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Amendment D to CB 120995 Graffiti Restitution and Penalty Ordinance

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Make bill provisions retroactive to three years from the effective date

Effect: This amendment would allow the City to retroactively, within three years of the effective date of the ordinance, bring civil cases for penalty and restitution as authorized by the CB 120995.

Amend subsection C to Section 2 of CB 120995, as amended, as follows, and reletter subsequent subsections:

C. The City Attorney is authorized to enforce this Section 10.07.055 through a civil action commenced in the Seattle Municipal Court within three years of the graffiti violation. This Section 10.07.055 applies to all civil actions commenced after the effective date of this ordinance, including those that are based on graffiti violations that occurred before the effective date of this ordinance. The City has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that a graffiti violation was committed.