

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 residential rental properties; amending Sections 7.24.060, 7.24.070 and 7.24.080 of the Seattle Municipal Code; requiring that landlords provide information to tenants about how to register to vote and how to update voter registration information.

- b. **Summary and background of the Legislation:** Currently, landlords are required to give tenants and prospective tenants a summary, prepared by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), that provides information on the state and City landlord tenant laws. This legislation will require that SDCI include information about how to register to vote or update voter registration information in these summaries and landlords will be required to provide this information to tenants.

Studies have shown that voter turnout is lower among people who have recently moved. Providing information to tenants at the time they are entering a new rental agreement may increase voter participation among tenants who have recently relocated.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- a. **Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?** ___ Yes ___x___ No
If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?** ___ Yes ___x___ No
If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete the table below.

- 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?**
If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.
No

- c. **Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**
No

If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete sections 3.d., 3.e., and 3.f. and answer the questions in Section 4.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

If so, please list the affected department(s) and the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc.).

Yes, SDCI will be responsible for implementing this legislation. There may be minor costs associated with providing hard copies of this new information to landlords, however, in most cases landlords access the summaries prepared by SDCI electronically.

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?

If yes, please describe the measures taken to comply with RCW 64.06.080.

Yes. The MRSC summary will be changed to read as follows, with new material underlined: “Landlords must distribute written summaries of rights and voter registration forms, prepared or distributed by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, to tenants and prospective tenants when a rental agreement is offered.”

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?

No; this legislation will provide information to renters about registering to vote, or updating their voter registration information.

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).

This answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

N/A

h. Other Issues:

N/A

List attachments/exhibits below: