

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 activities to relocate or remove sanctioned and unsanctioned encampments of people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic; amending Ordinance 126000, which adopted the 2020 budget; imposing provisos; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation imposes a restriction on funding across multiple departments that comprise the Navigation Team, the City’s direct response to unsanctioned encampments, during the period of the civil emergency declared on March 3, 2020. Based upon guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), funding cannot be used to remove or relocate an unsanctioned encampment except in limited circumstances in order to prevent transmission of COVID-19 throughout the general population and avoid increasing risks for people experiencing homelessness.

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

The legislation imposes the following restriction on funding in multiple departments:

Of the appropriations in 2020 for the Addressing Homelessness (HSD-BO-HS-H3000), Patrol Operations (SPD-BO-SP-P1800), Cost Center Maintenance and Repairs (SPR-BO-PR-10000), and Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Protection (FAS-BO-FA-RCCP) Budget Summary Levels in the General Fund (00100), and notwithstanding powers provided to the Mayor by Section 3 of the Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020, no funds shall be used to relocate or remove unsanctioned encampments of people experiencing homelessness unless at least one of the following conditions describes the encampment that would be subject to the relocation or removal:

A. Constitutes an active health threat (excluding the transmission of communicable diseases, including COVID-19 and its subsequent mutations) to occupants or the surrounding neighborhood, where

1. Appropriate public health resources have first been provided to address the conditions of concern;
 2. The services provided in A.1 of this proviso did not resolve the health threat; and
 3. It is anticipated that relocation would resolve the health threat;
- B. Poses an immediate hazard as defined in Clerk File 320204;
- C. The path of travel clearance from the encampment is not 4 feet wide or greater for sidewalks, pursuant to the requirements under the ADA and the City's Guidelines in Streets Illustrated, or blocks a curb ramp, or a bike lane;
- D. Presents a fire or safety hazard to infrastructure;
- E. Obstructs an entrance or exit to a building; or
- F. Is located in a children's play area.

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?
No.

3.a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Is this change one-time or ongoing?

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:

Is this change one-time or ongoing?

3.c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
This legislation originates in the Legislative Department and affects the funding of the Human Services Department, Seattle Police Department, Finance and Administrative Services, and Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation.

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? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken to combat it disproportionately impact vulnerable communities, including people of color, immigrant and refugee families, people experiencing homelessness, and people with low incomes. In addition, people of color are overrepresented among people who experience homelessness. This legislation seeks to implement guidance from the CDC to limit transmission and avoid increasing risks for people experiencing homelessness.

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: