

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 Seattle Public Utilities; updating water regulations to conform to current standards; making technical corrections; and amending Section 21.04.480 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation would confirm water meters are the property of the City of Seattle and clarify the actions Seattle Public Utilities will take with respect to damaged, broken, or abandoned meters, and cross references the applicable credit and collection provisions that apply for nonpayment of water service charges. It also specifies the circumstances when SPU will bill customers based on estimated reads and describes the general method for relying on average monthly consumption for a consecutive three-month period.

This proposed code update will not result in any policy or operational change for SPU. The proposed changes do not address nonpayment of service charges or utility shut offs, but rather clarify that bills will be estimated when the meter fails to register properly or when SPU cannot obtain a meter read for any other reason. It also provides a high-level explanation of the methods for computing estimated bills.

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?

No

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

There are no direct costs. These changes are proposed to ensure the SMC is current and accurately captures current business practices.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

No

- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No

- c. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No

Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

- d. **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?**

No perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

- e. **Climate Change Implications**

1. **Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

No

2. **Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

No

- f. **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:

None