

Amendment 3 to CB 120916 Crowd Management Ordinance

Sponsor: Councilmember Moore

Mayoral authorization and proclamation required for use of blast balls

Effect: This amendment would require that the Mayor issue a proclamation of civil emergency pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 10.02 and provide specific authorization for the use of blast balls consistent with the conditions and restrictions established for crowd dispersal under Phase 5 of SPD's Crowd Management, Intervention and Control policy (CMIC) (SPD 14.090). These restrictions require "Violent acts by four or more persons or acts that pose an imminent threat of violence against persons or significant property damage." Additionally, SPD Incident Commanders must request Mayoral approval for each new day of use of blast balls.

Once authorized per the requirements above, any SPD Incident Commander ranked Lieutenant or higher may authorize use of blast balls to move or disperse a crowd. This is the current standard set in SPD's Crowd Management, Intervention and Control policy (SPD 14.090).

Delete the first paragraph of subsection 2.H to CB 120916, as amended, and add the following:

H. Police Department policy shall prohibit the use of blast balls unless the Mayor has issued a proclamation of civil emergency pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 10.02 and separately provided specific authorization for the use of blast balls consistent with the conditions and restrictions established for crowd dispersal under Phase 5 of SPD's Crowd Management, Intervention and Control policy (14.090). Additionally, SPD Incident Commanders must request Mayoral approval for each new day of use of blast balls. These restrictions shall not apply to immediate threats to life safety that require immediate police action as established in Phase 6 of SPD's Crowd Management, Intervention and Crowd Control Policy.
