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Amendment 5 to CB 121006 Nuisance Property Update Ord

Sponsor: Councilmember Hollingworth

Require the City Attorney to Consider Information Provided by the Person in Charge or Property Owner Before Pursuing Court Enforcement of Nuisance Abatement

Effect: This amendment would require the City Attorney to consider any documentation provided by the person in charge or the property owner that contests the designation as a chronic nuisance or challenges the reasonableness of any specific abatement requested by the Police Chief, *before* pursuing a court action in support of enforcement.

Amend the title, add a new section 4 to CB 121006 as follows, renumbering subsequent sections:

Title Change:

Amend the title to add a reference to changes being made to Section 10.09.060 of the SMC. (e.g. AN ORDINANCE relating to chronic nuisance properties; allowing, under certain circumstances, an off-property nuisance activity to count toward determining that a property is a chronic nuisance; amending Sections 10.09.010 ((and)), 10.09.030, and 10.09.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.)

New Section 4:

Section 4. Section 10.09.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance

123188, is amended as follows:

10.09.060 Commencement of Action—Enforcement

Upon referral pursuant to Section 10.09.030, the City Attorney may initiate an action in any court of competent jurisdiction to abate a chronic nuisance property, to impose penalties pursuant to this Chapter 10.09, to seek alternative remedies under city or state laws and seek any other relief authorized by law. The City Attorney shall consider any documentation provided by the person in charge or the property owner that contests the designation as a chronic nuisance or challenges the reasonableness of any specific abatement requested by the Police Chief, before initiating an action in court to abate a chronic nuisance property.