

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to the City’s traffic code; amending Sections 11.30.120, 11.50.250, 11.55.340, 11.56.025, 11.60.130, 11.60.180, and 11.60.200 of the Seattle Municipal Code; adding Sections 11.58.009 and 11.84.490 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Sections 11.84.460 and 11.84.480 of the Seattle Municipal Code to conform the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and make technical corrections.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation changes Seattle’s traffic code mostly to reflect changes made to corresponding state statutes by the 2017 Legislature. It authorizes redemption of a vehicle impounded after an accident where the owner is in a hospital, expands the requirement to stop at a railroad crossing where equipment other than a train is on the railroad tracks, authorizes a court sentencing a repeat DUI/Physical Control offender to substitute additional days of electronic home monitoring for days in jail, increases by \$50 the fee assessed against a convicted DUI/Physical Control defendant that funds grants through the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, creates the infraction of dangerously distracted driving, modifies the maximum permissible length and permissible front and rear protrusions of certain vehicles, and prohibits using in almost any manner a personal electronic device.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes ___ X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes ___ X No
- b. Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?
There could be some indirect cost to the Police Department, the City Attorney’s office and Municipal Court in enforcing, prosecuting, and adjudicating the new infractions.
- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
Inasmuch as these traffic regulations are identical to state law, which would be enforced in Seattle regardless of the legislation, no cost seems likely. However, if these new infractions are not made part of the Municipal Code, any penalty revenue would go to the

state. If the DUI/Physical Control changes are not implemented, Seattle's ordinances would be inconsistent with state law and perhaps invalid.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
This legislation would affect the Police Department, as officers would be enforcing these new infractions, the City Attorney's office in prosecuting the same and Municipal Court in adjudicating the same.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No.
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?** No.
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No.
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** No.
- f. **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?** None seems apparent.
- b. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s).** This legislation does not include any new initiatives or major programmatic expansions.
- g. **Other Issues:**

List attachments/exhibits below: