

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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1. BILL SUMMARY

1. Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE related to the Seattle Design Commission; amending Sections 3.58.010, 3.58.030, 3.58.050, 3.58.080, 3.58.090, and 22.900G.080 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC); and adding a new Section 3.58.100 to the SMC; to clarify the role of the Seattle Design Commission in reviewing petitions for long-term or permanent use of the public right-of-way and fees for Design Commission review of such projects.

2. Summary and background of the Legislation:

This Council Bill amends Title 3 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Seattle Design Commission regarding proposals for the long-term or permanent private use of public rights-of-way, including street vacations, term permits and skybridge permits. The Seattle Design Commission has reviewed street vacation petitions at the request of the City Council since 1986, but the SMC has not been explicit regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Commission in this review. This legislation acknowledges existing practices and allows for the creation of a subcommittee to review public benefit proposals. The bill implements, in part, new street vacation policies that are being considered concurrent with this bill. The bill also updates sections of Titles 3 and 22 regarding Seattle Design Commission use of consultants and charging fees to reflect current practice and to allow the Commission to charge a project proponent fees when consultants are required to support Commission review of a project.

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?
None
- c. Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
No

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Yes, the legislation effects the Seattle Design Commission. The Commission has been briefed on the proposed legislation, and Design Commission staff have been involved in the drafting of the legislation.
- 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?**
The proposed public benefits subcommittee would allow for people with expertise in issues impacting vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities to provide input and guidance into the street vacation process.
- 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).**
Not applicable

List attachments/exhibits below:

None