

## 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 public works and improvements; amending Sections 20.04.090 and 20.04.270 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** This legislation updates the Seattle Municipal Code for the procedures for Local Improvement Districts to more closely follow the Revised Code of Washington.

In particular these changes provide more flexibility in timing for the Hearing Examiner to prepare their findings and recommendations related to the LID final assessment roll. SMC 20.04.090 currently requires the hearing examiner prepare their findings in 20 days. This was a reasonable timeframe for smaller LIDs that were typical in the past. For larger LIDs, such as the Waterfront LID, this does not provide sufficient time for the hearing examiner to complete their work and provide complete findings and recommendations to the City Council. The legislation also allows the City Clerk to post findings for review and eliminates the three-day requirement for mailing findings, which would be difficult in the case of large LIDs.

The legislation also removes a subsection of SMC 20.04.270 pertaining to including the costs of property descriptions as part of the cost of the LID improvements. This subsection included specific costs for property descriptions, based on outdated estimates of cost. State law will still allow the City to include these costs as part of the improvement and removing the specific amounts will provide the City more flexibility to include actual costs in the project if needed.

### 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?**  
No.

**Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

If an LID were formed in the future the City would not be able to recover the full cost of preparing property descriptions, if necessary.

Not updating SMC 20.04.090 could increase the administrative costs of confirming the assessment roll; the SMC as currently written is not aligned with modern forms of communication and process.

**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. **Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**  
No.
- d. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No.
- e. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No.
- f. **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?**  
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).**  
No.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**