

**SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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**1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** A RESOLUTION authorizing an exception to the level of General Fund support to Seattle Parks and Recreation due to exigent economic circumstances, by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** Section 3.3 of the interlocal agreement establishing the Seattle Park District authorized by City of Seattle Ordinance 124468 establishes that the City will provide a minimum level of General Fund support to Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR). Pursuant to Section 3.3 of the interlocal agreement, a 3/4 vote of the City Council may suspend this minimum level of General Fund support in the event of a natural disaster or exigent economic circumstances. SPR’s General Fund support totals \$101,604,265 in 2020.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared that the COVID-19 disease is a global pandemic and has raised the health emergency to the highest level requiring dramatic interventions to disrupt the spread of this disease. Governor Jay Inslee declared a statewide state of emergency in response to outbreaks of the COVID-19 disease in Washington at the end of February.

In response to outbreaks of the disease in Seattle, Mayor Jenny Durkan proclaimed a civil emergency exists in the City in the Mayoral Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020, modified by Resolution 31937. At the end of March, the Governor issued a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, which, combined with other measures taken to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, effectively closed many businesses in the state of Washington. The Governor has since extended the order though May 31, 2020.

The impacts of these closures are being felt across all industry sectors, including retail, restaurant, hospitality, transportation, logistics, arts, and culture. The economic impacts may have long-term, dynamic, and unpredictable local and regional consequences on financial resources across the state with significant estimated impacts on Seattle.

As such, due to the City’s unprecedented shortfall in tax revenues in 2020 from the pandemic, this legislation prevents the City Council from maintaining the minimum level of General Fund support to Seattle Parks and Recreation in 2020.

## 2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_X\_\_ No

## 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_X\_\_ 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?**

No, this legislation does not have unanticipated short or long term costs.

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

If the legislation is not implemented, the level of General Fund relief provided by the Seattle Park District during this pandemic would be diminished.

## 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
No, this legislation does not impact any other departments.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
This legislation does not require a public hearing.
- c. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**  
No, this legislation does not have real estate impacts.
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** Such publication is not required.
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
It does not affect a piece of property.
- 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 is a technical piece of legislation that does not have direct equity implications.
- 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 legislation does not introduce a new initiative or program expansion.

List attachments/exhibits below: None.