

## SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Final Action:** 7/11/2022 **Ord. No.** Ord 126621

Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the General Manager/CEO of Seattle

Public Utilities to enter into an amended Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement

with the State of Washington Department of Ecology to partially finance costs related to the

construction of the Ship Canal Water Quality Project; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Sponsors:** Alex Pedersen

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Attachments: 1. Summary and Fiscal Note, 2. Signed Ordinance 126621, 3. Affidavit of Publication

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
7/11/2022	1	City Clerk	attested by City Clerk	
7/11/2022	1	Mayor	returned	
7/11/2022	1	Mayor	Signed	
7/7/2022	1	City Clerk	submitted for Mayor's signature	
7/5/2022	1	City Council	passed	Pass
6/28/2022	1	City Council	referred	
6/24/2022	1	Council President's Office	sent for review	
6/15/2022	1	City Clerk	sent for review	
6/15/2022	1	Mayor	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	

## **CITY OF SEATTLE**

ORDINANCE	
COUNCIL BILL	

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WHEREAS, The City of Seattle and King County own and operate combined sewer systems, portions of which

are interconnected, and there is a risk of overflows in some locations during heavy rain events; and

WHEREAS, the Combined Sewer Overflows ("CSOs") are regulated under the federal Clean Water Act and

- governed by the State of Washington under the terms of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permits separately issued to both The City of Seattle and King County; and
- WHEREAS, the terms of the NPDES permits require The City of Seattle and King County to limit untreated overflows at each CSO outfall to an average of no more than one per year; and
- WHEREAS, under a Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the Washington Department of Ecology ("Ecology"), and the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") authorized by Ordinance 123908 and amended by Ordinance 124129 (the "City's Consent Decree"), The City of Seattle must implement control measures to limit untreated combined sewer overflows in accordance with State of Washington requirements by December 31, 2025; and
- WHEREAS, in 2015 the City Council pursuant to Ordinance 124966 authorized Seattle Public Utilities to enter into a Joint Project Agreement ("JPA") with King County to design, construct, operate, and maintain the Ship Canal Water Quality Project; and
- WHEREAS, the Seattle City Council on June 21, 2021, approved Ordinance 126376 authorizing Seattle Public

  Utilities to enter into a low-interest loan agreement with the Washington Department of Ecology

  ("Ecology") in the amount of \$66 million to partially finance costs related to the construction of the

  Ship Canal Water Quality Project; and
- WHEREAS, Ecology has decided to make additional low-interest loan funds available to Seattle Public

  Utilities for the Ship Canal Water Quality Project and Seattle Public Utilities has determined it is in the ratepayers' interest to accept those funds; NOW, THEREFORE,

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities is authorized to execute an Amendment to Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement No. WQC-2021-SeaPUD-00191 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Seattle Public Utilities to provide an additional \$59 million to partially finance costs related to the construction of the Ship Canal Water Quality Project to fulfill obligations

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under the City's Consent Decree.			
Section 2. Any act consistent with	the authority of t	his ordinance taken afte	er its passage and prior to its
effective date is ratified and confirmed.			
Section 3. This ordinance shall take			
not approved and returned by the Mayor w	vithin ten days af	ter presentation, it shall	take effect as provided by
Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.			
Passed by the City Council the	day of		, 2022, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its	passage this	day of	, 2022.
Approved / returned unsigned /	President	of the City C day of	Council
	Bruce A. Harr	rell, Mayor	
Filed by me this day of _		, 2022.	
	Monica Marti	nez Simmons, City Cler	·k
(Seal)			