

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to compost procurement; establishing a compost procurement policy for The City of Seattle; and adding a new Subchapter IV to Chapter 20.60 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: In 2022, the Washington State Legislature passed legislation requiring cities and counties with a population over 25,000 residents or in which organic material collection services are provided to adopt a compost procurement ordinance to encourage the purchase of locally sourced compost in their projects. This ordinance requires The City of Seattle to use compost products in appropriate public projects, including landscaping, construction, filtration of stormwater, and green infrastructure. It also requires the City to conduct educational outreach on the value of compost and report how much compost was purchased each year to the Department of Ecology.

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?
The legislation requires the City to purchase compost for public projects. These costs will likely be offset by fewer purchases of other materials like soil.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
The City of Seattle would be in violation of Washington State law if this ordinance is not implemented.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Yes, this ordinance impacts FAS, SDOT, Parks & Recreation, SPU, and any other department that utilizes compost. All affected departments would collaborate to form

educational materials on the benefits of using compost. In addition, all affected departments would report the following information to FAS by December 2024 and each December of even-numbered years thereafter.

- A) The total tons of organic material diverted each year;
- B) The estimated volume and cost of composted material purchased each year; and
- C) The source(s) of the compost products purchased.

FAS would compile this data and submit it to the Department of Ecology by December 31.

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?

Educational materials will be offered in the City's top primary languages by working with the Language Access Program.

f. Climate Change Implications

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

Compost production and use provide significant environmental benefits to soil and food.

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.

Compost used in green infrastructure has positive environmental impacts, including reducing pollution from stormwater, promoting vegetative growth, and improving the stability and longevity of roadways.

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:

None.