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City Council

Ordinance Concerning the Use of Downtown Sidewalks

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Issue:

Consider adopting an ordinance concerning downtown sidewalk uses.

Committee Recommendation:

The Land Use and Environment Committee recommended a series of changes to the Olympia Municipal Code to implement a balanced and comprehensive solution to issues in the downtown related to the use of downtown sidewalks.

City Manager's Recommendation:

Move to suspend the rules and pass on first and final reading an ordinance concerning downtown sidewalk uses.

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Background and Analysis:

At its regular business meeting on December 11, 2012, the City Council heard an oral report from the Land Use and Environment Committee (LUEC) about whether the City's current regulations concerning the use of City-owned property and sidewalks are sufficient to ensure that the downtown is safe, inviting and open to all user groups. Additional background on the public safety and public health issues is set forth in the staff report and proposed ordinance that were included in the City Council's December 4th packet for the item proposing a restriction on camping at City Hall, as well as the LUEC December 11th staff report. After discussing the LUEC report, Council directed staff to bring back two ordinances for consideration at the December 18 Council meeting: 1) an ordinance prohibiting camping on City-owned property, and 2) an

ordinance concerning downtown sidewalk uses. Attached is the proposed ordinance concerning the use of downtown sidewalks.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

The Council and the LUEC have heard from interested parties regarding neighborhood and community interests as a part of the Downtown Project and in response to proposed regulations concerning the use of downtown sidewalks.

Options:

1. Pass on first and final reading an ordinance prohibiting camping on City-owned property and pass on first and final reading an ordinance concerning downtown sidewalk uses.
2. Pass the ordinance on first reading, with second reading on January 8.
3. Do not pass the ordinance.

Financial Impact:

No specific financial impact analysis has been completed for the potential amendments.