

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 126766
COUNCIL BILL 120507

AN ORDINANCE relating to City streets; designating the name of a new street constructed as part of the Central Waterfront project, connecting Alaskan Way with Elliott and Western Avenues, between Pike and Bell Streets, as “Elliott Way”; truncating use of the Elliott Avenue name at Western Avenue; superseding prior ordinances to the extent inconsistent; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, in 2008, the State of Washington determined it would replace the State Route 99 Viaduct with a subterranean tunnel, allowing The City of Seattle to commence a citywide planning and design process to reimagine the city’s Central Waterfront, marked by passage of Ordinance 123142 and appointment of a Central Waterfronts Partnerships Committee (CWPC) to guide the citywide planning and design effort; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Council and Mayor endorsed the Waterfront Seattle Framework and Concept plans, funding environmental analysis and full design of the James Corner concept plan as recommended by the CWPC; and

WHEREAS, the Central Waterfront Concept Design and Framework Plan, as endorsed by Council in Resolution 31399, includes rebuilding Alaskan Way from S King Street to Pike Street, and building a new street connecting Alaskan Way at Pike Street north to Bell Street where it will connect with the existing Western Avenue and Elliott Avenue couplet; and

WHEREAS, the new connector street has been identified in Central Waterfront plans as “Elliott Way” going back to the Waterfront Seattle Framework and Concept plans published in July 2012 and in subsequent environmental documentation, including the Draft and October 2016 Final Environmental Impact Statement; and

1 WHEREAS, the unofficial “Elliott Way” connector roadway has been under construction since
2 December 2019 and is now nearing completion; and

3 WHEREAS, a staff working group that includes Office of the Waterfront and SDOT staff,
4 recommend designation of the new roadway connector as “Elliott Way” by ordinance;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, terminating the use of the Elliott Avenue name at Western Avenue is consistent
7 with existing addressing and decreases the number of intersections with similar names;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 Section 1. That portion of “Alaskan Freeway” as called out in Ordinance 95703, lying
11 between Union Street and Pine Street, shall be named Alaskan Way, including such right-of-way
12 that lies east of the newly constructed waterfront roadway.

13 Section 2. The name of the new street segment constructed as part of the Central
14 Waterfront project is designated as Elliott Way:

15 A. The newly constructed waterfront roadway lying within that portion of “Alaskan
16 Freeway” as called out in Ordinance 95703, starting at the southern margin of Pine Street, and
17 extending to the center line of vacated Virginia Street, shall be named Elliott Way, including
18 such right of way that lies east of said roadway. Except for: that portion at grade level lying
19 within Elliot Ave right-of-way, and extending under the newly constructed roadway, which shall
20 be considered unnamed alley right-of-way, with the alley proper defined as that 33-foot stretch
21 from Pine Street to the centerline of vacated Virginia Street, bounded to the east by the centerline
22 of Elliott Avenue; and the remainder extending west of the Elliott Avenue centerline under the
23 newly constructed roadway to be considered unnamed non-street right-of-way.

1 B. That portion of residual Elliott Avenue right-of-way, between the at-grade alley and
2 the newly constructed roadway, shall be named Elliott Way.

3 C. The newly constructed waterfront roadway lying within that portion of “Alaskan
4 Freeway” as called out in Ordinance 95703, starting at the centerline of vacated Virginia Street,
5 and extending to the northern margin of Blanchard Street, shall be named Elliott Way, including
6 such right-of-way that lies west of said roadway, as described in Ordinance 77749, and that lies
7 east of said roadway.

8 D. The newly constructed waterfront roadway lying within that portion of “Alaskan
9 Freeway” as called out in Ordinance 95703, starting at the northern margin of Blanchard Street,
10 and extending to Western Avenue, shall be named Elliott Way, including such right-of-way that
11 lies west of said roadway, as described in Ordinance 77749, and that lies east of said roadway.

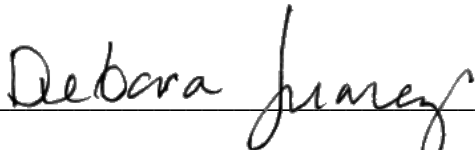
12 Section 3. Those portions of Lots 10 and 11 in block 34 of A. A. Denny's 6th Addition as
13 condemned by Ordinance 12502 shall now be part of Western Avenue, and Elliott Avenue will
14 terminate at the extension of that lot line to the western edge of Western Avenue.

15 Section 4. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage
16 and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

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1 Section 5. 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 14th day of February, 2023,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 14th day of
6 February, 2023.

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8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this 22nd day of February, 2023.

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11 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 22nd day of February, 2023.

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14 Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

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