

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

- a. Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the Urban Forestry Commission; adding three new members; and amending Sections 3.72.020 and 3.72.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

b. Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation adds three positions to the Urban Forestry Commission (Positions 11, 12, and 13). The three new positions would be occupied by an Environmental Justice representative, a Public Health representative, and a Community/Neighborhood representative, to complement the highly technical nature of the Commission and bring additional perspectives. These positions would serve for a renewable three-year term and would contribute to the Commission's diversity.

Background:

The Urban Forestry Commission was created in 2009 by Ordinance 123052 to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle.

The Commission was last amended in 2014 via Ordinance 124671 creating Position 10, a Get Engaged youth position.

The Urban Forestry Commission is a highly technical advisory body. Adding three positions would complement existing skills/experience and would contribute to the Commission's diversity.

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?**

No.

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

There are no financial costs to not implementing this legislation. However, since the Commission's creation it's been challenging to recruit members of diverse backgrounds. Adding non-technical positions will help bring diversity to the Commission.

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. 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?

This legislation provides additional opportunities for underrepresented communities to join the Commission.

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

h. Other Issues:

List attachments/exhibits below: