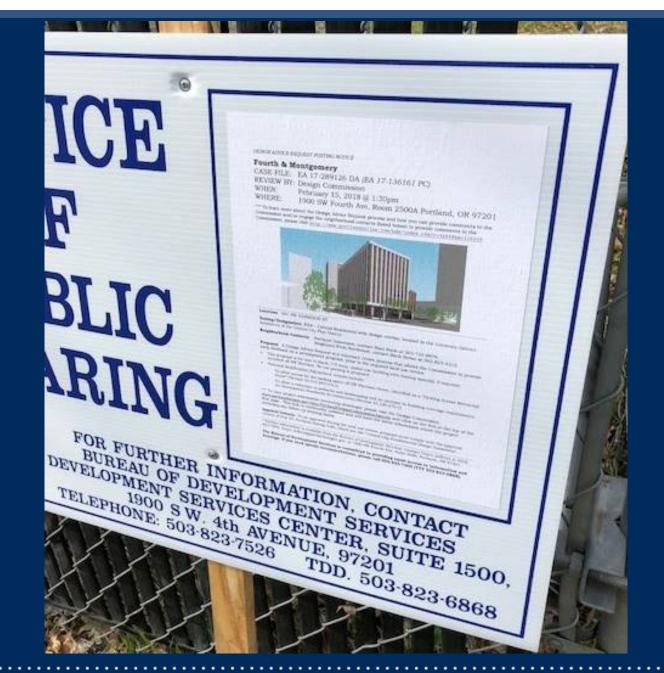
## Comparison: Process

	Before 5/24/2018	Current	Proposed
Meeting responsibility	Neighborhood Association	Neighborhood Association	Applicant
Meeting timing	Up to 45 days after letter mailed	Up to 45 days after letter mailed	≥14 days after letter mailed AND ≥14 days before application submitted
Meeting consistency	Depends on NA interest and availability	Depends on NA interest and availability	Required

## Comparison: Thresholds

	Before 5/24/2018	Current	Proposed
Develop ment by right	<ul> <li>In MD zones, adding         ≥5 units</li> <li>In Division Main         Street Corridor         Overlay Zone,         adding &gt;5000 sq ft</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In MD zones, adding ≥5 units</li> <li>In MU zones, adding ≥5 units or ≥10,000 sq ft</li> <li>In CI zones, adding ≥10,000 sq ft</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sign: Adding &gt;10,000 sq ft</li> <li>Sign and meeting: Adding &gt;25,000 sq ft</li> </ul>
Land use reviews	Land Divisions and Planned Developments processed through Type IIx or Type III procedure.	LDs and PDs processed through Type IIx or Type III procedure.	<ul> <li>Sign: LDs and PDs creating ≥4 lots</li> <li>Sign and meeting: LDs and PDs creating ≥11 lots</li> </ul>
Proposals in design-related review	<ul> <li>Using Community Design Standards</li> <li>In some areas, adding &gt;10,000 sq ft or &gt;3 units</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Using Community Design Standards</li> <li>In some areas, adding &gt;10,000 sq ft or &gt;3 units</li> </ul>	None

## Signs









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"Development Public Notice Sign" by Chesapeake Bay Program is licensed under CC BY-NC 2.0







"Notice of Zoning Hearing" by Dan Keck is licensed under CC0 1.0



Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections is reviewing

### **Brief Description of Project Here**

**Project:** 3029469

#### What is it?

- . Units: 9
- · Parking: 7
- . Demo of existing structure

#### Required approvals:

- · Environmental Review
- Design Review

#### Submit comments to:

- Email: PRC@seattle.gov
- Mail: SDCI/PRC, P.O. Box 34019

Seattle, WA 98124-4019

Include the project number and address.
(The comment period may be extended by written request prior

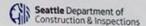
to the date below.)

#### Submit comments by

All comments are posted in our website in their entiret

#### More information:

- Online: enter project number 3029469 at www.seattle.gov/dpd/documentlibrary
- Phone: (206) 684-8467 (message line)









#### Option 1:

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## Notice



XXX Storeys XXXX Metres

XXXX Residences XXXX m2 Retail XXX Cars

XXX Bikes

The City has received an application to change the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a residential building with retail at street level.

A change is proposed for this site.



Public meeting information will be posted on this sign when available.

File # 17 123456 STE 30 OZ



Applicant: ABC Holdings Incorporated & XYZ Ontario Limited Address: 123 Any Street & 456 Busy Boulevard

For more information about this application or to tell us what you think:



COMMUNITY PLANNING Planner's Name 416-39X-XXXX





#### Option 2:









Public meeting information will be posted on this sign when available.

File # 17 123456 STE 30 OZ

#### A change is proposed for this site.

The City has received an application to amend the Official Plan and Area Specific Policies to manage change and guide new development in this area. Updated policies will include conserving heritage resources, enhancing the public realm and open spaces, will strengthen the unique character of the area and identify opportunities for growth.

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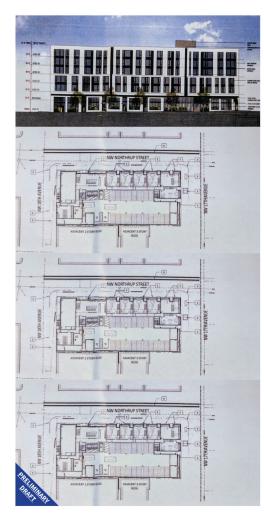






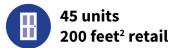


## Development Notice











AN APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY FOR **FUTURE CHANGES ON THIS SITE.** 





#### Check www.PortlandMaps.com for latest permit status

Applicant created this sign on January 5, 2020. The City has not reviewed the content of this sign. The project may change after the sign is posted.

**Contact:** 

Applicant: DEF Development Jane Doe 503.456.8910 - applicant@def.com

Learn how developments like this go through the zoning and land use process: www.PortlandOregon.gov/BDS/NeighborhoodResources

General Zoning Info: Bureau of Development Services - 503.823.7526 District Coalition: SE Uplift - 503.232.0010 - info@southeastuplift.org Neighborhood Association: Hosford Abernethy - landuse@handpdx.org

Traducción e interpretación | Chuyển Ngữ hoặc Phiên Dich | 翻译或传译 📘 503-823-7300 @ BDS@PortlandOregon.gov 🖳 www.PortlandOregon.gov/bds/translated Turjumida ama Fasiraadda | 翻訳または通訳 | Traducere sau Interpretare Письменныйили устный перевод | 번역 및 통역 |Письмовий або усний переклад | الترجمة التحريرية أو الشفوية

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### Other supporting material

#### Sample email text

Dear Neighborhood Association,

My company, DEF Development, is planning to build a new project at 123 Bluebird Ave. I'm reaching out to you as required by the Neighborhood Contact zoning code requirements to let you know about this project.

We are required to hold an informational meeting about the project. We'd really like to present this project at a standing neighborhood association meeting, if possible, or to co-host a separate meeting if you don't have space on the agenda at a standing meeting. Please let me know if we can present the project at an upcoming meeting.

If your organization is not able to host or co-host the meeting, we will set up a meeting ourselves, as required by the code. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for location, day, and time, and if you're interested in helping us advertise.

[If you have already scheduled a meeting, provide the location, time and date]

The application will be submitted in the next three months, but we already know some basics that we want to let you know about as a courtesy. As allowed by the zoning, the new building will have 20 one-bedroom units and will be 45 feet tall. There will be 4 structured parking spaces for cars and 30 secured indoor parking spaces for bikes. We expect construction will take place approximately April 2020 to December 2020. I've attached some information about the project, including a site plan and building elevation.

Please contact me, Applicant, at 503-123-4567 or <a href="mailto:applicant@abc.def">applicant@abc.def</a> with any questions about this project. If you have general questions about what the current zoning allows or how the development permitting process works, please call the Bureau of Development Services at 503-823-7526.

Sincerely.

Applicant

If materials will be reviewed at a table, make sure there's a direct path to and around
the table for a wheelchair.

#### What to bring?

- Meeting basics tape, easels, paper, pens, etc.
- If you're hosting the meeting, wayfinding signs to put up at the location to help people find the
  meeting room.
- Materials describing your project
  - The more information you have, the better, and the more visual, the better.
  - Materials should be at a readable size and scale and be understandable to a person without experience in design and construction.
  - It's a good idea to have a few poster-sized graphics printed out for people to look at (or a presentation projected on a screen):
    - Proposed site plan showing scale, north arrow, existing trees, and existing adjacent development
    - Proposed building footprint/plan
    - Building elevations showing proposed building in context with existing adjacent building and block development
    - Solar shading analysis
  - Attendees at these meetings in the past have asked for information about the privacy issues and light impacts of the proposed development. Anything you can provide about these topics is likely to be helpful to the discussion.
- Information about the zoning development standards (BDS has <u>handouts</u> that may be useful to print out and bring)
- Information about the permitting and/or quasi-judicial process. (BDS has <u>handouts</u> that may be useful to print out and bring)
- Sign-in sheet for meeting attendees. You can ask for email addresses if you will be sending a follow-up communication (recommended, see below).
- Business cards
- . One-page handout with an overview of the project and project contact information
- Whatever you need to bring to record the meeting. This could be an audio recorder or a person assigned to take notes.

#### What to expect?

Assume that at least some of the people who attend will know very little about zoning, permitting and quasi-judicial processes, or development. Assume that at least some of the people who come will be feeling worried. This will help you prepare for a successful meeting, because you'll make sure to provide





### Key issues

- Thresholds
- Meeting responsibility
- Unintended consequences
- Larger universe of notification and information availability

### **Thresholds**

### <10000 sq ft

Would require no notice

### 8332 N Willamette Blvd 4,278 sq ft



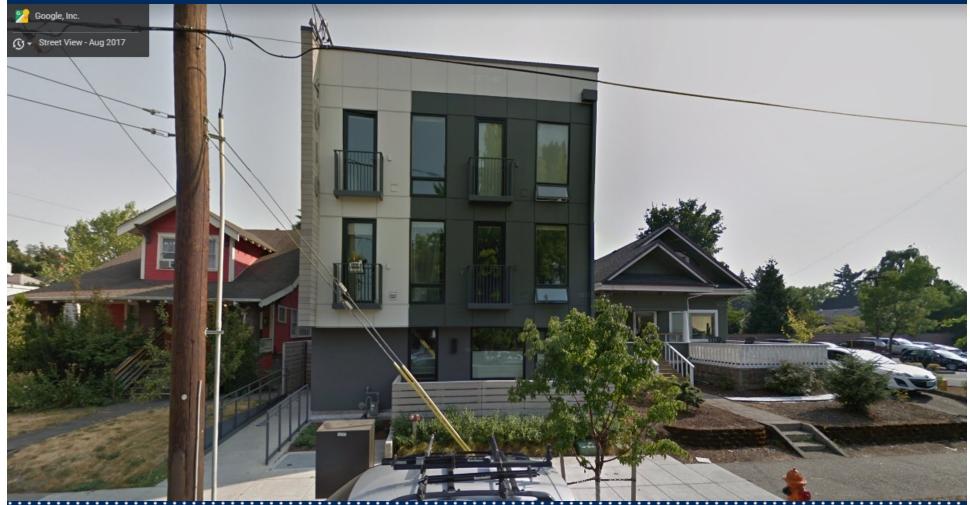
### 1125 SE Harrison St 5,705 sq ft



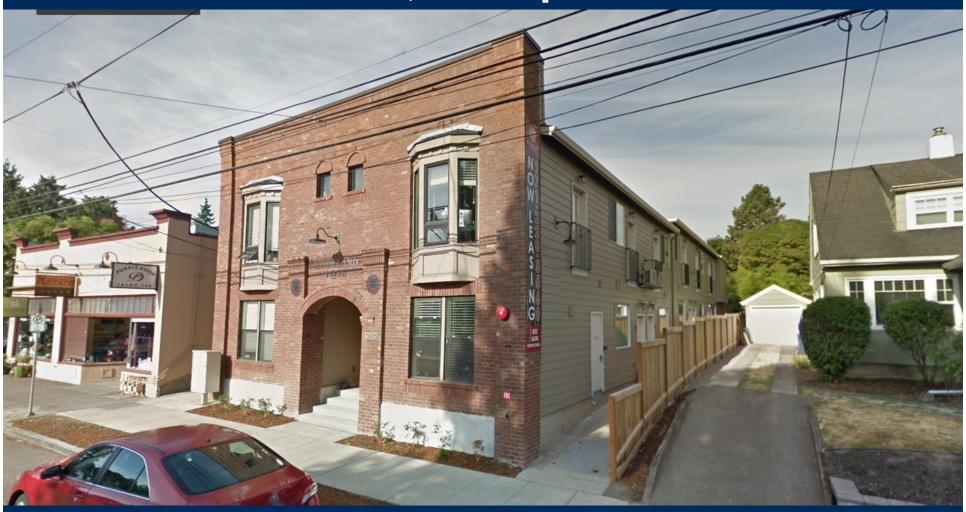
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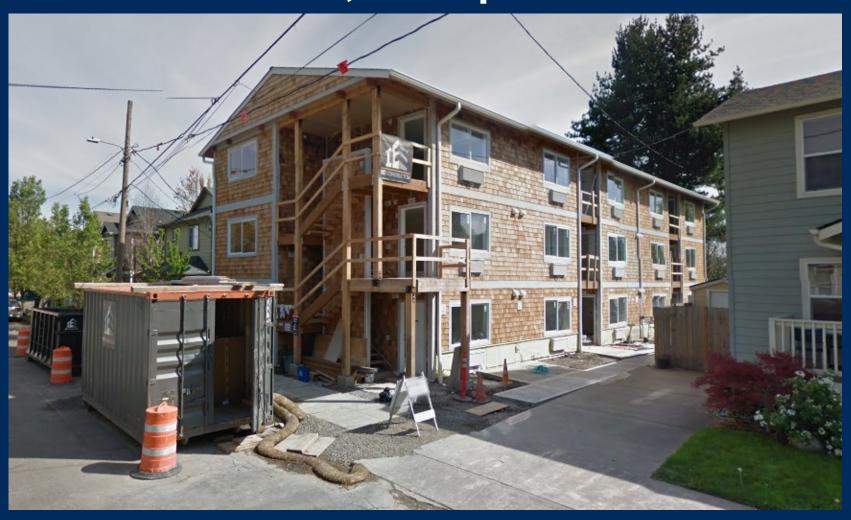
## 4008 SE Division 6,558 sq ft



### 7625 SE Milwaukie Ave 7,636 sq ft



### 5624 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> 8,500 sq ft



### 10000 to 25000 sq ft

Would require sign but no meeting

### 8052 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave 10,300 sq ft



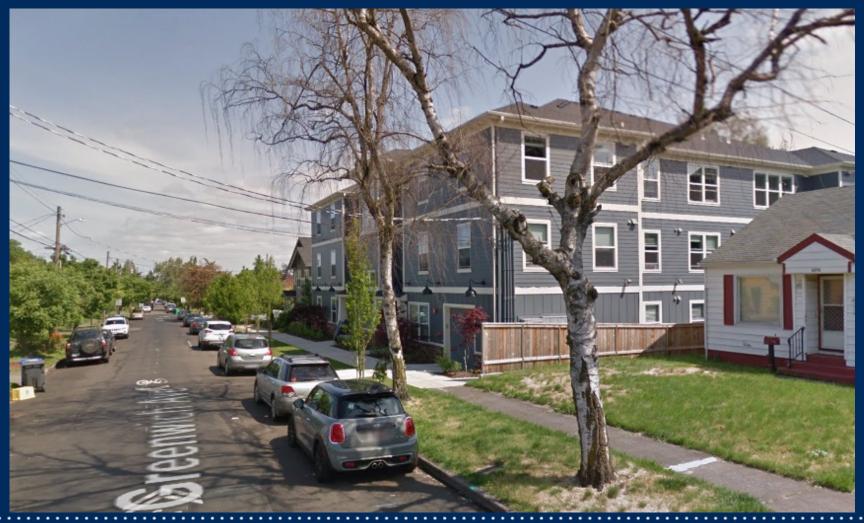
### **Hawthorne New Seasons** 17,000 sq ft



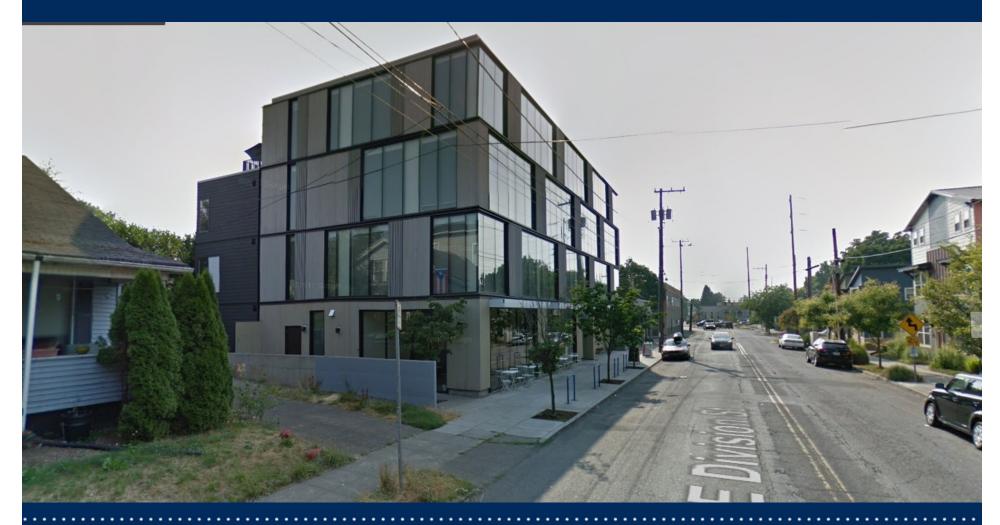
### 17199 SE Division 19950 sq ft



#### 6906 N Greenwich Ave 21,000 sq ft



### 4330 SE Division 16,616 sq ft



## >25,000 sq ft

Would require sign and meeting

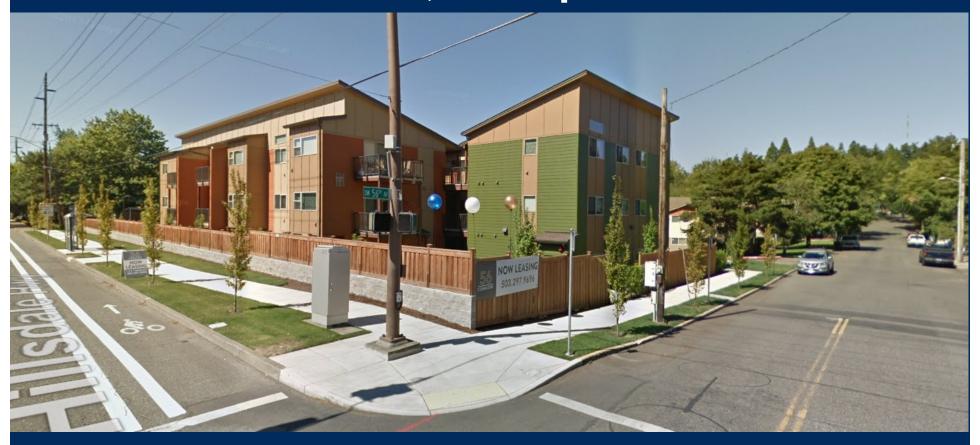
## 1313 SE Spokane 25,100 sq ft



## 2100 SE Belmont 39,733 sq ft



# 5075 SW 56<sup>th</sup> Ave 25,368 sq ft



## >40,000 sq ft

### 3910 NE Tillamook 51,348 sq ft



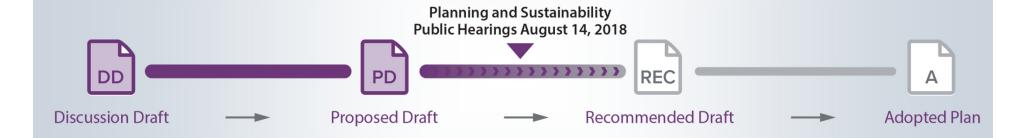
# 247 NE 146<sup>th</sup> Ave 106,660 sq ft



## Other key issues

- Meeting responsibility
- Unintended consequences
- Larger universe of notification and information availability

## **Next Steps**



## Thank you!

• Questions?