

2018 Seattle City Council Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: SPD enforcement of vehicle noise and cruising on Alki

Ongoing: No

Primary Sponsor: Herbold, Lisa

Councilmembers:

Staff Analyst: Amy Tsai

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

By February 23, 2018, the Seattle Police Department is requested to submit a report to the Councilmember representing Council District 1, the Chair of the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, and New Americans Committee, and Council Central Staff Director on SPD’s enforcement policies and practices with respect to vehicle noise and cruising in the Alki neighborhood during the warm-weather months.

Specifically, the report should include:

- (1) A brief history of the enforcement of SMC Chapter 25.08 with respect to vehicle noise (including but not limited to SMC 25.08.450 regarding modified mufflers, SMC 25.08.515 regarding sound systems, and SMC 25.08.460 regarding tire noise), and SPD’s exercising of its authority under the anti-cruising law under SMC Chapter 11.69;
- (2) Identification of technological and municipal code or state law factors that affect SPD’s ability to enforce Chapter 25.08 with regard to motor vehicles, and potential solutions;
- (3) Identification of and consideration of emerging technological approaches to vehicle noise enforcement;
- (4) An outline of a potential approaches for use of SMC Chapter 11.69 as part of Alki summer emphasis patrols or by traffic enforcement officers; and
- (5) Exploration of how approaches to noise and cruising enforcement can be applied to other neighborhoods such as Fauntleroy, adjacent to the ferry dock.

As a beachside neighborhood and regional destination, the Alki neighborhood and nearby areas face unique public safety and health challenges, from Beach Drive to the West Seattle Bridge. Residents, community groups, and visitors from elsewhere have expressed concern about the public health and safety impacts of a growing number of motor vehicle-related issues and behaviors.

The Alki Public Safety and Health Survey developed by Councilmember Herbold and neighborhood residents found that noise from modified vehicle exhaust systems and vehicle sound systems were significant areas of concern, along with cruising. Likewise, the Fauntleroy neighborhood near the ferry dock experiences unusually heavy early-morning vehicle noise.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Gender Equity, Safe Communities and New Americans Committee

Date Due to Council: February 23, 2018