

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

1. **Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to The City of Seattle’s datum point; updating the vertical and horizontal reference datum for City of Seattle departments and outside entities as a standard elevation reference plane; requiring certain measurements for preliminary plats to be based on the updated vertical and horizontal datum; amending Chapter 1.20 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 23.22.020, 23.75.100, 25.06.030, 25.06.070, and 25.06.090 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

2. **Summary and background of the Legislation:** A datum point is a reference point used in surveying and construction to provide a known location for measuring the position or height of an object in relation to the datum point. Seattle’s original local vertical datum was established, in 1883. The City in 2003 adopted the current official horizontal and vertical datums which are defined as The North American Datum of 1983 and The North American Vertical Datum of 1988. The datums comprise a series of stable, monumented points and reference stations, established and maintained by the United States National Geodetic Survey (NGS). The NGS continually monitors its datum reference station and adjusts it over time, the most recent of which occurring in 2011. In the interest of public safety, health and welfare the City’s utility, transportation and other assets have a common vertical and horizontal reference system. This proposed legislation would amend the Seattle Municipal Code to bring the City’s Horizontal and Vertical Datums into alignment with current and future NGS datums by putting forth language that defines the official City of Seattle datums as the most current NGS datums. This would eliminate the need for future code updates each time the NGS adjusts its datums.

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?**
No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
N/A
- 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?**
No
- 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

List attachments/exhibits below:

None