

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

L Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to permits in parks; stating a maximum term for permits in parks; clarifying the nature of permissible commercial activities in parks; and amending Sections 18.12.030, 18.12.042 and 18.12.160 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: Based on the changing nature of commercial activity requests and in consultation with the City Attorney’s Office, this legislation amends language in the Seattle Municipal Code to clarify permit and concession contract requirements while confirming the department’s authority and responsibility to maintain city parks as a safe and welcoming space for all park users.

Updates:

Section 18.12.030: Definitions. Adds definition of Commercial Activity

Section 18.12.042: Permit System. Clarifies that a permit is required for commercial activity of any type, including providing a service, product or activity within a park.

Includes language that permits may be issued for a term not to exceed one year consistent with existing SPR policies and procedures.

Section 18.12.160: Commercial Activity: Update language to be consistent with 18.12.030 and 18.12.042 and removes unclear language.

Background: In the past 10 years, Seattle Parks and Recreation has seen an increased demand from businesses wishing to operate commercial enterprises on SPR property. These ventures include: fitness classes, educational nature classes and food vending.

The City Attorney’s Office advised that current language in the Seattle Municipal Code should be amended to add language: specific to commercial activity including service, product and activity; and to require the issuance of a permit for commercial activities. This additional language allows for a continuance of short-term (less than one year) use permits for food vending and activity-related commercial programming that enhance and activate the park.

SPR has worked to activate underutilized parks and enhance park goers’ experience by permitting seasonal concession activities that align with its values of “healthy people, healthy environment, and strong communities.” Outreach is directed to underserved populations resulting in 90% of permittees self-identifying as WMBE. Pilot programs included activation at South Park Plaza and promoting opportunities to underserved parks in Southeast Seattle.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes No

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?
No

Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Not implementing this legislation could jeopardize SPR's authority to issue concession permits based on the interpretation of the existing language by the Law Department.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

Traditionally, seasonal vendors in parks have been 80-90% WMBE. The business opportunities afforded by the vending program tends to attract small- and first-time business owners. Application and website materials contain language access information.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

No

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so,

explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

No.

- g. 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).**

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below: