



Seattle City Council

Central Staff - Memorandum

Date: November 19, 2015
To: Members of the Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods (SPUN) Committee
From: Lish Whitson
Subject: Amendments to Council Bill 118467 related to the Pike place Market Historical Commission

On September 17, 2015, the Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee discussed Council Bill 118467, which would make changes to the membership of the Pike Place Market Historical Commission (“Commission”). At that meeting, Councilmembers heard from members of the community regarding the proposed bill. In response to those comments, the following amendments to CB 118467 are proposed:

1. Increase the size of the commission to 13 members, by adding two positions “without regard to occupation or affiliation,” and maintaining two representatives of Allied Arts.
2. Clarifying that for the positions added without regard to occupation or affiliation, the Commission should define guidelines.
3. Adding a statement that “the Commission can benefit from considering at-large members drawn from the Pike Place Market Constituency, the Market’s population, and the greater Seattle area.”
4. Maintaining the Mayor’s authority to make all appointments, with the Council’s confirmation of appointees.
5. Defining “merchants of the market” as: “persons or representatives of businesses that sell merchandise or services from shops , stalls or concessions including, but not limited to, high stalls, fish mongers, craft and produce sellers, located within the Pike Place Market Historical District.”
6. Requiring the Commission to adopt a “Statement of Commitment to Advancing Racial Equity.”
7. Make other minor amendments to maintain consistency and references.

The proposed amendments are shown in color in the attached marked-up version of the bill. I recommend you approve these amendments as a package.