

**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 organization of City government; creating an Office of Emergency Management; repealing Sections 10.02.045 and 10.020.047 of the Seattle Municipal Code; adding Sections 3.15.040 and 3.15.042 to the Seattle Municipal Code; amending Ordinance 118617; and adopting revised Emergency Management Fund – General Trust Fund Policies.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation creates a new Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in the Executive Department by adding new sections to the Seattle Municipal Code. Like other Executive Department directors, the director of OEM will be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The primary functions of the office will be to spearhead the City's planning for and response to disasters, including the operation of the Emergency Operations Center.

**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

The Office of the Emergency Management will be staffed by 15.0 FTEs. The appropriation (\$2,483,750) and position changes to support this are included in the 2021 Proposed Budget.

**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?**

In 2021, the City Budget Office will work with the new department, the Seattle Police Department, and the shared services departments (Seattle Department of Human Resources, Department of Finance and Administrative Services and Seattle Information Technology Department) to ensure that allocated rates are appropriately assigned.

**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?**  
The legislation impacts the Seattle Police Department, where Emergency Management functions are currently housed.
- 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?**  
The creation of an independent Office of Emergency Management followed a review and discussion around the current functions that police oversee. This review recognized the importance of non-police led solutions to a range of incidents. A civilian Office of Emergency Management fills a vital role in convening and collaborating with multiple departments, external governmental and non-governmental agencies and the community, and successful emergency management programs must retain their ability to be neutral, impartial, and effective arbitrators. This transfer will increase the community's willingness to trust, engage, and work with the Office of Emergency Management.
- 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:**

Summary Attachment A – Emergency Management Fund – General Trust Fund Policies  
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