

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 the Federation Internationale de Football Association's (FIFA) 2026 World Cup; authorizing an agreement between The City of Seattle and the Seattle International Soccer Hosting Local Organizing Committee.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: The Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) organizes the FIFA World Cup soccer competition every four years. In April 2017, the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), Canadian Soccer Association, and Mexican Football Federation announced that the three countries' football organizations would submit a "United bid" to FIFA to host the 2026 World Cup in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. In January 2018, the City of Seattle adopted Resolution 31791 which supported Seattle's pursuit to be a host city in the event that the United bid was successful.

In June 2018, FIFA awarded the 2026 World Cup to the United bid and over 30 cities in the three countries submitted proposals to be considered as one of the host cities for the event. As part of the proposal process, each potential host city entered into a Host City Agreement with FIFA and the USSF and Seattle did so in 2018.

In June 2022, FIFA announced that Seattle will be one of the host cities for the 2026 World Cup. FIFA requires that each city establish a dedicated host committee to serve as the primary organizer of World Cup events and matches. FIFA subsequently approved the Seattle International Soccer Local Organizing Committee (LOC) as Seattle's dedicated host committee and the LOC has been joined into the executed Host City Agreement with FIFA and the USSF.

This legislation authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with the LOC defining each party's roles, responsibilities, and obligations in preparing for hosting the matches, events, and other activities associated with the 2026 World Cup in Seattle.

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? ___ Yes X 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?

No

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

The legislation authorizes an agreement with the Local Organizing Committee that will articulate the City's responsibilities and obligations in regard to the 2026 World Cup.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Not currently, although multiple City departments will ultimately provide support to the City's 2026 World Cup events.

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?

The execution of an agreement between the City and the Local Organizing Committee is not anticipated to have any RSJI impacts.

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