

Amendment 2 to CB 121164 Civil Immigration Enforcement Staging

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Expand scope of city properties that would
restrict civil immigration enforcement staging

Effect: This amendment would add a legislative Findings section that articulates municipal purposes for providing services on properties that:

1. Are City-owned and leased to a community building organization; or
2. Are leased from third parties to provide geographically accessible City services; or
3. Are managed or regulated via a partnership with other governments and are used to provide essential services to City residents and vulnerable populations.

The amendment would also eliminate the requirement for the City to both own and control a property in order to prohibit civil immigration enforcement staging. Instead, the City could prohibit such staging on a more diverse set of properties that are used to serve municipal purposes (see 1-3 above).

1. Amend CB 121164 as follows:

Section 1. Findings

A. The use of certain City properties and resources for civil immigration enforcement staging purposes can interfere with or burden City government activities, erode public trust in City government, and undermine public safety.

B. Civil immigration enforcement staging on City properties that serve sensitive populations may cause undue harm to all City residents, including individuals with lawful presence, by discouraging sensitive populations from seeking essential services or discouraging their relatives or caregivers from accompanying or visiting them.

C. Seattle's support system for vulnerable residents is built around a network of City-run programs, county partnerships, and community-based organizations, some of which operate from properties that are leased from The City of Seattle.

D. Leasing properties to non-profit service providers serves an important municipal purpose because it turns public real estate into long-term social infrastructure. It lowers barriers for the organizations that are closest to vulnerable communities while helping the City achieve policy goals more efficiently and equitably.

E. Regional partnerships, such as the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, rely on contracted service providers to operate shelters and non-congregate shelter villages and/or provide related services on City-owned or controlled properties that are located in areas with a concentration of unhoused vulnerable individuals and sensitive populations.

F. The City leases properties, such as its City Service Centers, from third parties to ensure that its services become more accessible in neighborhoods where vulnerable residents live. This practice also serves an important municipal purpose because it eliminates geographic barriers that might prevent direct access to services that are designed to meet immediate needs, stabilize long-term wellbeing, and connect people to ongoing support.

G. Civil immigration enforcement staging operations must not be staged in areas where they will interfere with the City's ability to perform its Charter-mandated obligations of government, including the health, safety, and general welfare of all Seattle residents.

Section 2. A new Chapter 14.125 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

Chapter 14.125 IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT STAGING

14.125.010 Prohibiting use of City property for immigration enforcement staging

A. Real property that is City owned ~~and~~ or controlled, but which does not include the public right-of-way used for pedestrian and vehicular traffic, shall not be used for civil immigration enforcement staging, including actions to assemble, mobilize, or deploy personnel, vehicles, or equipment for civil immigration enforcement staging operations, or for surveillance or logistical coordination for those operations.

B. For the purpose of this Chapter 14.125, a City controlled property is any real property in which the City possesses any ownership interest or any leasehold interest and for which the City has not agreed through a contractual or other legal instrument to cede control of the City's property interest as pertains to the enforcement of this Chapter 14.125.

14.125.020 Scope

A. Nothing in this Chapter 14.125 shall be construed as restricting or interfering with the execution of lawful judicial warrants or the enforcement of criminal law, nor as limiting the rights of any person under state or federal law.

B. This Chapter 14.125 does not prohibit the lawful use of real property that is City owned ~~and~~ or controlled for purposes other than civil immigration enforcement staging, nor does it restrict any person or entity from carrying out lawful functions unrelated to that purpose on such property.

14.125.030 Injunctive relief

The Seattle City Attorney's Office may seek legal or equitable relief in a court of competent jurisdiction, including injunctive relief, to enjoin any acts or practices that violate this Chapter 14.125.

Section ~~23~~. Identification and signing of City properties to educate the public on staging restrictions

A. For the purposes of public education only, the City should create clear signage that can be posted on a property pursuant to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 14.125.010. The lack of a sign on City owned ~~and~~ or controlled property shall not preclude the City from seeking injunctive relief under SMC 14.125.030.

B. When interpreting SMC 14.125.010, and implementing signage pursuant to this section, the Seattle City Attorney's Office (CAO) is requested to work with the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) to convene departments that own or ~~manage~~ control property to identify and sign properties, prioritizing properties near essential services like basic shelter, healthcare, childcare, food distribution, education or other basic support services, and for which civil immigration staging might deter individuals or families from using such services.

C. By May 1, 2026, FAS and the CAO should submit to the Mayor's Office and the Council a list of properties identified using the criteria in this section.

Section ~~3~~4. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

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Section 45. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code
Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2026,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of
_____, 2026.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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