



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK

CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date	July 27, 2023
Originating Department	Planning
Contact Person	Steve Bennett, Planning Director and Kim Adams Pratt, City Attorney
Title	Public Hearing Ordinance 23-1272/Interim Development Regulations As Authorized By The Growth Management Act Relating To Retaining Walls

Legislative History

- First Presentation - January 26, 2023, regular City Council meeting
 - Second Presentation – February 6, 2023, City Council special Committee of the Whole meeting
 - Third Presentation – February 23, 2023, regular City Council meeting
 - Fourth Presentation – April 13, 2023, regular City Council meeting
 - Fifth Presentation – May 11, 2023, regular City Council meeting
 - Sixth Presentation – May 18, 2023, special City Council meeting
 - Seventh Presentation – June 5, 2023, special City Council meeting
 - Eighth Presentation – June 8, 2023, regular City Council meeting
 - Ninth Presentation – June 22, 2023, regular City Council meeting
 - Tenth Presentation – July 13, 2023, City Council work session
 - Eleventh Presentation – July 27, 2023, regular City Council meeting
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Attachments:

1. ATT 1 - Ordinance 23-1272/Interim Development Regulations as authorized by the Growth Management Act relating to retaining walls (including Retaining Wall Design Standards)
2. ATT 2 - PACE Engineering, Inc. Memorandum dated July 7, 2023
3. ATT 3 – WSDOT Noise Modeling requiring the use of FHWA traffic noise modeling
4. ATT 4 - Federal Regulations: 23 CFR Part 772 Procedures for abatement of highway traffic noise

5. ATT 5 – Public hearing notice

Executive Summary

A public hearing is scheduled for July 27, 2023, to hear public testimony regarding Ordinance No. 23-1272 and possible edits to same as described in the public hearing notice. After the public hearing the City Council will consider whether to adopt permanent regulations or keep the interim regulations in place while providing City staff with direction on next steps.

Background

On June 8, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 23-1270, interim development regulations for retaining walls. After a public hearing on June 22, 2023, the City Council amended the interim regulations under Ordinance No. 23-1272. Section 7 of both ordinances direct City staff to investigate and obtain outside consulting services if necessary to research the WSDOT traffic noise policy and procedures and provide such information with a recommendation to the City Council for its adoption of permanent retaining wall regulations. The Council held a work session on July 13, 2023, for discussion of the Ordinance No. 23-1272, the PACE Memorandum, WSDOT noise modeling, and the applicable Federal Regulations.

Under the Growth Management Act (GMA), interim regulations may be in effect for six months and may be renewed for one or more six-month periods. Ordinance No. 23-1272 expires December 8, 2023, unless extended or terminated sooner by the City Council.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

There are no known fiscal implications at this time.

Alternatives

<i>Options</i>	<i>Results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve permanent regulations	Council adopts permanent regulations as adopted in Ordinance No. 23-1272 or as amended after holding the public hearing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not approve permanent regulations	The interim regulations will remain in place as Council considers additional amendments to the retaining wall regulations

Staff Recommendation

Hold the public hearing on interim regulations and consider whether to adopt permanent regulations or provide direction to staff regarding next steps.