

2021 Seattle City Council Budget Action

Council Budget Action: Agenda

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| SDCI | 001 | A | 002 |

Budget Action Title: Add \$99,033 GF and 1 FTE Housing and Zoning Technician to SDCI for tenant outreach and Property Owner and Tenant Assistance Group staffing

Ongoing: Yes Has Budget Proviso: No

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Bill or Resolution:

| Date | | Total | LH | TM | KS | AP | DJ | DS | AL | TM | LG |
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| | Yes | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | No | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Abstain | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Absent | 0 | | | | | | | | | |

Summary of Dollar Effect

See the following pages for detailed technical information

| | 2021 Increase (Decrease) | 2022 Increase (Decrease) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| General Fund | | |
| General Fund Revenues | \$0 | |
| General Fund Expenditures | \$99,033 | |
| Net Balance Effect | \$(99,033) | |
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| Total Budget Balance Effect | \$(99,033) | |

Budget Action Description:

This budget action would add position authority for 1.0 FTE Housing and Zoning Technician and \$99,033 GF in appropriation authority to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) Compliance Budget Control Level to improve outreach and education and facilitate implementation of tenant protection regulations.

SDCI's Property Owner and Tenant Assistance (POTA) Group helps administer regulations related to tenant protections. As part of the 2020 Adopted Budget, the Council added 1 FTE Housing and Zoning Technician to address complaints and requests for service. That position was not filled by SDCI, and salary savings from that position are proposed to be used by the Mayor to address the projected 2021 GF revenue shortfall.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, resolution of complaints and requests for service have been delayed. The current average number of days to resolve complaints involving the POTA group increased from approximately 58 days in 2019 to 68 days in 2020. The Council anticipates that requests for service will further increase when the pandemic residential eviction moratorium is lifted.

Budget Action Transactions

| # | Transaction Description | Position Title | Number of Positions | FTE | Dept | BSL | Fund | Year | Revenue Amount | Expenditure Amount |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Pocket Adjustments | | 0 | 0 | SDCI - CI000 | SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance | 00100 - General Fund | 2021 | \$0 | \$99,033 |
| 2 | Pocket Adjustments | Housing/Zoning Tech | 1 | 1 | SDCI - CI000 | SDCI - BO-CI-U2400 - Compliance | 00100 - General Fund | 2021 | \$0 | \$0 |