



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the General Manager/CEO of Seattle Public Utilities to execute a memorandum of agreement between The City of Seattle and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for the transfer and curation of the Chester Morse Collection; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the City has responsibility under federal and other applicable laws to preserve for future use a collection it holds of archaeological artifacts, specimens and associated records pertaining to the sites identified as the Chester Morse Collection or 45-KI-25, 45-KI-27, 45-KI-29, 45-KI-30, 45-KI-31, 45-KI-32, 45-KI-298, 45-KI-299, and 45-KI-300 (“the Collection”), and Seattle wishes to cede and transfer all of its interest and control over the Collection to a qualified curation facility; and

WHEREAS, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (MIT) is desirous of obtaining, housing, and maintaining the Collection, which holds historic and cultural significance for MIT and other tribes of the region, and intends to house and maintain the Collection consistent with federal law and within the mission of its Preservation Program and Repository to preserve and protect the Tribe’s ancestral heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have provided notice of intent to transfer with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, the Snoqualmie Tribe, Yakama Indian Nation, and Tulalip Tribes on Seattle’s desire to transfer the Collection; and

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the mutual benefits to be derived by having the Collection permanently managed, housed and maintained in MIT’s Repository, and recognize the benefits which will accrue to public and tribal scientific interests by having MIT house and maintain the Collection for study and other educational purposes; 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, for and on behalf of The City of Seattle, a memorandum of Agreement between The City of Seattle and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for the transfer and curation of the Chester Morse Collection, substantially in the form of Attachment 1 to this ordinance.

Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2019, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2019.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Collection Transfer and Curation Agreement Between The City of Seattle and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe