



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

CB 118792

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In Control: City Clerk

File Created: 08/09/2016

Final Action: 12/16/2016

**Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to street and sidewalk use; amending Section 11.40.250 of the Seattle Municipal Code to authorize the Play Street program as an allowable use of the public place.

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: O'Brien

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: amy.gray@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

### History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

Yes

No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	08/16/2016	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Mayor's leg transmitted to Council. to the City Clerk						
	Notes:						
1	City Clerk	08/16/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	08/19/2016	sent for review	Sustainability and Transportation Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	09/06/2016	referred	Sustainability and Transportation Committee			

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1 Sustainability and Transportation Committee 12/06/2016 pass Pass

Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

Notes:

In Favor: 2 Chair O'Brien, Vice Chair Johnson

Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 12/12/2016 passed Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:

Notes:

In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 12/14/2016 submitted for Mayor's signature Mayor

1 Mayor 12/16/2016 Signed

1 Mayor 12/16/2016 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 12/16/2016 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE** 125220  
**COUNCIL BILL** 118792

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5 AN ORDINANCE relating to street and sidewalk use; amending Section 11.40.250 of the Seattle  
6 Municipal Code to authorize the Play Street program as an allowable use of the public  
7 place.

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9 WHEREAS, the transportation system of Seattle is an extraordinary public asset and is vital and  
10 integral to the City's economic health, environmental quality, and social and community  
11 fabric; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2009, the Seattle City Council passed Resolution 31157 approving the Seattle  
13 Pedestrian Master Plan, which establishes the intent to make Seattle the most  
14 walkable city in the nation by addressing safety, equity, vibrancy, and health; and

15 WHEREAS, Objective Five of the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan calls for creating vibrant  
16 public spaces that encourage walking for multiple purposes including transportation,  
17 recreation, and health; and

18 WHEREAS, Strategy 5.2 of the Seattle Pedestrian Master Plan recommends developing  
19 guidelines and protocols for car-free and shared-space streets, including designating  
20 pedestrian-only streets in order to reclaim and activate public spaces for pedestrian use;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, pedestrian-oriented spaces such as play streets are a foundational element of  
23 transportation-oriented communities, as defined by the Seattle Planning Commission in  
24 the Seattle Transit Communities report; and

25 WHEREAS, the Move Seattle 10-year Strategic Vision supports the active use of neighborhood  
26 streets to promote a vibrant and interconnected city; and

1 WHEREAS, Seattle Municipal Code subsection 11.16.125A authorizes the Director of  
2 Transportation to close, or authorize closure of, any street or alley or portion thereof to  
3 any or all traffic pursuant to the provisions of Seattle Municipal Code Title 11, Subtitle I;

4 WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Transportation has managed a pilot play streets program  
5 since May 2014 with 260 applicants having participated in the program to date; and

6 WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Transportation has prepared technical guidance  
7 documents and regulations in advance of a permanent play streets program; NOW,  
8 THEREFORE,

9 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

10 Section 1. Section 11.40.250 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance  
11 108200, is amended as follows:

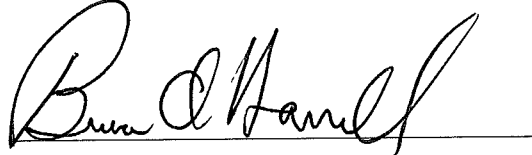
12 **11.40.250 Playing in streets((-))**

13 No person ((~~upon~~)) on roller skates, or riding ((~~in or by means of any~~)) a coaster,  
14 skateboard, toy vehicle, or similar device, shall go ((~~upon~~)) on the roadway of any arterial street  
15 or transit coach route, except while crossing ((~~such~~)) the street at a crosswalk; or engage in any  
16 sport, amusement, or exercise or play in the roadway of any street, except where allowed by a  
17 street use permit.

18 Section 2. The Director of Transportation may promulgate rules to administer the Play  
19 Streets program, as authorized in Section 3.12.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

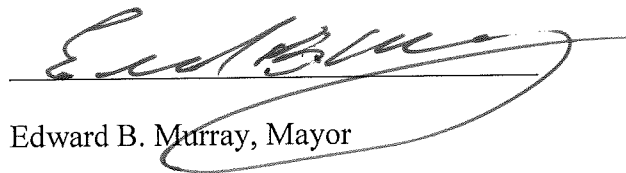
1 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, and  
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
6 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

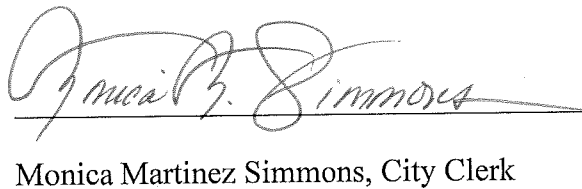
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9 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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11 Approved by me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

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14 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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16 Filed by me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

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19 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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