

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Add 1 FTE Arborist and 1 FTE Housing and Zoning Inspector to SDCI and \$275,237 GF to fund the positions to improve enforcement of tree regulations

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Dan Strauss

Council Members: Tammy Morales, Alex Pedersen

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	TM	KS	AP	DJ	DS	AL	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
	No	0									
	Abstain	0									
	Absent	0									

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

	2021 Increase (Decrease)	2022 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund		
General Fund Revenues	\$0	
General Fund Expenditures	\$275,237	
Net Balance Effect	\$(275,237)	
Total Budget Balance Effect	\$(275,237)	

Budget Action Description:

This Council Budget Action would add 1 FTE Arborist and 1 FTE Housing and Zoning Inspector to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and \$275,237 GF to fund the positions. The positions would enforce current and potential future tree regulations. Enforcement could include investigating complaints of illegal tree cutting and pro-active enforcement of tree regulations.

The fully-loaded cost of an Arborist and a Housing and Zoning Inspector in 2021 is \$123,814 and \$151,423, respectively. In 2018, SDCI resolved tree-related enforcement actions, for which there was a violation, in approximately 51 days. In 2019 and 2020, SDCI resolved tree-related enforcement actions in approximately 169 days and 147 days, respectively.

Budget Action Transactions

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#	Transaction Description	Position Title	Number of Positions	FTE	Dept	BSL	Fund	Year	Revenue Amount	Expenditure Amount
1	Pocket Adjustments		0	0	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$275,237
2	Pocket Adjustments	Arborist	1	1	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$0
3	Pocket Adjustments	Housing/Zoning Inspector	1	1	SDCI - CI000	SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance	00100 - General Fund	2021	\$0	\$0