

## 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 the City Light Department; amending Section 21.49.090 of the Seattle Municipal Code to clarify the Department’s discretion to allow additional services on a parcel as it deems necessary to provide adequate service to customers.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation clarifies Seattle City Light’s discretion to allow additional services on a parcel as it deems necessary to provide adequate service to customers. Feedback from customers is indicating that City Light’s service application process is not providing effective customer service, especially with regard to supporting the efforts of private charging network providers to develop Electric Vehicle (EV) charging sites in our service territory. One barrier within the process is the current application of Seattle Municipal Code section 21.49.090 under a City Light policy entitled “Single Site, single service” (commonly known as “One site, one service”). It is understood that this provision was originally created to provide for the safety of City Light’s field personnel, emergency first responders, and the general public by avoiding multiple sources of electric energy for a given premise, and for prudent use of our customer-owners’ dollars by avoiding unnecessary installation of additional distribution system equipment. However, the current application of this guidance has become a barrier to City Light’s technical staff in their efforts to design and implement solutions that serve our customers’ needs. Clarifying the SMC as proposed in this legislation will support the Department’s needs and citywide transportation electrification goals while at the same time ensuring that services are properly engineered and safeguarding the safety of the utility’s field personnel, emergency first responders, and the general public.

### **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.

**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?**

This legislation supports Seattle City Light and City of Seattle goals related to encouraging electric transportation, including Electric Vehicles (EVs), which are in turn dependent on the availability of charging infrastructure.

**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?**

Seattle City Light and the City of Seattle have had a longstanding commitment to reduce pollution in our communities and combat climate impacts from carbon emissions, especially with regard to the Race and Social Justice Initiative implications of those problems. In addition, in the context of developing the proposed Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan, City Light conducted significant outreach to environmental justice communities. Seattle City Light will monitor outcomes to ensure equity. Language accessibility will be addressed per existing Seattle City Light customer communications efforts.

**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).**

Not applicable (no new initiative or major programmatic expansion).

**List attachments/exhibits below:** None.