

Amendment A to CB 120835 - SODA Zones

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Adding Recitals and Revising an Existing Recital

Effect: This amendment would add recitals to CB 120835. It would also insert a word inadvertently omitted from an existing recital.

Add recitals and insert a word:

WHEREAS, open-air drug trafficking markets have historically been, and currently remain, concentrated in certain areas in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the efficacy of SODA zones is predicated on data-driven geographical boundaries and being limited in geographic scope to retain the focus of interventions in specific places; and

WHEREAS, when large sections of our city are within SODA zones, the focus of interventions is diluted; and

WHEREAS, regular re-evaluation is required to understand whether SODA zones need to be changed, reduced, added, or expanded, based on data, to retain the efficacy of the policy and minimize unintended consequences; and

WHEREAS, public safety concerns connected to open-air drug activity downtown and in certain other districts in Seattle are a reason why many employers and employees have not returned to in-office work in those locations; and