

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 street and sidewalk use; amending the Street Use Fee Schedule authorized by Section 15.04.074 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This legislation amends the Street Use fee schedule to temporarily eliminate fees for the Seattle Department of Transportation’s (SDOT’s) Street Use and Parking permits associated with temporary and year-long food trucks, vending carts, and small-to-medium scale street and sidewalk events and activities that are open to the public. The legislation waives fees Citywide for new permit applications issued from the effective date of this ordinance through January 1, 2026.

This action is one of several legislative actions that implement the Mayor’s Downtown Activation Plan.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? X Yes No

If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete the table below.

Appropriation change (\$):	General Fund \$		Other \$	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Estimated revenue change (\$):	Revenue to General Fund		Revenue to Other Funds	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
			(\$65,000)	(\$140,000)
Positions affected:	No. of Positions		Total FTE Change	
	2023	2024	2023	2024

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.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

Yes. SDOT would receive permit revenues based on vending and street event permits that are issued during the effective dates of this ordinance.

3.a. Appropriations

 This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

 x This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from This Legislation:

Fund Name and Number	Dept	Revenue Source	2023 Revenue	2024 Estimated Revenue
Transportation Fund (13000)	SDOT	Permit Fees	(\$65,000)	(\$140,000)
TOTAL			(\$65,000)	(\$140,000)

Is this change one-time or ongoing?

One-time until January 1, 2026, when fees for the applicable uses will be reinstated.

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

The loss of revenue is based on estimated permit volumes SDOT has seen for vending, street and sidewalk activities, and associated no-parking permits. SDOT reviewed more than four years of permitting data to analyze potential revenue impacts. Site specific vending permits generated \$127,000 in 2019 and \$71,000 this year. SDOT issues most of their vending permits at the beginning of the calendar year. There has been a decrease in vending post-pandemic, so SDOT estimates additional permit activity would generate \$42,000 in 2023. Temporary event vending generated \$1,700 in revenue in 2019 and about \$1,000 this year to date. Street and sidewalk activities accounted for \$18,000 in 2022 although that may be an outlier as 2019 was \$6,000 and this year to date is about the same as 2019. SDOT also estimates a \$10,000 2023 and \$15,000 2024 impact from lost parking revenue due to no-fee Temporary No Park permits.

Totals (2023):

\$42,000 vending + temp vending

\$10,000 Street & sidewalk activities

\$10,000 parking

= \$62,000, rounding up to \$65,000

Totals (2024):

\$115,000 vending + temp vending

\$10,000 Street & sidewalk activities

\$15,000 parking

= \$140,000

3.c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

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
- d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**
No
- e. 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?**

This legislation will remove fees for vending and small-to-medium scale street and sidewalk activities and events in the public right-of-way. The intent is to encourage more events and entrepreneurs who want to vend food in Seattle. We know many vendors are people of color and own some of Seattle's smallest businesses. Applying the fee removal citywide will also provide more equitable outcomes than just focusing on downtown. SDOT will consider translation of key documents and an ethnic media strategy as part of its implementation strategy.

f. 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

g. 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

Summary Attachments:

Summary Attachment A – Street Use Fee Schedule – with edits (for reference only)