

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 32049

A RESOLUTION modifying the template for regular payment of claims ordinances.

WHEREAS, Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 24 requires regular formal presentation of payment of City claims to the City Council prior to making payments; and

WHEREAS, prior to 1999, the City Charter required the Auditing Committee to examine all claims and demands against the City, and recommend to the City Council the allowance or disallowance of the same or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, a Charter amendment, submitted pursuant to Ordinance 119576 as passed by the City Council in 1999, and approved by Seattle electors in 1999, removed all references to the Auditing Committee from the City Charter; and


WHEREAS, RCW 35.32A.090(1) states “there shall be no orders, authorizations, allowances, contracts or payments made or attempted to be made in excess of the expenditure allowances authorized in the final budget as adopted or modified as provided in this chapter, and any such attempted excess expenditure shall be void and shall never be the foundation of a claim against the city”; and

WHEREAS, the current legislation template used for the regular payment of claims bills references the defunct Auditing Committee, and does not include reference to the legal budget compliance provisions of RCW 35.32A.090; NOW, THEREFORE,


**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

1 Section 1. All future payment of claims legislation submitted to the City Council by the
2 Executive pursuant to the Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 24 will use the legislation
3 template presented in Attachment 1 to this resolution.

4 Adopted by the City Council the 26th day of April, 2022,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 26th day of
6 April, 2022.

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9 President _____ of the City Council

9 The Mayor concurred the 5th day of May, 2022.

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12 Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 5th day of May, 2022.

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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

15 (Seal)

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19 Attachments:
20 Attachment 1 – Claims Payment Template

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

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AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of [DATE] through [DATE] and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Payment of the sum of \$[AMOUNT] on PeopleSoft 9.2 mechanical warrants numbered [NUMBER] – [NUMBER] plus manual or cancellation issues for claims, e-payables of \$[AMOUNT] on PeopleSoft 9.2 [NUMBER] – [NUMBER], and electronic financial transactions (EFT) in the amount of \$[AMOUNT] are presented to the City Council under RCW 42.24.180 and approved consistent with remaining appropriations in the current Budget as amended.

Section 2. Payment of the sum of \$[AMOUNT] on City General Salary Fund mechanical warrants numbered [NUMBER] – [NUMBER] plus manual warrants, agencies warrants, and direct deposits numbered [NUMBER] – [NUMBER] representing Gross Payrolls for payroll ending date [DATE], as detailed in the Payroll Summary Report for claims against the City that were reported to the City Council [DATE], is approved consistent with remaining appropriations in the current budget as amended.

Section 3. RCW 35.32A.090(1) states, “There shall be no orders, authorizations, allowances, contracts or payments made or attempted to be made in excess of the expenditure allowances authorized in the final budget as adopted or modified as provided in this chapter, and any such attempted excess expenditure shall be void and shall never be the foundation of a claim against the city.”

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1 Section 4. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its
2 effective date is ratified and confirmed.

3 Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
4 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
5 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

6 Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____,
7 [YEAR], and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of
8 _____, [YEAR].

9 _____
10 President _____ of the City Council

11 Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this ____ day of _____,
12 [YEAR].

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14 [NAME OF MAYOR], Mayor

15 Filed by me this _____ day of _____, [YEAR].

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17 [NAME OF CITY CLERK], City Clerk

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