

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; updating the Solid Waste Code to establish an administrative enforcement process using notices of violation; adding a new Section 21.36.921 to the Seattle Municipal Code; and amending Sections 21.36.420, 21.36.920, and 21.36.922 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This legislation would create an administrative process to enforce illegal dumping violations on public property such as streets and alleys and rights-of-way, including sidewalks and planting strips. This legislation is intended to decrease illegal dumping, provide a convenient and clear enforcement process, and reduce Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU) resources spent on abating illegal dumping.

The new administrative process would lead with public education, but would also establish a notice of violation process, including assessment of penalties for illegal dumping, and a fair and impartial appeals process.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes X No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes X No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs?

SPU's clean-up costs will not change appreciably as this enforcement tool is used. Penalties issued are estimated at between \$2,000 and \$5,000 in the first year.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?

No

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No

c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

Yes

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

Levying fines for enforcement may create intentioned inequities to historically disadvantaged communities. Opportunistic individuals are more likely to take advantage of illegal dumping in these communities. Thoughtful and careful implementation with an emphasis on education and outreach is at the forefront of the Code development. The City's Language Access Plan process will be used to develop communication materials to the public.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

No

2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.

No

g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)?

Not applicable.