

Amendment E to CB 120836 – Prostitution Crimes and Diversion

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Adding Re-evaluation Requirements for SOAP Zones

Effect: This amendment would require the Seattle Police Department (SPD), with the input of the City Attorney’s Office (CAO), to re-evaluate each SOAP zone at least biennially and (1) make formal recommendations about whether it should be continued with existing borders, continued with adjusted borders, or discontinued and (2) present these recommendations and their basis in a meeting of the City Council Public Safety Committee, or successor committee.

1. Add a new subsection F to Section 12A.10.040 and reletter subsequent subsections as follows:

E. Diversion. To minimize harm caused by the criminal legal system to survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, diversion, referral to social services, safe house placement, and other alternatives to booking are the preferred disposition when enforcing Sections 12A.10.010 and 12A.10.020.

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F. At least biennially, the Seattle Police Department, with input from the City Attorney’s Office, shall make a presentation to the City Council Public Safety Committee, or successor committee, that re-evaluates each SOAP zone and makes a recommendation for its continuance with existing borders, for its continuance with adjusted borders, or for its discontinuation as a SOAP zone. Such recommendations shall have basis in the factors set forth in subsection 12A.10.040.E (City annual reporting and recommendations), in addition to other relevant data collected by the Seattle Police Department and City Attorney’s Office, including quarterly

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crime trends (1) within each SOAP zone and (2) in the several blocks surrounding each SOAP zone compared to the same trends citywide.