

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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Budget Action Title: Pass CB 119917 - Seattle Center 2021-2022 Facility Fees and Contracting Ordinance

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

Primary Sponsor: Budget Committee

Council Members:

Staff Analyst: Brian Goodnight

Council Bill or Resolution: CB 119917

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Budget Action Description:

This budget action recommends passage of CB 119917, Seattle Center's facility fee and contracting ordinance. This CB would modify the Seattle Center Fee Range Schedule by increasing the minimum event day fees for the Armory and increasing the maximum event day fees for McCaw Hall.

The legislation would also make a number of adjustments to provide the Seattle Center Director with more contracting flexibility in recognition of the economic effects of the pandemic. The proposed changes include:

- Allowing the Director to enter into events-related service agreements (e.g., ticketing services, catering, concessionaires) for 10-year terms, rather than 5-year terms;
- Increasing the risk of potential loss amount for the Director to enter into agreements where Seattle Center is a promoter or co-promoter of events from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Additionally, for 2021 and 2022 only, the Director would be allowed to:

- Extend the term of food and beverage service agreements for two additional years;
- Waive up to \$25,000 in use fees and charges to incentivize the hosting of events at Seattle Center.

Lastly, the legislation would repeal Chapter 17.20 of the Seattle Municipal Code which relates to Veterans Hall that was demolished as part of the construction of McCaw Hall.