

## **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 regulation of marijuana businesses; amending Sections 6.500.020, 6.500.030, 6.500.040, 6.500.050, 6.500.060, 6.500.070, 6.500.080, 6.500.110, 6.500.160, and 6.500.170 of the Seattle Municipal Code; adding a new Section 6.500.143 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

- b. Summary and background of the Legislation:** In 2015, Ordinance 124807 was enacted by the Mayor and City Council adding Chapter 6.500 to the Seattle Municipal Code, creating a marijuana regulatory business license and accompanying regulations that created a civil regulatory system that allowed for the full transition of the unregulated marijuana industry to a regulated system.

Since 2015 there have been several updates to state law that have affected items such as signage for marijuana retail establishments and minor access requirements which require amendments to provisions of Chapter 6.500. Other amendments are advisable to provide clarity, improve facilitation and compliance, and allow for effective application and enforcement of Chapter 6.500.

### **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. There are no costs, direct or indirect, as a result of this legislation.

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

FAS will not be able to enforce provisions related to unlicensed marijuana businesses, signage or minor access requirements if this legislation is not implemented.

### **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?**

Communities of color have been historically prosecuted in a higher proportion for marijuana-related crimes than their white counterparts. This legislation allows for the continued use of civil remedies to enforce violations of marijuana laws as opposed to criminal law to ease that disparity. Further, this legislation will allow for civil enforcement against unlicensed marijuana establishments that have tended to open in lower income or more ethnically diverse neighborhoods which has put an unfair burdens on those communities.

**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:** None

**List attachments/exhibits below:** None