

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 interpretations, corrections, and revisions of the Seattle Municipal Code; creating the position of code reviser; authorizing the code reviser to correct and revise nonsubstantive errors in the Seattle Municipal Code; adding rules of construction for the Seattle Municipal Code; amending Section 1.01.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Chapter 1.03 and Sections 1.04.030, 1.04.040, 1.04.050, 1.04.060, 1.04.070, and 1.04.080 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation gives authority to a code reviser position for the City of Seattle. This position, which will be housed in the Law Department, will be a lawyer qualified and designated to codify and revise City laws without substantive change or alteration of purpose or intent.

The Law Department will reclassify a 1.0 FTE Paralegal-LAW position authority to the Strategic Advisor classification series to meet this need. Funding for this work in 2019 and 2020 will be a combination of base Law Department funding and additional funding provided via MOA by the Legislative Department. Permanent ongoing funding will be addressed in the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget process.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X 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?
A clear, accurate, and accessible municipal code eliminates barriers between residents and the laws that govern them. Failure to empower a code reviser to handle this workload on a

regular basis results in costly administrative efforts to correct code revisions through the ordinance process.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Law Department
- 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?** This does not have a RSJI impact or impact on language access.
- 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).** NA

List attachments/exhibits below: