



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Public Safety Committee

Agenda

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

9:30 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall

600 4th Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

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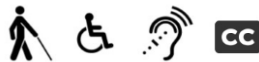
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Committee Website:

<https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-safety>

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A. Call To Order**B. Approval of the Agenda****C. Public Comment****D. Items of Business****1. Fire Code Advisory Board**

Supporting Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion, (20 minutes)

Presenters: Timothy Munnis, Assistant Chief, and Ken Brouillette, Technical Code Program Manager, Seattle Fire Department

2. [Appt 02845](#) Appointment of Loren Brandford as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing and Discussion, (10 minutes)

Presenters: Timothy Munnis, Assistant Chief, and Ken Brouillette, Technical Code Program Manager, Seattle Fire Department

3. [Appt 02849](#) Appointment of Matt Trueblood as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.

Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)

Briefing and Discussion, (10 minutes)

Presenters: Timothy Munnis, Assistant Chief, and Ken Brouillette, Technical Code Program Manager, Seattle Fire Department

4. [Appt 02846](#) **Reappointment of Carlene M. Comrie as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to May 14, 2026.**
- Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)
- Briefing and Discussion**, (10 minutes)
- Presenters:** Timothy Munnis, Assistant Chief, and Ken Brouillette, Technical Code Program Manager, Seattle Fire Department
5. [Appt 02847](#) **Reappointment of Kevin Marr as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to August 14, 2026.**
- Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)
- Briefing and Discussion**, (10 minutes)
- Presenters:** Timothy Munnis, Assistant Chief, and Ken Brouillette, Technical Code Program Manager, Seattle Fire Department
6. [Appt 02848](#) **Reappointment of Chris Todd as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to August 14, 2026.**
- Attachments: [Appointment Packet](#)
- Briefing and Discussion**, (10 minutes)
- Presenters:** Timothy Munnis, Assistant Chief, and Ken Brouillette, Technical Code Program Manager, Seattle Fire Department
7. **Seattle Fire Department Dangerous Buildings Ordinance**
- Supporting Documents: [SFD Dangerous Buildings Ordinance - Draft](#)
[SFD Dangerous Buildings Summary and Fiscal Note](#)
[Central Staff Presentation](#)
[SFD Presentation](#)
- Briefing and Discussion**, (40 minutes)
- Presenters:** Chief Harold D. Scoggins, Seattle Fire Department; Michele Hunter, Code Compliance Manager, SDCI; Ann Gorman, Council Central Staff

E. Adjournment



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Fire Code Advisory Board

Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board

Date
04/23/2024

Seattle Fire
Department



City of Seattle

A look back..

- First fire code ordinance in Seattle enacted in 1870.
- The Great Seattle Fire of 1889-turning point in Seattle's history.



First Avenue north of Yesler Way. Jacob Furth (with tall hat) and Dr. T.T. Minor are two of the four men standing on the Yesler Way corner.



2021 Seattle Construction Codes

2021 Seattle Building Code

2021 Seattle Residential Code

2021 Seattle Existing Building Code

2021 Seattle Fire Code

2021 Seattle Mechanical Code

2021 Seattle Energy Code

2021 Seattle Plumbing Code (enforced by Public Health King County)

2021 Seattle Fuel Gas Code (enforced by Public Health King County)

2021



WASHINGTON STATE
FIRE CODE
BASED ON THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE®



2021 Seattle
Fire Code

2021 International Fire Code® as
Amended by the City of Seattle



 City of Seattle

- Seattle Fire Department is represented on the State Building Code Council Fire Code Technical Advisory Group which reviews all proposed changes to the WA State Fire Code.
- The Seattle Fire Code is based on the International Fire Code and the WA State Fire Code.
- Codes are on a 3-year cycle. (2018,2021,2024 2027 etc.)

Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board

- Established by resolution in 1957.
- Advisory-decisions are not binding, but Fire Department and Elected Officials rely heavily on recommendations and expertise of this Board.
- 15 members: Architect, chemical engineer, mechanical engineer, BOMA, King Co Labor Council, major institutions, fire insurance industry, manufacturing and warehousing, marine industry, Port of Seattle, services industry, research labs, fire protection industry, and two public positions.

Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board

- Board members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.
- Three-year terms for each position.
- No compensation for service on board.
- Board hears Fire Code appeals and makes recommendations to the Fire Chief and Fire Marshal.

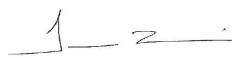
2021 Seattle Fire Code

2021 International Fire Code® as
Amended by the City of Seattle



- Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board review and provide recommendations for proposed amendments to the current and proposed Seattle Fire Code.
- They also review Statewide Fire Code amendments that could impact the City of Seattle.

Administrative Rule 9.02.24

<p>SUBJECT: INSPECTION, TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS, PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS AND EMERGENCY RESPONDER COMMUNICATION ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS</p>	<p>EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2024</p>
<p>REFERENCES: Seattle Fire Code Administrative Rule 9.01 Certificates of Competency for Installing, Inspecting, Testing, and Maintaining Fire Protection Systems Administrative Rule 9.04 Impaired Fire Protection Systems and Emergency Responder Communication Enhancement Systems NFPA 4, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13D, 15, 16, 17, 17A, 25, 72, 92, 750 1225, 2001 and 2010.</p>	<p>SUPERSEDES: Administrative Rule 9.02.21, September 1, 2021</p> <p>FCAB REVIEW DATE: January 31, 2024</p>
<p>NOTICE: Administrative Rules are established per Seattle Fire Code Section 104.1, and they are subject to the Administrative Sections 104.9 Modifications, Section 104.10 Alternate materials, design and methods of construction and equipment, and Section 111.1 Appeals.</p>	<p>APPROVED:  TIMOTHY J. MUNNIS, FIRE MARSHAL/FIRE CODE OFFICIAL</p>

Section 1. SCOPE

This rule shall apply to inspection, testing, maintenance and reporting requirements for fire protection and life safety systems, private fire hydrants, and emergency responder communication enhancement systems, and equipment as defined in the Seattle Fire Code, and any other systems as set forth by the fire code official.

Exceptions:

1. NFPA 13D sprinkler systems.

- The Fire Marshal develops Administrative Rules that help to enforce and clarify Seattle Fire Code requirements.
- The Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board reviews these and they provides any recommended changes.

Thank you



Date
04/23/2024

Seattle Fire
Department



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Appointment of Loren Brandford as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to 3 years from Council confirmation.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Loren Brandford</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Architect</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * N/A to 3 years from Council confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Pioneer Square/Downtown District 7</i>	Zip Code: <i>98104</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Loren Brandford has worked as an Architect since 1997. He has worked on a variety of buildings in Seattle with an emphasis on multifamily housing.</i> <i>He has concentrated on contract administration by helping his clients and contractors with construction phase problem solving.</i> <i>His experience on the Construction Code Advisory Board in 2015 and 2016 will enable him to quickly fulfill the need of the Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board in the Architect position.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date.

Architect with 20+ years' experience in the design and construction of multifamily, mixed-use and commercial buildings. I am a committed problem solver and team player, with strong technical skills and excellent understandings of building codes, building envelopes and accessibility. I have had significant roles in the design or construction of nearly 3,000 dwelling units.

SELECTED SKILLS

- Construction Documents
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Communication
- Multifamily & Mixed-use
- Building Codes
- Accessibility
- Building Envelope
- Quality Control
- Contract Administration
- Detailing
- Specifications
- Revit

LICENSING & EDUCATION

Registered Architect. Washington #9006, 2006.

Certified Accessibility Inspector/Plans Examiner. International Code Council, 2018.

University of Washington. M. Arch. 1996.

Harvard College. A. B. 1985. Concentration in Physics.

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- | | | |
|----------------|--|--|
| 7/20 to 10/23 | Senior Associate
Participated in design, permitting and construction phases for midrise and high-rise multifamily projects. Coordinated permitting communications with local jurisdiction and was deeply involved in the Revit modelling and detailing for the buildings. Was also an in-office accessibility resource, including performing accessibility reviews. | Encore Architects (Seattle WA) |
| 10/18 to 7/20 | Project Architect
Led and participated in design teams for rehab, multi-family and mixed-use projects. The projects varied in type and scale from elevator replacement to a new 57-unit urban condominium and rehabilitation of a 177-unit high-rise affordable housing tower. | MHAworks (Durham NC) |
| 1/13 to 8/18 | Sr. Project Architect
Developed and managed the in-house QC program for a firm focused on urban infill housing and Passive House buildings. Provided feedback and support to all project teams on building and zoning codes, accessibility, office standards, detailing, etc. Also performed extensive construction administration and specification writing. | NK Architects (Seattle WA) |
| 3/11 to 5/12 | Building Performance Architect
Worked as a building scientist, with a main focus on building envelope integrity and building performance. Performed design reviews, construction inspections, air leakage tests and thermography inspections on military projects in the Southeast and mid-Atlantic. Managed the energy audit portion of a pilot program to weatherize low-income housing in North Carolina: hiring, training and managing multiple audit teams. | Southern Energy Management (Morrisville NC) |
| 7/07 to 11/08 | Project Architect
Managed multi-disciplinary design teams through the design and permitting of multi-family projects, supportive housing and mixed-use projects in the Carolinas and Virginia. Coordinated the work of consultants and production staff to meet our clients' needs in a timely and efficient manner. Projects ranged from affordable townhouses to a 250+ unit Texas wrap. | Cline Design Associates (Raleigh NC) |
| 8/05 to 6/07 | Project Manager | NK Architects (Seattle WA) |
| 11/03 to 8/05 | Associate Designer | DKA (Seattle WA) |
| 10/99 to 7/03 | Project Manager | Driscoll Architects (Seattle WA) |
| 11/97 to 10/99 | Intern Architect | Snell Partnership (Seattle WA) |

Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board

15 Members: Pursuant to Ordinance 124707, all members subject to City Council confirmation, 3-year terms:

- 15 Mayor- appointed

Roster:

*D	**G	RD	Position No.	Position Title	Name	Term Begin Date	Term End Date	Term #	Appointed By
2	M		1.	Architect	Loren Brandford	N/A	3 years from Council confirmation	1	Mayor
6	F		2.	Chemical Engineer	Tara Henriksen	9/1/21	8/31/24	4	Mayor
			3.	Mechanical Engineer	Vacant	4/1/21	3/31/24		Mayor
6	M		4.	BOMA	Shawn Wood	6/1/22	5/31/25	1	Mayor
			5.	Insurance Industry	Vacant				Mayor
1	F		6.	Marine Industry	Amy Liu	9/24/21	9/23/24	2	Mayor
6	M		7.	Port of Seattle	Chris Todd	8/15/23	8/14/26	3	Mayor
6	M		8.	Manufacturing/ Warehouse	Fritz Chess	6/1/22	5/31/25	3	Mayor
6	M		9.	Research Labs	Kurt Lustig	6/1/22	5/31/25	3	Mayor
6	M		10.	Fire Protection Industry	Kevin Marr	8/15/23	8/14/26	3	Mayor
6	M		11.	Public	Scott Peterson	6/1/22	5/31/25	1	Mayor
6	M		12.	Public	Matt Trueblood	N/A	3 years from Council confirmation	1	Mayor
6	M		13.	Labor	Ricky Campbell	6/1/22	5/31/25	1	Mayor
			14.	Major Institutions	Vacant	6/1/22	5/31/25		Mayor
2	F		15.	Services Industry	Carlene M. Comrie	5/15/23	5/14/26	3	Mayor

SELF-IDENTIFIED DIVERSITY CHART

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Appointee Name: <i>Matt Trueblood</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Public</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * N/A to 3 years from Council confirmation <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>West Seattle District 1</i>	Zip Code: <i>98136</i>	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <i>Matt is a construction professional with over 8 years of experience managing commercial projects. As a professional in the construction industry, he brings a passion for fire and life safety. He has become well versed in specific building and fire code regulations and he will bring is experience in the construction field as well as his history of being a Seattle resident to successfully fill the public position on the Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board.</i>		
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Matt Trueblood



Construction professional with 8+ years of experience managing large scale, ground up commercial projects. A track record of using technical expertise, analytical thinking, and excellent communication skills to identify issues keep projects moving forward during critical phases of construction. Strong negotiation skills, experienced in construction best practices, organized, and detail oriented.

Experience

Senior Manager - Field Operations/Sustainable Living Innovations, Seattle, WA December 2022 - Current

- Responsible for the deployment of SLI's panelized building system for two large-scale projects, 303 Battery (15-story, 112 units) and DESC (5-story 124 units), in Seattle.
- Created and implemented QAQC plans for SLI's system new building technology.
- Managed schedule and cost for the construction phase of each project, including a solar array of over 600 panels installed on the building's façade.

Constructability Manager/Sustainable Living Innovations, Seattle, WA - August 2021 – December 2022

- Responsible for reviewing fabrication documents to catch errors upstream of field erection of panelized system.
- Worked across departments to identify and solve design and fabrication issues with SLI's panelized building technology. This included directly managing the construction teams responsible for implementation of SLI's product, which totaled \$120 Million of project costs across two jobsites.

Assistant Superintendent/Sellen Construction, Seattle, WA - January 2019 – July 2021

- Responsible for the site development, utilities, and infrastructure for a 25-story commercial office building in downtown Bellevue, WA.
- Led the planning and execution from start to finish of a \$250 Million, 17-story commercial office building in downtown Seattle. Created and managed schedule and the subcontractors that were accountable for delivering their work on time.
- Created safety programs that were 100% digital during COVID-19 to keep the jobsite functioning as it needed to in a pen and paper free environment.
- Maintained quality control of materials received and work installed for all phases of construction.

Senior Project Engineer/Sellen Construction, Seattle, WA - January 2015 – December 2018

- Coordinated between design and field teams across all scopes on three high rise commercial projects in Seattle. These projects totaled \$380 Million in project costs.
- Responsible for writing RFIs, reviewing submittals, cost management, writing subcontracts, change order management during construction.

Skills

Scheduling, including Microsoft Project and Primavera P6 • Managing complex contracts in a vertically integrated building technology company • Proficient in Procore • Cost and change order management • Writing subcontracts • Conflict Management • People Leadership • Construction best practices

Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/California Lutheran University

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Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Service Industry Representative</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * <i>5/15/2023</i> to <i>5/14/2026</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Leschi</i>	Zip Code: <i>98144</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Background: <i>The Services Industry representative on the Fire Code Advisory Board represents retail, wholesale, entertainment, restaurants, nightclubs, and hotels. Ms. Comrie is co-owner of the local Seattle restaurant Taste of the Caribbean and the night club Red Lounge. She is also the Director of Global Quality and Regulatory Compliance for Phillips. Ms. Comrie has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and a Masters of Business Administration degree. Her familiarity with Regulatory Compliance, along with her role as a local restaurant and night club owner, make her a particularly good fit to continue as the Services Industry representative on the Fire Code Advisory Board.</i>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>

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CARLENE M COMRIE

EDUCATION

BABSON COLLEGE, F.W. OLIN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, Wellesley, MA
Master of Business Administration, May 2010.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO, London, Ontario Canada
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, June 1996.

EXPERIENCE

TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN/ RED LOUNGE, Seattle, WA 2013 - Present
Co-Owner

PHILIPS ELECTRONICS NA, Bothell, WA 2015 - Present
Director Global Compliance

PHILIPS ELECTRONICS NA, Bothell, WA 2014 - 2015
Director Regulatory Affairs (Emergency Care and Resuscitation)

PHILIPS ELECTRONICS NA, Andover, MA 2010 - 2013
Director QA and Regulatory Compliance for Patient Care & Clinical Informatics (PCCI)

- Ensure strategic alignment of quality activities between global business units to create a common quality management system direction for the business group.
- Provide leadership to all business locations to ensure product quality and quality system compliance to ISO 13485 and FDA Quality System Regulation (21 CFR 820), Environmental compliance to ISO 14001, Canadian CMDCAS, Japan PAL regulation and all other worldwide medical device quality and environmental regulations.
- Provide leadership and oversight to business Q&R to ensure ongoing quality management system compliance, as measured by key performance indicators and audit (external and internal) results.
- Lead quality system improvement initiatives within business group including standardization of key processes.
- Provide operational support to business group supply chain, including support for manufacturing, supplier management, logistics and M&A integration.
- Interface with BU/BL Q&R management to address product quality and regulatory compliance issues and requirements.
- Identify and implement best practices between all locations to improve efficiency without risking compliance.
- Develop and implement a compliance strategy and Internal Audit program that ensures that PCCI businesses are compliant to regulatory requirement.
- Conduct due diligence inspections for potential mergers and acquisitions to ensure PCCI is fully aware of the regulatory compliance status of targeted company(s).
- Change and thought leader that champions quality management system and product quality improvement.
- Provide compliance expertise and guidance, including: information, opinion and interpretation to entire business.
- Create a quality community within the business group.
- Analyze data for trends and recommend preventive actions as necessary.
- Lead quality system management reviews.

BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION, Natick, MA

2006- 2010

Sr. Quality Systems Manager (2008 – Present)

- Responsible for managing a team of eleven with four direct reports.
- Provide leadership in quality assurance and regulatory compliance on departmental or cross-functional initiatives.
- Apply sound, systematic problem-solving methodologies in identifying, prioritizing, communicating, and resolving quality issues.
- Provide direction, coaching, and mentoring on quality and regulatory compliance to departmental, functional, site and divisional personnel.
- Manage the implementation of process controls, and CAPA systems designed to meet or exceed internal and external requirements.
- Identify and manages the implementation of effective quality systems to support the development, qualification, and on-going manufacturing of products.

Global Regulatory Compliance Auditor (2006 – 2008)

- Supported third-party audits, subject matter expert training and other initiatives which increased Boston Scientifics' corporate-wide FDA readiness.
- Performed as auditor and lead auditor for Corporate audits of manufacturing sites and focused Quality System topic audits for medical devices and combination products.
- Identified best practices and highlighted in audit reports systemic areas for improvement within the organization.
- Communicated FDA responses and associated commitments throughout Boston Scientific.
- Facilitated FDA re-inspection readiness and general audit preparedness.
- Provided assistance to sites during regulatory inspections as Field Corporate Audit Support Representative.
- Developed audit document templates for agendas and report formats utilizing FDA QSIT technique, international standards (e.g. EN ISO 13485:2003) and other applicable regulations.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES, Abbott Park, IL

2004-2006

Corporate Inspection Administrator

- Consulted and advised division on regulatory policies and quality related issues.
- Managed the inspection process, developed inspection strategy, delivered Audit Preparedness training.
- Conducted internal and supplier audits for the division.
- Served as point of contact during regulatory and non-regulatory inspections for the division.
- Creates and implements the inspection strategy for all regulatory and non-regulatory inspections.
- Facilitated and/or supported 40+ Regulatory and non-regulatory inspections on a yearly basis.
- Coordinated the organization response to all audit observations as well as facilitated the response process.

AVENTIS BEHRING L.L.C, Kankakee, IL

1999–2004

Quality Systems Engineer/Validation Specialist/ Auditor

- Responsible for reviewing change control documentation for compliance to cGMP regulations, federal guidelines and industry standards.
- Reviewed and executed validation protocols.
- Conducted internal and supplier audits.
- Supervised and trained all contractors associated with projects.

NOVEX PHARMA, Richmond Hill, ON, Canada

1997 – 1999

Calibration Engineer

- Supported the laboratory, R&D and production by ensuring instrumentation/equipment were calibrated and maintained per schedule.

SPECIAL INTEREST

- Tae Kwon Do • Traveling • Reading • Music

Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board

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Legislation Text

File #: Appt 02847, **Version:** 1

Reappointment of Kevin Marr as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to August 14, 2026.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: Kevin Marr		
Board/Commission Name: Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board		Position Title: Fire Protection Industry Representative
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Appointing Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <i>Fill in appointing authority</i>	Date Appointed: <i>mm/dd/yy.</i>	Term of Position: * 8/15/2023 to 8/14/2026 <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Serving remaining term of a vacant position</i>
Residential Neighborhood: <i>Insert neighborhood name</i>	Zip Code: 98424	Contact Phone No.: [REDACTED]
Background: <p>Mr. Kevin Marr has 38 years of experience in the fire protection industry. He is currently the design and operations manager at one of the largest regional fire protection companies. He has experience with commercial, industrial, and residential projects including High-rise Office and Residential Towers. Mr. Marr is a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), the NFSA Engineering and Standards Committee, and the International Code Council (ICC). He holds several certifications including a Washington State certificate of competency/fire protection sprinkler systems, a National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Level IV in Fire Protection Engineering Technology Water-Based Systems Layout, and is an NFPA Certified Fire Protection Specialist. Kevin has also served on the WA State Fire Code Technical Advisory Group for the 2021 Fire Code.</p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 		Appointing Signatory: Bruce A. Harrell Mayor of Seattle

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Kevin Marr

Design & Operations Manager
Patriot Fire Protection, Inc.

Education

Associate in Engineering
Technology – Highline College
Phi Theta Kappa

Professional Certifications



NFPA Certified Fire
Protection Specialist
#3437



NICET Level IV – Fire
Protection Engineering
Technology #73839



Professional Memberships

National Fire Protection
Association (NFPA)
National Fire Sprinkler
Association (NFSA)
NFSA Engineering and
Standards Committee
International Code Council
(ICC)

Work History

June 1984 to 1990
Wormald Fire Systems
Tacoma, WA
1990 to September 1993
Grinnell Fire Protection
Tacoma, WA
October 1993 to present
Patriot Fire Protection, Inc.
Tacoma, WA

Professional Profile

Kevin has over 32 years of experience in the fire sprinkler system industry including design, estimating, project management, and operations management. As the Design & Operations Manager for Patriot Fire Protection, Inc., Kevin supervises all of the project designers, project managers, and two field labor superintendents working in the Tacoma office. With his knowledge and experience, Kevin is actively involved during pre-construction services and design-build projects for clients. Kevin has also been a member of the National Fire Sprinkler Association Engineering and Standards Committee since 2009.

Experience

Supervision and Management of Employees
Pre-construction and Design Build Projects
Estimating, Budgeting, & Project Management
Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Projects
High-rise Office and Residential Towers
Layout and Design of Water Based Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems

- Wet Pipe Sprinkler Systems
- Dry Pipe Sprinkler Systems
- Pre-action Sprinkler Systems
- Deluge Sprinkler Systems
- Standpipe Systems
- Fire Pump Systems

Skills

Proficient in MS Office programs
Communication Skills – write and speak effectively, good listener
Interpersonal Skills – understanding, supportive, team player
Problem Solving – able to gather appropriate information to negotiate and resolve problems or disputes
Organizational Skills – detailed oriented, planner, sets goals, and meets deadlines

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Reappointment of Chris Todd as member, Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board, for a term to August 14, 2026.

The Appointment Packet is provided as an attachment.



City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

Appointee Name: <i>Chris Todd</i>		
Board/Commission Name: <i>Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board</i>		Position Title: <i>Port of Seattle Representative</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reappointment		Council Confirmation required? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Residential Neighborhood: <i>Insert neighborhood name</i>	Zip Code: <i>98321</i>	Contact Phone No.:
Background: <p><i>Mr. Christopher Todd currently serves as the Port of Seattle Marine Maintenance Department Administrative Electrical Crew Chief. In his role at the Port of Seattle, Mr. Todd uses direct knowledge of City of Seattle and State of Washington codes to evaluate and develop policies and programs to ensure compliance and safety in a workplace impacted by multiple regulatory jurisdictions. He is a journey-level electrician with more than a decade of experience in many different types of facilities. The Port of Seattle, through its representative Mr. Christopher Todd, is looking forward to continuing the long and productive collaboration between the City of Seattle and the Port of Seattle on safety, fire prevention, and code development that occurs through the Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board's work.</i></p>		
Authorizing Signature (original signature): 	Appointing Signatory: <i>Bruce A. Harrell</i> <i>Mayor of Seattle</i>	

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CHRIS TODD

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced and effective crew chief with a wide variety of craft and Port systems knowledge to effectively work in this position. Action-oriented with a positive work ethic and attitude.

SKILLS

Safe worker

Organized

Detail oriented

Knowledgeable in craft

Teacher to other workers

Process driven

Strong customer focus

Budget minded

Team player

Effective communicator

WORK HISTORY

Administrative/Safety Electrical Crew Chief, 06/2016 to Current

Port of Seattle – Seattle, WA

- Keep electrical crew in compliance with safety procedures, and safety standards
- Keep electrical crews safety equipment up to date with all inspections and in good working order
- Produce an electrical safety budget that can be presented to the Safety manager for acceptance
- Work with management and electrical crew chiefs to get the needed safety training scheduled
- Work with other crafts where needed for safety compliance
- Draft documentation and produce records on electrical safety
- Interpret drawings, wiring diagrams, and written specifications on project requirements for project management and engineers.
- Perform regular site safety inspections
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with internal and external customers

North End Electrical Crew Chief, 12/2008 to 06/2016

Port of Seattle – Seattle, WA

- Supervision of crew members of the electric shop
- Ensured that the crew is working safe and efficiently
- Coached and developed crew members in the electrical trade
- Filled in as backup General Foreman since April of 2010
- Prioritizing of open jobs and workloads
- Collaborate with many departments of the Port of Seattle including but not limited to engineering, Port Construction Services, Project Management, facility operations staff and other crews of Marine Maintenance.
- Effective and in depth knowledge of Maximo for time entry, job tracking, ordering of materials, and verifying workload
- LEAN/CPI process participant, I Trained with Alaska Airlines personnel on LEAN.
- Have been involved with process improvement of multiple systems used in the shop. Including Maximo work flow, Akwire, hand held devices, and PM structuring.
- Responsible for updates and closeout procedure for jobs as they were completed
- Effectively managed the proper use of overtime/double time of the crew on jobs where needed.
- Estimate and judge feasibility of jobs for us to perform where needed
- Frontline Supervision graduate

Electrical Journeyman, 09/2005 to 12/2008

Port of Seattle – Seattle, WA

- Met with Crew Chief on daily basis to receive and give feedback on job assignments
- Put together extensive parts lists/requests for jobs I had been assigned
- Prepared or went over job hazard analysis to ensure a safe work environment
- Involved in multiple negotiations of Port of Seattle Electrician contracts
- Had the role of the shop steward
- Created Medium voltage switching order documentation to create a safe 4,160 volt-26,000 volt working environment.
- Performed maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair tasks on electrical systems throughout the marine maintenance facilities
- Responded to emergency calls any time of day or night for power outages, broken equipment, flooded vaults/substations, and boat hookups/disconnects all across the Port of Seattle facilities.
- Have a working knowledge of the National Electric code
- Interacted with tenants and facilities staff to discuss job and offer quality customer service.

Electrical Apprentice, 07/2000 to 09/2005

JATC – Seattle/Renton, WA

- Port of Seattle : 2005-2005
- H & M Electric : 2004-2005
- Plateau Electric : 2002-2004
- Port of Seattle : 2000-2002
- Learned how to install per National Electric Code
- Effective time management while on the job
- Learned to install Duct Bank runs
- Learned medium voltage switching
- Learned AC/DC electric theory
- Learned to do tenant improvements
- Learned fire alarm systems
- Learned control circuit install and troubleshooting
- Learned maintenance of electrical components

Lamper/Utility worker, 11/1999 to 07/2000

Port of Seattle – Seattle, WA

- Managed my time and self-motivated to keep jobs moving forward
- Changed lamps at all of the Port of Seattle owned facilities
- Interacted with tenants, customers, and management of facilities visited
- Kept inventory of lamps needed for jobs and ordered needed lamps
- Reported progress every day to the crew chief of the electric shop

EDUCATION

Journeyman O1 Electrical License: Graduated: 2005

JATC/South Seattle Community College - Seattle/Renton, WA

Technical Associates Degree: Electro Mechanical Industrial Maintenance Technician , Graduated: 1998

Clover Park Technical School - Lakewood, WA

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File #: Inf 2455, **Version:** 1

Seattle Fire Department Dangerous Buildings Ordinance

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

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AN ORDINANCE relating to unsafe building abatement; amending Section 111 and Section 202 of the 2018 Seattle Fire Code as adopted by Section 22.600.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code and as regulated and allowed by the State Building Code Act, Chapter 19.27 of the Revised Code of Washington; declaring an emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

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WHEREAS, vacant and derelict buildings that are occupied by trespassers or that have had fires can present dangers and hazards to neighboring residents, firefighters, other public safety officers, and those trespassing; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Fire Department is aware of over 40 buildings that are potentially unsafe and during 2023, three of them lost their lives in building fires;

WHEREAS, the Seattle Fire Department and the Seattle Fire Code Advisory Board have reviewed and approved the additions and revisions to the 2018 Seattle Fire Code contained in this ordinance; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City finds and declares:

A. The Seattle Fire Department is tracking over 100 buildings in the city that are vacant, and either derelict, unsafe, or a public nuisance.

B. The City's Vacant Building Monitoring program provides inspection and enforcement actions, including requiring property owners to secure their vacant property to prevent unauthorized access and restore it to a safe condition.

C. Many of these buildings have been determined by the City to be unsafe for entry because of significant structural damage.

1 D. Many of these vacant buildings are being repeatedly illegally occupied by trespassers,
2 as reported to the City by neighbors, members of the public, firefighters, and police officers, a
3 circumstance that has become much more frequent since synthetic narcotics, including fentanyl
4 and methamphetamine, have become widely available in recent years.

5 E. A number of these buildings have experienced fires that required fire department
6 emergency suppression responses. One of the buildings monitored by the City has had 18 calls to
7 911 for fire-related incidents in the last 12 months.

8 F. On February 26, 2023, March 27, 2023, and July 24, 2023, three people died in fires in
9 these buildings.

10 G. In January 2024, another vacant building was slated for demolition but then had a
11 significant fire that required nearly 100 firefighters for fire ground operations, shut down a major
12 arterial for weeks, displaced residents in a neighboring building, and disrupted businesses in the
13 area.

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14 H. Fires in vacant buildings have increased dramatically in recent years, indicating an
15 escalating emergency requiring the city government's action. Incident officers reported 77 fires
16 related to vacant buildings in 2021, 91 in 2022, and 130 in 2023.

17 I. The safety of Seattle firefighters and police officers is put at significant risk when
18 responding to fire, medical, or criminal emergencies in these derelict and unsafe buildings,
19 especially if trespassers are inside and require rescue.

20 J. As the incident in January 2024 demonstrated, these fires can increase in scale and
21 create lengthy and ongoing threats to the public peace, health, and safety. This ordinance is
22 necessary to take effect immediately to prevent more such threats.

1 Section 2. Section 111 of the Seattle Fire Code, enacted by Ordinance 126283, is
2 amended as follows:

3 **SECTION 111**
4 **UNSAFE BUILDINGS, PREMISES, VEHICLES, AND VESSELS**

5 **[S][A] 111.1 General.** If a premises, a *building or portion thereof*, or a structure or *portion*
6 *thereof*, or any building system, vehicle or vessel, in whole or in part, endangers any property or
7 the health or safety of the occupants of the property or of neighboring premises, buildings, motor
8 vehicles, *vessels*, or the health and safety of the public or fire department personnel, the *fire code*
9 *official* shall issue such notice or orders to remove or remedy the conditions as shall be deemed
10 necessary in accordance with this section. The *fire code official* may refer the building to the
11 Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections for any repairs, *alterations*, remodeling,
12 removing or demolition required

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13 **[S][A] 111.1.1 Unsafe conditions.** Structures, premises, or existing equipment that are or
14 hereafter become *unsafe* because of inadequate *means of egress*, that constitute a fire
15 hazard, that involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, or that are
16 otherwise dangerous to human life or public welfare, shall be deemed an unsafe condition.
17 Unsafe structures shall be taken down and removed or made safe, as the *fire chief* or *fire code*
18 *official* deems necessary and as provided for in this section. A vacant structure that is not secured
19 against unauthorized entry as required by Section 311 shall be deemed unsafe.

20 **[S][A] 111.1.2 Structural hazards.** Where an apparent structural hazard is caused by the
21 faulty installation, operation or malfunction of any of the items or devices governed by this code,
22 the *fire code official* is authorized to immediately notify the building code official in accordance
23 with Section 111.1.

1 **[S] 111.1.3 Public nuisance.** A building or portion thereof, or premises, that is deemed
2 unsafe under this section is found and declared to be a *public nuisance*. The *fire code official* is
3 authorized to abate the *public nuisance*. The cost of such abatement shall be recovered from the
4 *owner or person* responsible or both in any manner provided by law.

5 **[S][A] 111.2 Evacuation.** The *fire code official* or the fire department official in charge of an
6 incident shall be authorized to order the immediate evacuation of any occupied premises,
7 building or portion thereof, vehicle, or *vessel* deemed unsafe where such premises, building or
8 portion thereof, vehicle, or *vessel* has hazardous conditions that present imminent danger to
9 premises, building or portion thereof, vehicle, or *vessel* occupants. Persons so notified shall
10 immediately leave the structure or premises, vehicle, or *vessel* and shall not enter or re-enter until
11 authorized to do so by the *fire code official* or the fire department official in charge of the
12 incident.

13 **[A] 111.3 Summary abatement.** (Where conditions exist that are deemed ~~hazardous~~) an
14 imminent danger to life and property, and issuing an order or notice that provides a compliance
15 deadline is not practical, the *fire code official* or fire department official in charge of the incident
16 is authorized to declare the conditions a public nuisance and abate summarily such hazardous
17 conditions that are in violation of this code. Such summary abatement may include, but is not
18 limited to, demolition. The cost of such abatement shall be recovered from the *owner or person*
19 responsible or both in any manner provided by law, including through a special assessment under
20 RCW 35.21.955 against the property filed as a lien with the King County Recorder.

21 **[A] 111.4 Abatement.** The *owner*, the owner's authorized agent, operator or occupant of a
22 building or premises deemed unsafe by the *fire code official* shall abate or cause to be abated or
23 corrected such unsafe conditions either by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or other *approved*

1 corrective action. Where the *owner*, or the *owner's* authorized agent, operator or occupant, fails
2 to abate or cause to be abated or corrected such unsafe conditions, the *fire code official* is
3 authorized to abate such unsafe conditions that are in violation of this code. The cost of such
4 abatement shall be recovered from the *owner* or *person* responsible or both in any manner
5 provided by law, including through a special assessment under RCW 35.21.955 against the
6 property filed as a lien with the King County Recorder.

7 **[S] 111.5 Notification.** The *fire code official* shall serve the responsible party with a copy of
8 violations, correction letters, and orders issued. The property owner shall be notified in the
9 manner required by RCW 35.21.955 prior to the filing of a lien that the costs of abatement may
10 be assessed against the property as authorized by RCW 35.21.955.

11 **[S] 111.6 Abatement costs.** Whenever the *fire code official*, or fire department official in charge
12 of an incident, is authorized to abate summarily such hazardous conditions that are in violation of
13 this code, the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designee is authorized to seek reimbursement for the
14 actual costs of incurred services, including City labor costs, together with a charge equal to 15%
15 of the City's actual incurred costs to cover administrative expenses. These charges shall be a cost
16 of abatement and shall be collected from the owner in any manner provided by law, including
17 through a special assessment under RCW 35.21.955 against the property filed as a lien with the
18 King County Recorder. The property owner shall be notified in the manner required by RCW
19 35.21.955 prior to the filing of a lien that the costs of abatement and associated fees may be
20 assessed against the property as authorized by RCW 35.21.955.

21 Section 3. Section 202 of the Seattle Fire Code, enacted by Ordinance 126283, is
22 amended as follows:

23 **SECTION 202**
24 **GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

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PUBLIC NUISANCE. A public nuisance is one which affects equally the rights of an entire community or neighborhood, although the extent of the damage may be unequal. See RCW 7.48.130.

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Section 4. Based on the findings of fact set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance, the Council finds and declares that this ordinance is a public emergency ordinance, which shall take effect immediately and is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

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1 Section 5. By reason of the findings set out in Section 1, and the emergency that is hereby
2 declared to exist, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by a 3/4
3 vote of the City Council and its approval by the Mayor, as provided by Article 4, subsection 1.I
4 of the Charter of the City.

5 Passed by a 3/4 vote all the members of the City Council the _____ day of
6 _____, 2024, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its
7 passage this _____ day of _____, 2024.

8 _____
9 President _____ of the City Council

Approved / Returned unsigned / vetoed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2024.

13 _____
14 Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

15 (Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
Seattle Fire Department	Karen Grove	Ramandeep Kaur

1. BILL SUMMARY

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Summary and Background of the Legislation:

There are currently more than 40 derelict and potentially unsafe buildings in Seattle that the Seattle Fire Department (SFD) is tracking, many of which have had multiple fires and pose risk. To address this issue, the legislation amends the Seattle Fire Code to clarify the Fire Chief's authority to demolish or otherwise remedy the unsafe building conditions. This legislation also allows SFD to place a lien against property titles to ensure Seattle taxpayers are reimbursed for the City's building abatement costs.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

This legislation is focused on expanding the Fire Chief's authority to remedy unsafe buildings and allows the City to place liens against property. The legislation does not provide any new appropriation, but it does have some indirect financial implications. The City may incur costs to fence properties or complete demolition of derelict or fire-damaged structures that are unsafe and dangerous to human life and public welfare. Depending on the degree of damage, the size of the building, the construction type and materials, presence or absence of asbestos, critical areas, and other site-specific conditions, fencing and demolition costs will vary significantly. The City will develop a blanket contract with several vendors through an invitation to bid process, to identify and approve the contractors who will perform this work. The costs could range from \$350,000 to

\$500,000 this year. Summary abatement or demolition will not occur without approval from the Mayor's Office. SFD will work with Law, CBO, and the MO in implementing summary abatement protocols, if there is a chance the City might have to pay for an abatement up-front. Any additional appropriation needed for these costs will be included in future legislation.

The City would be reimbursed for these expenditures by the building owner and the City would have the ability to place a lien against the property title if the property owner fails to reimburse the City. Revenues may not be received in the same fiscal year as expenditures occur, and could require multi-year support until reimbursement is received. There is not currently a guarantee of financial recovery.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

This program achieves greater public safety in neighborhoods. The legislation as written is focused on expanding the Fire Chief's ability to address harms caused by derelict buildings in Seattle. The ability to levy liens will hold property owners accountable for costs incurred by the City; however, revenues may not be received in the same fiscal year as expenditures occur.

At this time, SFD and Law will not need to request additional administrative support for this program beyond their current services. Depending on the response to this program and other services, the Fire Marshall's office and/or Law may need additional resources in the future to issue liens, track cost recovery, inspections, etc.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

In 2023, three residents died in unsafe building fires in Seattle. Fires in unsafe buildings also put neighboring properties, families, and first responders at risk. Without sufficient legislative authority to abate dangerous and derelict buildings, the City is expected to experience additional fires in derelict buildings in the coming months and years which could result in civilian casualties and possible fire fighter injuries or death. These derelict buildings can cause property damage to adjacent safe buildings and harm public property.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.

This legislation has been coordinated with the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI). SDCI leads the City's Vacant Building Monitoring Program and issues demolition permits. Staff have not identified any new costs to SDCI as a result of this legislation.

b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.

No.

c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.

When vacant or derelict buildings have experienced multiple prior fires, and when unauthorized use of the buildings continues despite efforts to secure the buildings, these buildings create hazards for neighbors and the public as well as first responders. The data collected by SFD shows that most of the derelict buildings are concentrated in areas with higher levels of racial diversity and lower median incomes. Seattle residents living in the City's more vulnerable neighborhoods are more likely to be at risk from dangerous buildings. This program helps ensure that dangerous buildings in all neighborhoods are more quickly abated to help ensure public safety in all our communities.

ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.

SFD is working to add dangerous building locations into our mapping of Seattle neighborhoods that depict variations and disparities in demographic characteristics such as income, ability/disability, age, and race.

iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?

SFD will provide materials for neighbors and property owners in multiple languages regarding options for residents to report concerns with dangerous buildings in their neighborhood, as well as options and responsibilities of property owners.

d. Climate Change Implications

i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.

This legislation should have a small but beneficial impact in reducing carbon emissions and air pollutants by reducing the number of building fires experienced in Seattle.

- ii. **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 effect on resiliency.

- e. **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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

The Fire Chief already has authority in the Seattle Fire Code to require abatement of unsafe buildings. This legislation clarifies the authority and the financial responsibilities for such abatement. This legislation does not introduce a new program. SFD already tracks the number of dangerous and derelict buildings as well as enforcement activity and demolition to measure our effectiveness in mitigating this unsafe situation.

5. CHECKLIST

- Is a public hearing required?**
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?**
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?**
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

6. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None



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SFD Dangerous Buildings Ordinance (Unintroduced)

ANN GORMAN, ANALYST
PUBLIC SAFETY
APRIL 23, 2024

Bill Subject: Unsafe Building Abatement

- Buildings that are vacant and
 - Derelict,
 - Unsafe, or
 - A public nuisance
- Over 100 buildings in the city meet this definition. Over 40 are both vacant and unsafe.
- SDCI administers City Vacant Building Monitoring Program, which requires monthly inspections (a) as a condition of a permit that includes a vacant building or (b) in response to a complaint. This program seeks to prevent neighborhood blight and health and safety risks.
- SDCI can currently declare a building “unfit for human habitation or other use” and require the owner to repair or demolish the building.
- SFD can currently issue orders to remove or remedy dangerous conditions related to a building. SFD can also refer a building to SDCI, which can declare it unfit. This declaration may lead to its demolition.

Proposed New Authority for Fire Code Official

- Ability to declare a building a public nuisance
 - Bill would define a public nuisance, in the Fire Code, as “one which affects equally the rights of an entire community or neighborhood, though the extent of the damage may be unequal.” (RCW 7.48.130)
- Abatement: When an owner, agent, operator, or occupant of a building has failed to correct unsafe conditions, FCO would have the ability to (1) abate and (2) recover the costs of abatement
- Summary Abatement: When conditions pose an imminent danger to life and property, FCO may (1) declare the building a public nuisance, (2) abate the conditions summarily, up to and including demolition, and (3) recover the costs of summary abatement.

Emergency and Immediate Effective Date

- The bill would have immediate effect. The City Charter requires the inclusion of emergency findings in the bill when “it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety...”
- One bill finding is that a recent increase in vacant-building fires is “an escalating emergency requiring the city government’s action.”
- To become effective, the bill will require a 3/4 majority of Council votes.

Next Steps

- Public Safety Committee members will discuss and possibly vote on the bill at the May 14 meeting.
- SFD, SDCI, Mayor's Office, and City Attorney's Office staff will develop and implement protocols for summary abatement by FCO.
- The Executive will refine 2024 cost assumptions associated with the bill, and funding will be included in the 2024 Mid-year Supplemental Ordinance and 2025-2026 Proposed Budget.

Questions?

Seattle Fire Department Dangerous Buildings Ordinance

Date
4/23/2024

Seattle Fire
Department



City of Seattle 56

Seattle Fire Department Mission Statement

*"The mission of the Seattle Fire Department is to **save lives and protect property** through emergency medical service, **fire and rescue response and fire prevention**. We respond immediately when any member of our community needs help with professional, effective and compassionate service."*



Dangerous Buildings Impact Communities and First Responders

The Seattle Times 1 dead in vacant building fire in Mount Baker

April 20, 2023 at 10:28 am



A person was found dead inside this vacant commercial building on Rainier Avenue South where fire broke out Thursday morning. (Greg Gilbert / The Seattle Times) [Less](#) ^

The Seattle Times Lake City Way reopens after fire in vacant building

May 10, 2023 at 6:47 am



Seattle Fire Department responds early Wednesday to a fire on Lake City Way between Northeast 135th Street and Northeast 137th Street. (Kevin Clark / The Seattle Times)

Current Process

- **SFD actively working with property owners and current Seattle Fire Code.** Education, options to restore to safe condition or demolish. Goal: voluntary compliance.
- **Typical building removal process involves** insurance review, permit review and issuance, demolition activities, and may take up to 1+ years.
- **Challenges**
 - Repeated unauthorized entry and fires while property is moving toward demolition.
 - Non-responsive owners.



Dangerous Buildings Impact Communities and First Responders

The Seattle Times

Fire at First Hill vacant building spreads to neighboring apartments

Jan. 1, 2024 at 9:51 am | Updated Jan. 1, 2024 at 2:02 pm



A fire consumed a vacant building on First Hill on New Year's Day, forcing the displacement of residents in a neighboring apartment building. (Courtesy of the Seattle Fire Department) [Less](#) ^

- Since the pandemic, more vacant buildings and more transient activity
- Riskier rescue operations vs. safer defensive suppression
- Spread to nearby buildings: hazard for neighbors, disrupts local businesses
- 3 occupant deaths in 2023 in Seattle

The New York Times

3 Firefighters Die After Being Trapped in Blaze at Vacant Baltimore Rowhouse

Part of the building collapsed as they battled the fire. Another firefighter was in fair condition on Thursday, officials said.

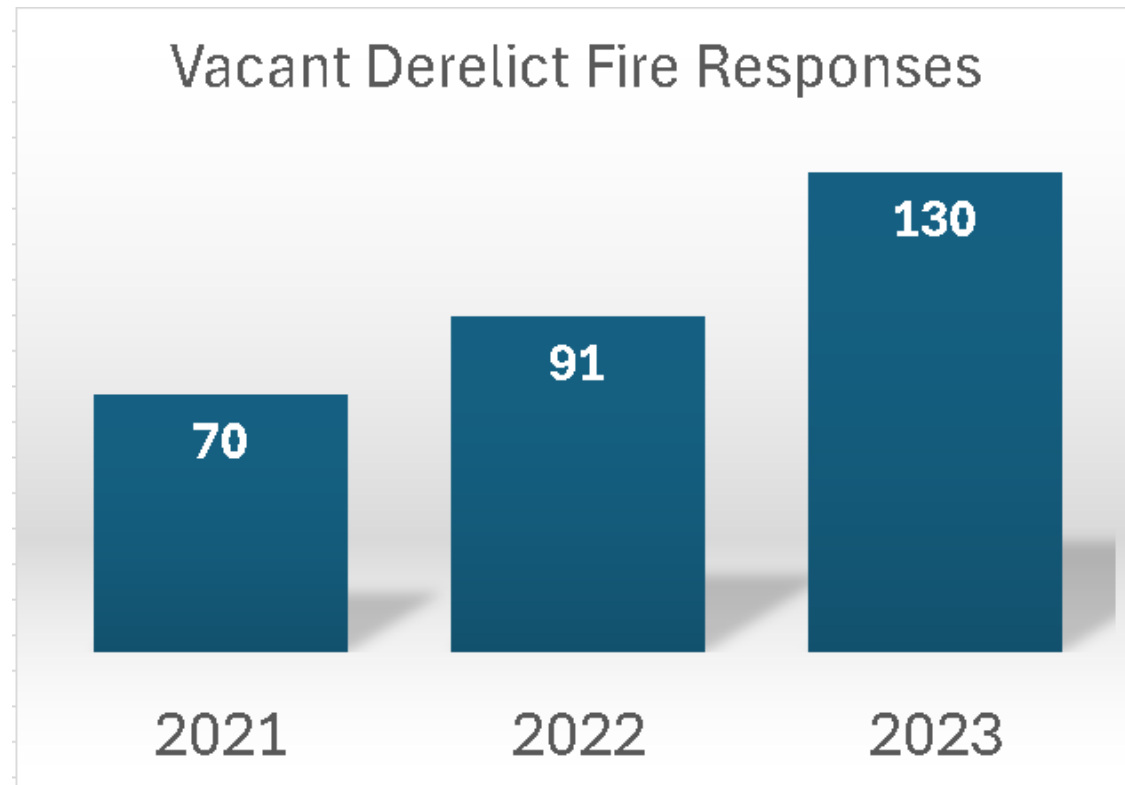
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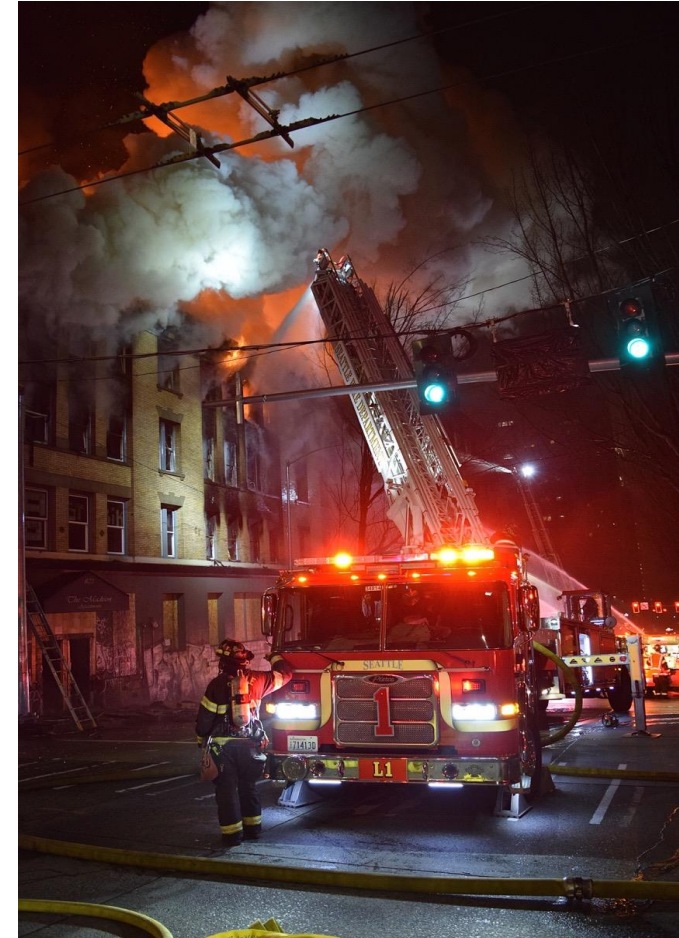
Seattle Fire Department Vacant/Derelict Fire Responses



From SFD NFIRS Reports

Monitoring of Vacant or Dangerous Buildings

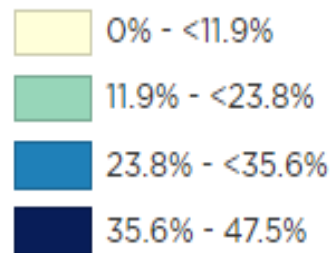
- SDCI Vacant Building Monitoring: 300+
- SFD Vacant and Derelict Tracking: 100+
- SFD Vacant and Derelict w/1 or More Fires: 40+



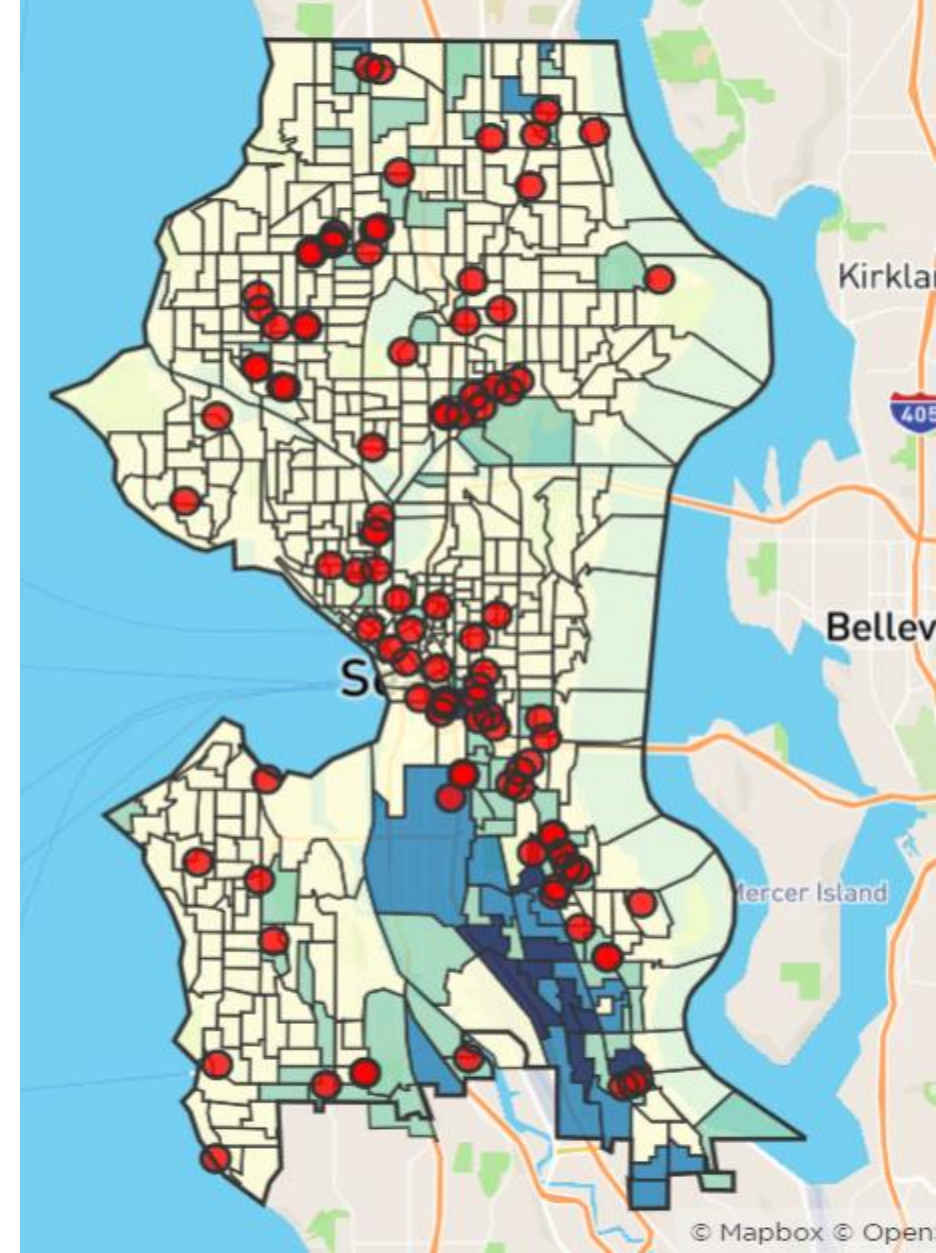
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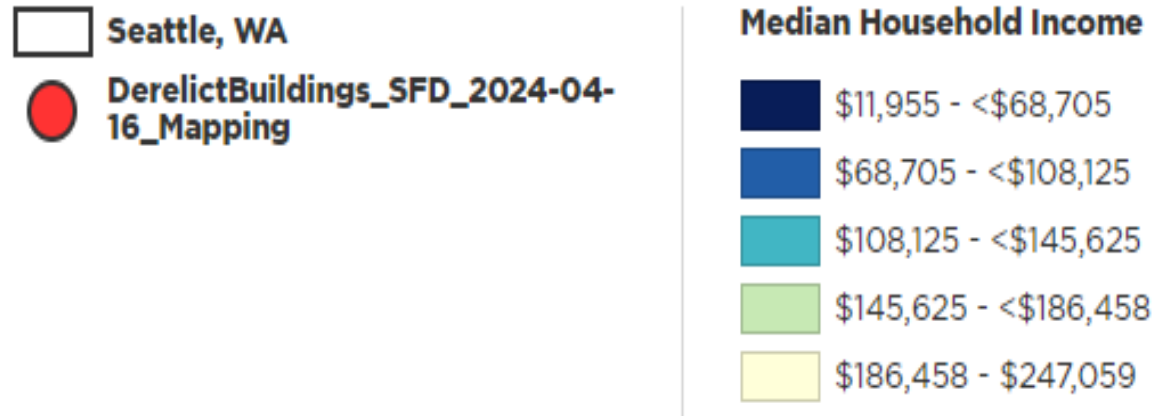
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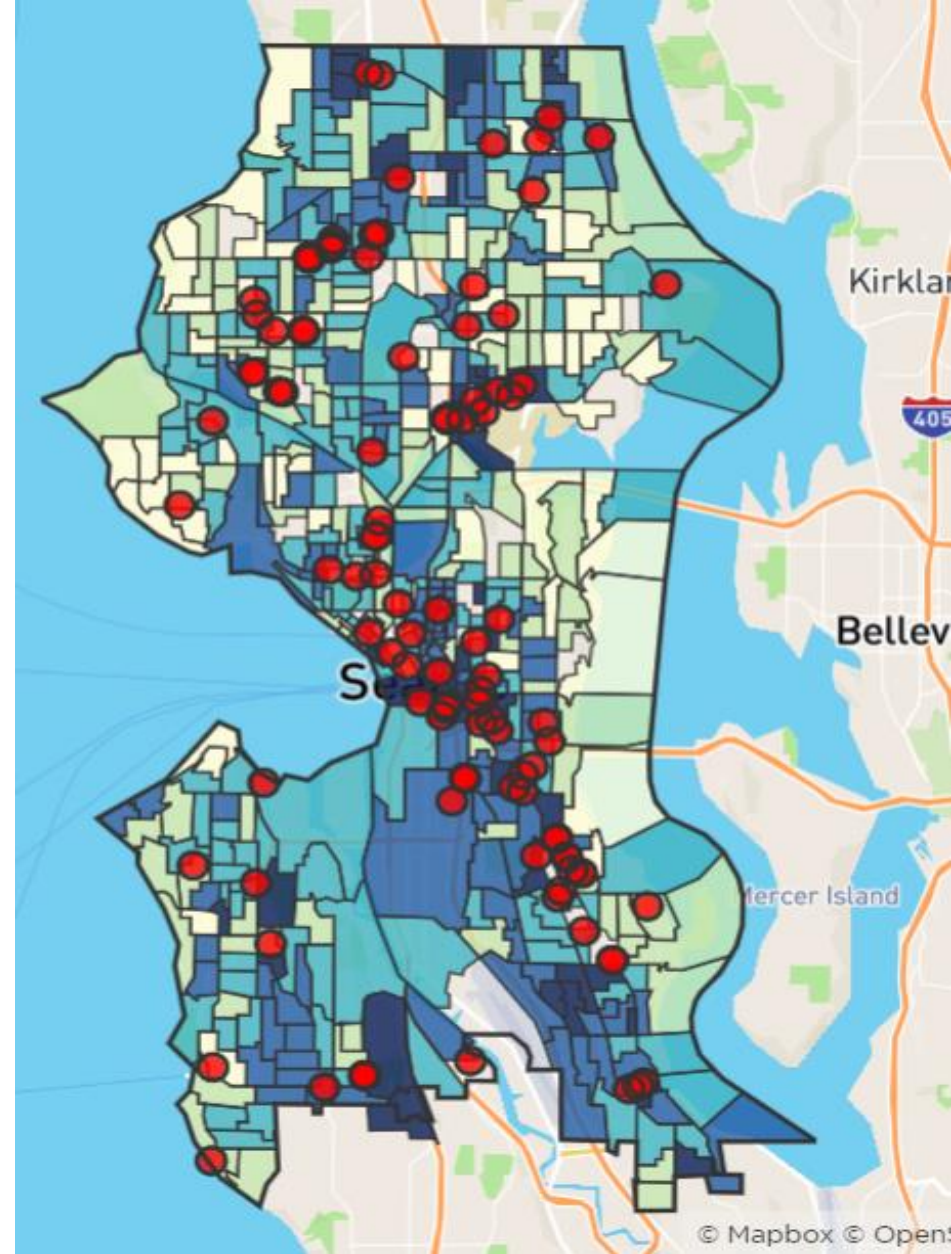
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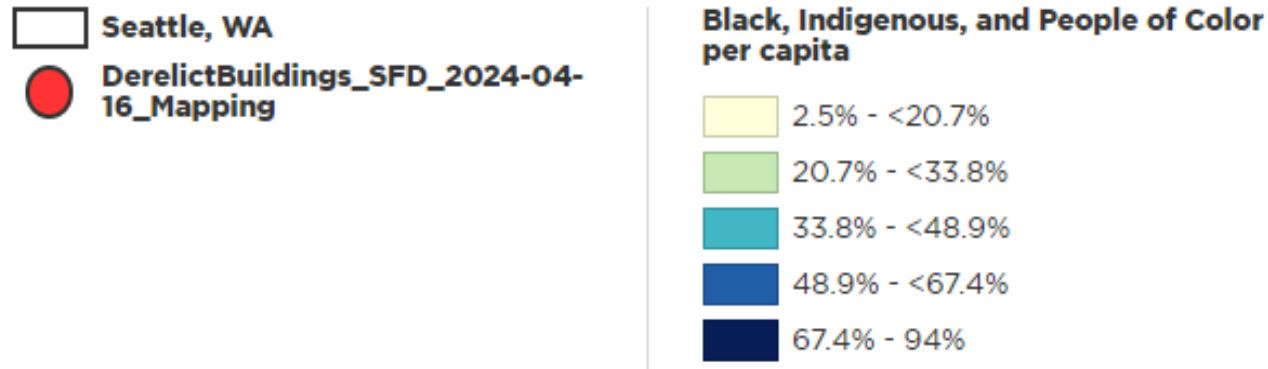
Derelict Buildings: Income Diversity



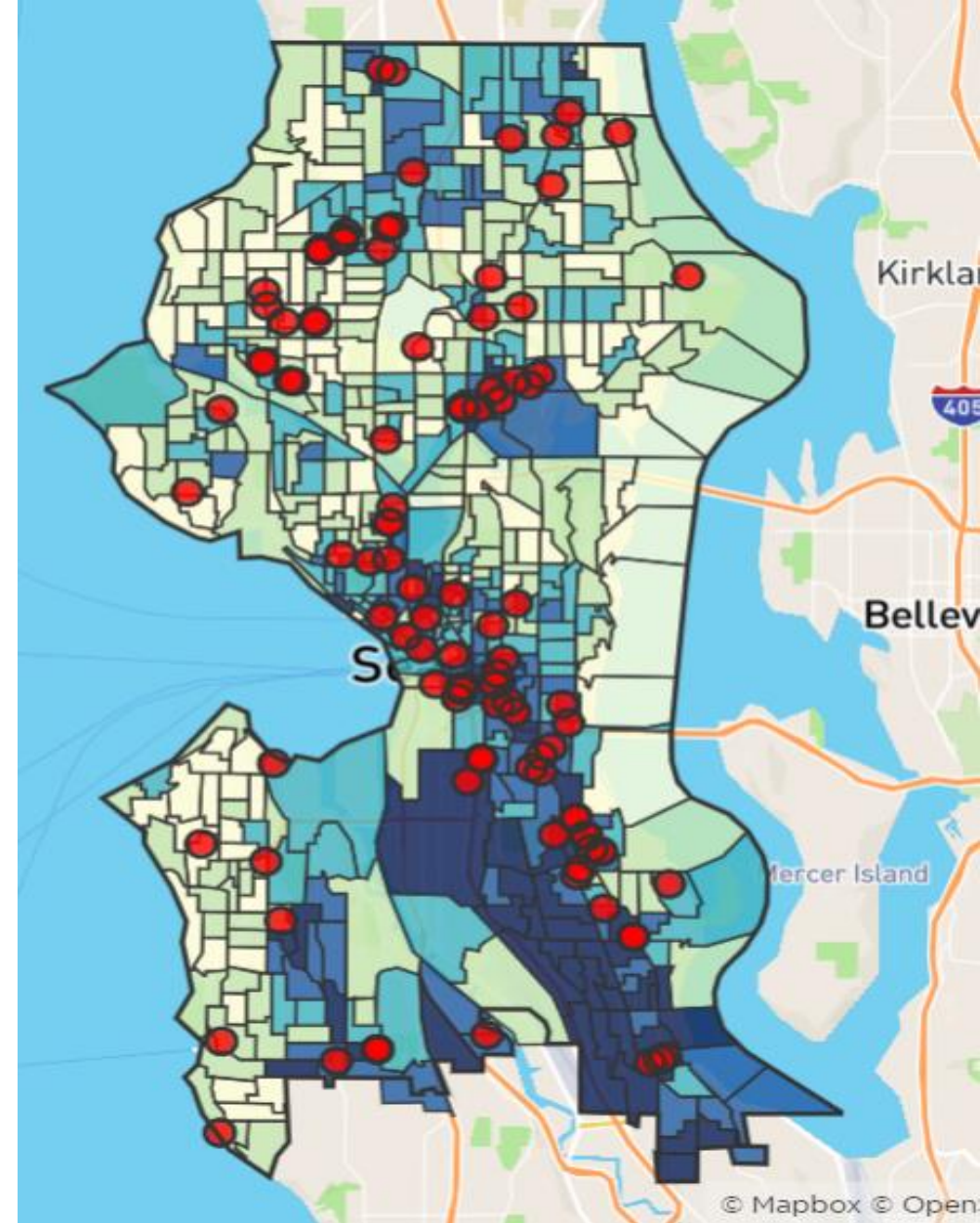
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Derelict Buildings: Racial Diversity



Sources: US Census Bureau ACS 5-year 2018-2022



What the Ordinance Does – Amends Seattle Fire Code

Clarifies Fire Chief’s existing “summary abatement” authority

- Imminent danger to life and property, Fire Chief already has authority to take action directly to address the unsafe condition.
- Ordinance clarifies that this includes demolition and adds ability to pass the costs back to the property owner.

Clarifies Fire Chief’s existing “abatement” authority

- Other unsafe buildings, not an imminent hazard, Fire Chief already has authority to require building owner to fix or demolish.
- Ordinance adds ability for Fire Chief to directly address the unsafe condition, including fencing/securing property and demolition, and to pass the costs back to the property owner.

Adds authority for the City to use RCW 35.21.955 to place a lien against the public nuisance property.

THANK YOU

Questions?



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