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Office of the Mayor (MO)

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2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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MO-001S-A

Request that the MO and OSE report on the City's policy, regulatory, and organizational approach to achieving urban tree canopy coverage goals

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CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislation Intent (SLI) would request that the Mayor's Office (MO) and the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) report to the Council on the City's (1) current structure, organization and process for the development of policies, regulations, and programs to achieve tree canopy coverage goals; (2) any needed reorganizations or consolidations of City service delivery and department jurisdictions; and (3) budgetary and staffing needs associated with any reorganizations or consolidations. The report should be developed in consultation with the Urban Forestry Commission, the urban forestry interdepartmental team, key constituents, and departments with a mission or portfolio that encompasses urban forestry management and regulation of development, such as the Seattle Department of Transportation, the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, the Office of Planning and Community Development, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle City Light, the Department of Finance and Administrative Services, and Seattle Center.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Sustainability, City Light, Arts & Culture

DUE DATE: August 3, 2026

2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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MO-002S-A

Request that MO convene departments to study and report on noise enforcement to better address problem noise violations citywide

SPONSORS

Rob Saka, Mark Solomon, Maritza Rivera

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI) would request that the Mayor's Office (MO) lead a comprehensive policy review on the City's approach to regulation of excessive noise, including vehicle noise and disruptive noise occurring on sidewalks and rights of way in the stadium district and citywide. This SLI would request the MO work collaboratively with the Seattle Police Department, Department of Finance and Administrative Services, Seattle Department of Transportation, and Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections to evaluate current enforcement practices, interdepartmental coordination, and develop a coordinated interdepartmental strategy and implementation approach to more efficiently and effectively address excessive noise violations to include clear guidelines around enforcement, mitigation best practices, education, and interventions, along with roles and responsibilities of relevant City departments.

A report with findings and specific implementation recommendations to improve the City's noise enforcement approach should be submitted to the Public Safety Committee and the Central Staff Director by June 1, 2026.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety

DUE DATE: June 1, 2026

2026 STATEMENT OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT

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MO-003S-A

Request MO to lead a policy review on unpermitted food and merchandise vending

SPONSORS

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CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

Council requests that the Mayor's Office (MO) lead a comprehensive policy review on the City's approach to licensing and enforcement of unpermitted vending. The Mayor's budget would include \$1.8 million in new funding to support Joint Enforcement Team and unlicensed vending enforcement. To better understand the strategy for the use of these and existing resources, the MO is requested to evaluate current enforcement practices, interdepartmental coordination, and strategies for addressing public health and safety concerns related to unlicensed vending. Council further requests an understanding of how the Department of Transportation, Office of Economic Development, Seattle Police Department, Department of Finance & Administrative Services, Seattle Parks & Recreation, other critical City partners, and King County Public Health can best be coordinated to meet the needs this issue presents.

The review should include best practices from other cities and recommend policy options that balance enforcement with pathways to compliance for small business entrepreneurs and supports community well-being. The report should identify strategies for immediate implementation, which address potential accessibility, equity concerns and relevant barriers associated with unlicensed vending.

A report with findings and implementation recommendations that are immediately actionable should be submitted to the Transportation Committee of the City Council by April 30, 2026, in preparation for the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Transportation

DUE DATE: April 30, 2026