

Amendment 2 to CB 120777 - SFD Dangerous Buildings

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Replacing a finding

Effect: This amendment would replace one of the bill's findings with a different finding that emphasizes that vacant-building fires pose particular risks to firefighters. It would also make an edit for clarity.

Amend Section 4 to CB 120777 as follows:

Section 1. The City finds and declares:

A. The Seattle Fire Department is tracking over 100 buildings in the city that are vacant, and either derelict, unsafe, or a public nuisance.

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D. ~~((Many of these vacant buildings are being repeatedly illegally occupied by trespassers, as reported to the City by neighbors, members of the public, firefighters, and police officers, a circumstance that has become much more frequent since synthetic narcotics, including fentanyl and methamphetamine, have become widely available in recent years.))~~ Vacant buildings pose additional risks to firefighters beyond those that are inherent in fire suppression and extinguishment, for instance because these buildings tend to be in disrepair and can be missing features such as staircases and portions of floors; and fires in vacant buildings are also more likely to involve the entire building and to spread beyond the building of fire origin.

E. A number of ~~((these buildings))~~ the buildings monitored by the City have experienced fires that required fire department emergency suppression responses. One of ~~((the buildings monitored by the City))~~ them has had 18 calls to 911 for fire-related incidents in the last 12 months.