



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday, June 8, 2026

<p>Subject/Topic: Outdoor Lighting Ordinance – Interim Official Control (Extension)</p> <p>Dept. Origin: Development Services</p> <p>Category: Consent</p> <p>Prepared by: Jennifer S. Robertson, City Attorney and Steve Wilcox, Development Services Director</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exhibit 1: Ordinance 1057 Extending Lighting Interim Official Control• Exhibit 2: Ordinance No. 1043• Exhibit 3: Ordinance No. 1050	<p>Proposed Council Action/Motion:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Receive and File</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provide Direction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt/Approve</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>
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Summary:

The City Council passed middle housing legislation on May 27, 2025 (Ordinance No. 1040) which took effect on July 1, 2025. With the potential for significant increases in density and new construction, the Council expressed a desire to address the impacts of the lighting from such future developments in order to protect the sylvan nature of Medina, support “dark skies”, and make the new development more harmonious with the existing high quality natural and built environment in Medina. Lighting was also a prominent issues for the public when providing feedback on middle housing.

On June 23, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1043 an “Interim Official Control” (“IOC”) to address lighting. An IOC is a zoning ordinance that can be in effect while the staff, Planning Commission, and City Council consider, process, and perform outreach on permanent lighting regulations. This ensures that development applications that are submitted prior to the permanent regulations will be required to meet the IOC standards. The IOC was extended by Council adoption of Ordinance No. 1050 on December 8, 2025. While the Planning Commission is working on permanent lighting regulations, and the public hearing on the permanent regulations is scheduled for June 23, 2026, the work is not yet completed. The IOC will expire on June 20, 2026, therefore, to keep the IOC in effect until the permanent regulations are adopted, an extension is needed.

Interim Official Control. An interim official control is adopted using the same procedures as a moratorium. The Council may extend the IOC but is required to hold a public hearing within 60 days. The ordinance sets the hearing for July 27, 2026. The ordinance also gives the Director of Development Services the authority to interpret the IOC. Assuming the public hearing is held, the ordinance will be in effect for 6 months and may be renewed if needed. While the ordinance is in effect, the Planning Commission and Council will continue to consider and process permanent

regulations. In addition, it is likely that the permanent regulations could be adopted as early as July 13th or July 27th. If the permanent regulations are adopted on July 13th, the public hearing will be cancelled. The permanent regulations ordinance will extinguish the IOC upon the effective date of the permanent regulations.

These proposed Ordinances meet and support Council's priorities 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character and Community Building

Attachment(s)

Exhibit 1: Ordinance No. 1057 extending the interim official control for outdoor lighting as set forth in Ordinance No. 1043 and as extended in Ordinance No. 1050.

Exhibit 2: Ordinance No. 1043

Exhibit 3: Ordinance No. 1050

Budget/Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance to extend and renew the interim official control which was extended on December 8, 2025, under Ordinance No. 1050.

City Manager Approval:



Proposed Council Motions:

MOTION: "I move adoption the Ordinance No. 1057, adopted pursuant to RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390; extending and renewing the interim official control adopted under ordinance no. 1043, relating to zoning, which added a new Chapter 16.25 to the Medina Municipal Code (MMC) to require outdoor lighting to meet certain standards therein, revising MMC 16.66.110 for consistency with new chapter 16.25 MMC; adopting findings in support of this ordinance; setting a public hearing as required by RCW 35A.63.220 and RCW 36.70A.390 to take testimony on this extension and renewal of the interim official control; providing for severability and corrections; and establishing an effective date."