

Seattle City Council 2025 Budget Process

Budget Legislation

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Council Central Staff

01. Make 2025 Budget Adjustments

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121099	CBO 2025 Year End Grants	This ordinance proposes the acceptance of grants and/or private funds or donations from various agencies and organizations and authorizes the expenditure of funding backed by their respective revenue sources related to the 2025 budget year.
CB 121113	CBO 2025 Year End Supplemental	This ordinance proposes several adjustments to the 2025 Adopted Budget: (1) Adjusts appropriation authority to reflect the adopted budget and subsequent legislation; (2) Appropriates funding backed by new revenue sources; (3) Adjusts the Adopted Capital Improvement Program; and (4) Makes changes to a department's position authority.

02. Accept Mayor's 2026 Proposed Budget

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CF 314544	2026 Proposed Budget	Filing the 2026 Proposed Budget as transmitted by the Mayor.
CF 314545	2026 Proposed CIP	Filing the 2026 Proposed CIP as transmitted by the Mayor.

03. Adjust 2026 Fees for City Services

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121105	SDCI 2026 Fee Update	This legislation revises a portion of SDCI's fees and charges beginning on January 1, 2026. This legislation is proposing program specific fee changes, clarification of existing fee definitions, and simplification of the Over the Counter (OTC) Electrical Fee schedule.
CB 121106	SDOT 2026 Street Use Fee Schedule	This legislation increases SDOT's street use permit fees by 2.6 percent to reflect inflation (as calculated by CPI-W). The new fee schedule also reflects the sunset of the fee waiver for sidewalk activity and vending (previously authorized by ORD 126915) and updates the fee structure for developer and non-developer tree-related permits. These changes are anticipated to raise an additional \$1.8 million of permit fees in 2026. SDOT typically submits an updated street use fee schedule annually with the proposed budget.
CB 121107	SPR 2026 Fees and Charges	SPR charges programming and usage fees to provide financial support for SPR programs, facilities, and park grounds. This legislation includes several administrative changes and updates to certain sections of the fee schedule; amends the current Use Permit fee for events that restrict public access to include a tier for events at stadiums; and makes a correction to the Revocable Use Permit fees that were approved in the 2025 Adopted and 2026 Endorsed Budget but inadvertently omitted from the 2025 Fees and Charges legislation.

04. Make Annual Retirement Adjustments

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
RES 32184	RET 2026 ARC	This resolution approves of the 2026 contribution rate to the retirement system. Per RES 31334, the City has committed to appropriate sufficient funds so that contributions are not less than the actuarially-required contribution level, as determined by the most recent actuarial valuation of the retirement systems' liabilities.
RES 32185	RET 2026 Credit Interest Rate	This resolution approves of the 2026 interest rates on member contributions set by the SCERS Board of Administration.

05. Adjust Fee and Tax Policies and Regulations

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121100	CBO Red Light Camera Funding ORD	This legislation makes a technical correction to reflect Council's decision to direct 30 percent of red-light camera revenues to the Automated Traffic Safety Camera (ATSC) Fund (ORD 127213). That bill directed 15 percent of red-light camera revenues to support transportation safety projects and programs, and 15 percent to fund the construction of new sidewalks and repair of existing sidewalks. However, it did not update the total percentage to be deposited into the ATSC Fund for these purposes. This technical correction does not change City policy.
CB 121108	CBO Sweetened Beverage Tax SMC Amendment	This legislation amends Section 5.53.055 of the SMC regarding the allocation of SBT proceeds. The bill removes outdated language governing use of proceeds in the first five years, and it removes non-supplantation provisions.
CB 121110	CBO 2025 Short-Term Rental Tax	This legislation allocates the first allotment of Short-Term Rental Tax for debt service. Remaining proceeds will be shared between EDI grants/program administration and permanent supportive housing contracts in the Human Services Department.

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CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121114	OCF General Business License Amendment	This legislation increases the annual minimum business license threshold in the City from \$2,000 to \$4,000, and it includes an automatic periodic increase based on cumulative inflation.
CB 121118	OCF Sale Definitions	This legislation amends Section 5.30.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) to modify definitions due to amendments to the model business license tax ordinance and other state law amendments.
CB 121123	LEG STM Material Change-Passenger Transportation	Pursuant to the STBD material change policy, this ordinance expands the scope of the Seattle Transit Measure (STM) to allow its revenues to be spent on passenger transportation services provided by transit agencies or private transportation service operators.
CB 121124	LEG STM Material Change	Pursuant to the STBD material change policy, this ordinance expands the scope of the STM to allow its revenues to be spent on staffing resources and consultant services to advance and support transit safety and security efforts, including coordination with public safety jurisdictions and public transit operators, and implementing recommendations of the King County Regional Transit Safety Task Force.

06. Reorganize and Make Intradepartmental Transfers

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121092	MO Major Institutions and School Program	This legislation amends relevant sections of the Seattle Municipal Code to implement the transfer of the Major Institution Master Plans and Development Standard Departures for Public Schools program from the DON to OPCD.
CB 121109	MO Graffiti Nuisance Code Updates	This legislation transfers the authority to enforce the City's graffiti nuisance code from SPU to SPR.

07. Create or Close Funds

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121102	OCF 2025 Fund Closure	The legislation will close Funds and Interfund Loans in the City Treasury that are no longer needed for the City's business and will abandon all associated unexpended appropriation authority.
CB 121122	LEG Central District and SE Seattle Reinvestment Fund	This legislation creates the Central District and Southeast Seattle Reinvestment Fund in the City Treasury, effective January 1, 2026. The Fund will serve as a dedicated repository for public and private revenues—including General Fund transfers, grants, donations, and gifts—to support equitable development, cultural preservation, and community-led revitalization in Seattle's Central District and Southeast Seattle neighborhoods.

08. Authorize Debt or Refunding

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121089	OCF SPU DWW Bonds 2026	This legislation provides legal authorization for the Drainage and Wastewater System to issue up to \$128 million of bonds to fund a portion of capital expenditures outlined in the proposed 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program. This legislation would also amend the Drainage and Wastewater System revenue bond “Omnibus Refunding Ordinance” (ORD 125455, amended by ORD 126482) to update certain provisions, such as reserve account requirements, that may now be modified due to the refunding of the last set of bonds that existed under the previous terms.
CB 121090	OCF SPU Water Bonds 2026	This legislation provides legal authorization for the Water System to issue up to \$108 million of bonds to fund a portion of capital expenditures outlined in the proposed 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program.
CB 121091	OCF SPU Water Bonds 2026 Omnibus Refunding	This legislation amends the Water System revenue bond “Omnibus Refunding Ordinance” (ORD 125714, amended by ORD 126483) to update certain provisions, such as reserve account requirements, that may now be modified due to the refunding of the last set of bonds that existed under the previous terms.

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CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121101	CEN Memorial Stadium Interfund Loan Amendment	This legislation amends ORD 127125 allowing the Director of Finance to make a non-revolving loan of up to \$39.8 million in principal and interest from the REET I Capital Projects Fund and the REET II Capital Projects Fund to the 2027 Multipurpose LTGO Bond Fund B through December 31, 2027.
CB 121103	OCF Multipurpose LTGO Bonds 2026	This legislation provides the legal authorization to issue up to \$38.2 million of Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bonds, as assumed in the 2026 Budget and the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program.
CB 121104	OCF Municipal Light and Power Bonds 2026	This legislation provides the legal authorization to issue up to \$500 million of bonds in 2026 to fund a portion of capital expenditures for Seattle City Light's system outlined in the proposed 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program.

09. Levy 2026 Property Taxes

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121119	CBO Long Property Tax 2026	This ordinance, commonly known as the "Long Property Tax Ordinance," imposes the City's property tax for 2026 to pay for City government activities and for general obligation bond interest and redemption. The proposed legislation includes provisions to collect the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy approved by voters in November.
CB 121120	CBO Short Property Tax 2026	This ordinance, commonly known as the "Short Property Tax Ordinance," reflects changes in the regular property taxes in terms of dollars and percentages. It is a companion to the ordinance authorizing Seattle's property tax levies, commonly known as the "Long Property Tax Ordinance."

10. Adopt 2026 Budget

CB / RES #	Short Title	Description
CB 121115	CBO 2026 Annual Grant Acceptance	This ordinance enables the Executive to accept grants, contract revenue, and/or private funds from various agencies and organizations and authorizes the expenditure of funding backed by their respective revenue sources in the 2026 fiscal year.
CF 314546	Council Changes to Budget and CIP	Clerk File detailing changes to the proposed budget and CIP.