

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; accepting the following easements for electrical distribution in King County, Washington; placing said easements under the jurisdiction of the City Light Department; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

This ordinance accepts 182 easements for overhead and underground electrical rights in King County, Washington. These easements are contained in short plats, lot boundary adjustments, and unit lot subdivisions approved by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI).

SDCI requires that applications for short plats, lot boundary adjustments, and unit lot subdivisions be reviewed by other City departments. Each lot created in such property divisions needs to have adequate access for all utilities, including electrical service. The access for such utilities is provided by the means of utility easements in the final approved short plats, lot boundary adjustments, and unit lot subdivisions recorded with King County.

The Seattle City Charter requires that all acquisition and disposal of real property interests must be by ordinance. City Light periodically requests that the City Council accept by ordinance all the electrical service easements acquired through land use permitting actions.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

No.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

Not applicable.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

City Light cannot provide electrical service for these customers without the easements being in place. The financial cost of not implementing this legislation would be the forgone revenue from these customer accounts.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department.**

This legislation accepts the electrical service easements contained in short plats, lot boundary adjustments, and unit lot subdivisions, acquired through land use permitting actions by SDCI during the prior years.

- b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property.**

Yes. These easements are mapped in the Seattle City Light's Real Property Geographic Information System (GIS).

- c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**

There are no perceived impacts. Not applicable.

- d. Climate Change Implications**

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

No.

- ii. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way?**

No.

- e. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program's desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

Not applicable.

5. CHECKLIST

- ☐ Is a public hearing required?
- ☐ Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required?
- ☐ If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?
- ☐ Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?

6. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.