

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

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to termination of residential rental tenancies; prohibiting evictions in winter months; and amending Section 22.206.160 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation amends the Just Cause Eviction Ordinance (SMC 22.206.160) to prohibit evictions in winter months (November 1 through March 31). Because an eviction can lead to homelessness, and because of the public health hazards posed by sleeping outdoors in cold-weather, this will not allow tenants to be evicted in the winter months; a landlord could still pursue eviction action, but the eviction would be delayed until April 1st.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes No

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?

The legislation will require updating print materials, changing landlord training curriculum, changing web-based information, and may require some associated outreach. This work could potentially be part of existing work of the Renting in Seattle program and the Property Owner and Tenant Assistance group at a negligible cost. There may be increases in tenant complaints and caseload because of these provisions.

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?**
Yes, the Seattle Department and Inspections is responsible for implementing the existing Just Cause Eviction Ordinance that this legislation amends.

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? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This legislation will prevent evictions in winter months. Households with low-incomes and households of color are disproportionately subject to eviction actions; this legislation will benefit those communities to prevent evictions during winter months.

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).

List attachments/exhibits below: