

The City of Seattle

Ordinance _____

Council Bill _____

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An ordinance relating to vehicle residency permitting and outreach; amending

Ordinance 127362, which adopted the 2026 budget, including the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; creating positions; modifying a proviso; and imposing a proviso.

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Recitals:

The City of Seattle is committed to creating a comprehensive strategy to help people living in their vehicles enter permanent housing, including a Vehicle Residency Permitting Program, increased outreach and engagement with vehicle residents and increased housing, shelter and vehicle storage options for vehicle residents.

The appropriations contained within this bill may be amended during the Council review of the Vehicle Resident Assistance Program.

These appropriations create position authority for City caseworkers to assist contracted outreach services and their clients and may be amended to include an additional SPU Vehicle Team, if appropriate.

Working with Human Services Department, the changes in this budget action should fund our contracted service providers engaged in outreach to people living in

vehicles, for capacity building and increased staffing in order to reduce case management ratios and to help vehicle residents meet code requirements related to their vehicle.

Through this budget action and future budget actions the city should ensure there are two safe lots operating to ensure that if one closes, another remains open, in addition to having Shelter Storage available to support our existing shelter portfolio.

The 2026 Adopted Budget contains \$3.5 million in on-going funding to support vehicle residents' transition to shelter. Additionally, \$1.5 of one-time funding for vehicle residents was administratively carried from into 2026 from the 2025 Adopted Budget. That total funding of \$5 million resides in the Human Services Department's Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level. Therefore,

Be it ordained by The City of Seattle as follows:

Section 1. The appropriations for the following items in the 2026 Adopted Budget are modified, as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/BCL Code	Amount (\$)
1.1	Human Services Department	General Fund (00100)	Addressing Homelessness (00100- BO-HS-H3000)	(216,000)
1.2	Seattle Department of Transportation	General Fund (00100)	ROW Management (00100-BO-TR-17004)	216,000

Section 2. The following new positions are created:

Item	Department	Position Title	Position Status	Number
2.1	Human Services Department	Counselor (98856 - 030)	Full-time	7.0
	Seattle Department of Transportation	Permit Technician (57150 - 004)	Full-time	1.0

The Director of the Human Services Department and the Director of Transportation are authorized to fill these positions subject to Seattle Municipal Code Title 4, the City's Personnel Rules, Civil Service rules, and applicable employment laws.

Section 3. The following proviso in the 2026 Adopted Budget is modified as follows:

Item	Department	Council Budget Action	Proviso	CIP Project/ID
3.1	Human Services Department	HSD-072-A-2	"Of the appropriations in <u>the</u> Human Services Department's 2026 budget for the Addressing Homelessness ((BSL)) <u>Budget Summary Level</u> (HSD-BO-HS-H3000), \$2 million is appropriated solely for storage of recreational vehicles <u>and other lived in vehicles</u> and associated safe lots or safe storage of vehicles when tied to shelter; <u>and assisting vehicles resident transitioning into shelter or housing and associated costs; and for recreational vehicle and other vehicle (RV) parking and storage associated with non-congregate shelter; and for City staff or contracted service providers to deliver outreach and support to persons living in vehicles</u> , and may be spent for no other purpose."	N/A

Section 4. This ordinance imposes a proviso as follows:

"Of the appropriations in the Human Services Department's 2026 budget for the Addressing Homelessness Budget Summary Level (HSD-BO-HS-H3000), \$2 million is appropriated solely for the following and may be spent for no other purpose: 1) support of service providers engaged in outreach to persons living in vehicles, including capacity building and increased staffing in order to reduce case management ratios; and 2) to help vehicle residents meet code requirements related to their vehicles."

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council and signed in open session in authentication of its
passage on _____.

President _____ of the City Council

_____ on _____.

Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Attested on _____.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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Summary and Fiscal Note

1. Legislation Summary

Department: Legislative

Title:

An ordinance relating to vehicle residency permitting and outreach; amending Ordinance 127362, which adopted the 2026 budget, including the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; creating positions; modifying a proviso; and imposing a proviso.

Background: The 2026 Adopted Budget contains \$3.5 million in on-going funding to support vehicle residents' transition to shelter. Additionally, \$1.5 of one-time funding for vehicle residents was administratively carried from into 2026 from the 2025 Adopted Budget. That total funding of \$5 million resides in the Human Services Department's (HSD) Addressing Homelessness BSL. This bill:

- Creates eight new positions, one Permit Technician in SDOT and seven outreach staff (Counselors) in HSD, related to implementation of the new Vehicle Resident Permit Program.

- Transfers \$216,000 in appropriation authority from HSD to the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) to pay for IT and staffing costs related to implementation of a Vehicle Resident Permit Program proposed in a separate piece of legislation. \$100,000 of the transferred appropriation authority is for IT system updates in Accela and \$116,000 is for half of the annual fully loaded costs of a new Permit Technician.
- Modifies an existing proviso, and imposes a new proviso, related to existing funding in HSD for services to vehicle residents.

Summary Attachments: None

2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

a. CIP Project Name:

b. Master Project ID:

c. Project Location:

d. Start Date:

e. End Date:

f. Total Project Cost Through 2030:

3. Summary of Financial Implications

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Because this legislation involves the transfer of appropriation authority amongst departments it does not have financial impacts to the City.

a. Total Full-Time Employee (FTE) Change

2026	2027 est.	2028 est.	2029 est.	2030 est.
8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0

3a. Appropriations

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes appropriations.

Fund Name and Number	Dept.	Budget Control Level (BCL) Name/Number	2026 Appropriation Change	2027 Estimated Appropriation Change
General Fund (00100)	HSD	Addressing Homelessness (00100-BO-HS-H3000)	(216,000)	(232,000)
General Fund (00100)	SDOT	ROW Management (00100-BO-TR-17004)	216,000	232,000

TOTAL 2026 Appropriation Changes	TOTAL 2027 Estimated Appropriation Changes
0	0

3c. Positions

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.

Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through This Legislation, Including FTE Impact:

Position Number for Existing Positions	Individual Position Title & Department	Fund Name & Number	Program & BCL	Part-Time (PT) or Full-Time (FT)	2026 Positions	2026 FTE	Does it sunset?
	Counselor /HSD	General Fund (00100)		FT	7.0	7.0	No
	Permit Technician/SD OT	General Fund (00100)		FT	1.0	1.0	No

TOTAL Part-Time (PT) or Full-Time (FT)	TOTAL 2026 Positions	TOTAL 2026 FTE	TOTAL Sunset Positions
7.0	7.0	7.0	0

3d. Other Financial Impacts

a. Does this legislation create any other financial impacts for The City of Seattle, such as direct or indirect costs, one-time or ongoing, that aren't mentioned above? If yes, please explain these impacts. No

b. If the legislation has costs that can be covered within the current budget, explain how. Does the department have extra resources in its budget to handle these costs? Or does the department need to shift resources away from other work to handle these costs? N/A

c. What financial costs or other impacts might happen if this legislation is not implemented? If this ordinance is not implemented, SDOT will not have funds needed to pay for implementation of the proposed Vehicle Resident Permit Program.

d. How might this legislation affect other City departments besides the one that proposed it? N/A

4. Other Impacts

a. Does this legislation require a public hearing?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b. Does this legislation require a notice to be published in The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times?

☐ Yes

☒ No

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? No

d. Race and Social Justice Initiative impacts:

1. How does this legislation affect vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you come to this conclusion? Please consider both impacts within City government (like employees and internal programs) and in the broader community. People experiencing homelessness are disproportionately people of color. Increased funding for outreach and services to vehicle residents could provide benefit to people of color who are homeless.

2. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses used to develop or assess this legislation.

3. What is the Language Access Plan for communicating with the public about this legislation? N/A

e. Climate change impacts:

1. Emissions: Will this legislation significantly increase or decrease carbon emissions? Attach any studies or materials that inform your answer. N/A

2. Resiliency: Will this legislation make Seattle more or less able to adapt to climate change? If it reduces resiliency, explain what can be done to lessen the impact. N/A

f. If this legislation creates a new program or expands an existing one, what are the long-term, measurable goals? How will this legislation help achieve those goals? What methods will be used to track progress? N/A

g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP that involves shared funding with a non-City partner or organization? N/A