



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
CENTRAL STAFF

Amendment 1, Version 1

CB 121231 – City Light 2027-2028 Rates

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Amendment 1, Version 1 | Sponsor: CM Strauss

- Removes redundant modifications to Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 21.49.040 previously passed with CB 121222.
- SMC 21.49.040 deals with residential electric rate assistance for Seattle City Light (SCL) customers
- SCL and Seattle Public Utility (SPU) residential rate assistance programs are jointly known as the Utility Discount Program (UDP)

Council Bill 121222 Summary

- Modifies UDP eligibility threshold from 70% State Median Income (SMI) to 60% Area Median Income (AMI) effective January 1, 2027
- States Council's intent to consider legislation in 2027 to extend UDP benefits to additional households:
 - 70% AMI by January 1, 2028
 - 80% AMI by January 1, 2029
- Requests annual report on UDP participation rates and department efforts to increase program participation by April 1 each year, beginning in 2027 and ending in 2031
- History:
 - On July 9, The Governance and Utilities Committee passed CB 121222 as amended
 - On July 14, Council votes on CB 121222

Amendment 1, Version 1 Would:

- Modify the title to strike the reference to SMC 21.49.040;
- Remove Section 3 and renumber subsequent sections; and
- Modify Section 16 to remove the effective date for Section 3

Questions?