



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget, including the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; and adding or modifying provisos.

WHEREAS, Resolution 31962, adopted by the City Council (“Council”) on August 10, 2020, stated that the

Council would not support any budget amendments to increase the Seattle Police Department’s (SPD) budget to offset overtime expenditures above the funds budgeted in 2020 or 2021, and expressed the Council’s intent to reduce SPD’s budget in phases and increase funding for community-led research and participatory budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 119970, introduced after adoption of the 2021 Budget, increases SPD’s 2020 budget by \$5.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that SPD would have had sufficient appropriation authority to cover the \$5.4 million had it not overspent its overtime budget, due largely to over-deployment of officers during the largely peaceful demonstrations in the summer of 2020, including a deployment of officers that exceeded \$10 million in overtime costs in less than 60 days; and

WHEREAS, the Council anticipates that there will be salary savings in SPD’s budget achieved in 2021 due to higher than anticipated attrition that has already occurred in October 2020 and may continue to occur during November 2020 and December 2020; and

WHEREAS, reducing SPD’s 2021 appropriation authority offsets the increased authority provided in 2020 and increases funding for the community-led participatory budgeting work called for in Resolution 31962;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The appropriations for the following items in the 2021 Adopted Budget are reduced from the funds shown below:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/BCL Code	Amount
1.1	Seattle Police Department	General Fund (00100)	Special Operations (00100-BO-SP-P3400)	(\$5,388,072)
Total				(\$5,388,072)

Section 2. In order to pay for necessary costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred in 2021, but for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of making the 2021 Budget, appropriations for the following items in the 2021 Budget are increased from the funds shown, as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/BCL Code	Amount
2.1	Finance General	General Fund (00100)	General Purpose (00100-BO-FG-2QD00)	\$5,388,072
Total				\$5,388,072

Section 3. This ordinance imposes a proviso, as follows:

“Of the appropriation in the 2021 budget for the Finance General, General Purpose Budget Summary Level (00100-BO-FG-2QD00), \$5,388,072 is appropriated solely to implement actions recommended to the City from the Participatory Budgeting process and may be spent for no other purpose. Furthermore, none of the money so appropriated may be spent until authorized by future ordinance. Council anticipates that such authority will not be granted until the Executive submits to the Council a plan for spending the funds in accordance with the Participatory Budgeting recommendations.”

Section 4. 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 _____, 2021, and signed by
me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2021.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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