

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION related to the City’s Emergency Management Program; amending the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Base Plan, Emergency Operations Plan, and All-Hazards Mitigation Plan as required by Seattle Municipal Code Section 10.02.050, RCW 38.52.077, and WAC 118-30-060.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation is necessary to meet Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 10.02.050 requiring that a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is kept current, and that under the direction of the Mayor, proposed amendments thereto be presented to the City Council for review and approval by Resolution. A local CEMP is also required by RCW38.52.070 and WAC 118-30-060.

The City of Seattle Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is a suite of plans that, together, define the doctrine and strategies on how the City will prevent, prepare for, mitigate the impacts of, respond to, and recover from disasters.

There have been significant updates made to several plans as a part of the reorganization process of the City’s plans into the CEMP, three of the five plans are included in this resolution for review and approval of the Council:

1. **CEMP – Base Plan.** The Base Plan is the introduction to the suite of plans that make up the CEMP. It defines how the emergency management program is organized and functions, delineates roles and responsibilities, and describes how the City plans, trains, and collaborates before, during, and following emergencies.
2. **CEMP – Emergency Operations Plan.** The Emergency Operations Plan provides the strategies and guidance for how Seattle strategically responds to and manages disasters. It specifically describes the roles and responsibilities of departments during major emergencies, the role of the EOC and how it supports department and field level operations, How Emergency Support Functions (ESF’s) are utilized in emergencies, hazard specific plans (such as winter storm or earthquake), and functional areas including evacuation, public warning, and use of military assets.
3. **CEMP - All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.** The All-Hazards Mitigation Plan lays out mitigation goals, strategies, and an implementation plan to reduce the potential impact of identified natural and human-caused hazards on life and property. This is a five-year

revision to this plan. A FEMA-approved plan allows the City to remain eligible for state/federal mitigation grant funding. Hazard mitigation grants have been used in the past to seismically retrofit community centers that could be used as emergency shelters, install automatic natural gas shut-off valves on critical facilities, and map flood-prone areas.

In addition to the CEMP – Base Plan, Emergency Operations Plan, and Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Seattle Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Analysis and Disaster Recovery Framework will be presented to Council in future years as part of an effort to spread the update and approval process for key City Emergency Management plans over a five-year period. Eventually, all five plans will be evenly staggered across a five-year update and approval period.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This legislation does not have direct financial implications.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

No.

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

A current Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is necessary for the City to remain eligible for federal Emergency Management Performance Grants which funds 3 of the Office of Emergency Management's positions. A current All-Hazards Mitigation Plan is necessary for the City to remain eligible for state and federal pre and post disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant funding.

c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

This legislation affects other City departments in that it describes the roles and responsibilities each department has in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from disasters in our community.

d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

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

No.

f) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

g) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social**

Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?

All three plans take into account the need for racial equity and social justice and, as such, included a broad set of stakeholders in the development of the plans including the Seattle People with Disabilities Commission.

- h) If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**
- i) Other Issues:**
None.

List attachments below: