

Amendment B to CB 120835 - SODA Zones

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Adding Reporting Dimensions and Requiring Impact Evaluation

Effect: This amendment would add reporting dimensions to the annual report on the effect of CB 120835's application. The bill requires this report's publication by the Seattle Police Department with input from the City Attorney's Office. Additionally, the amendment would require that the Office of the City Auditor (City Auditor) conduct a phased evaluation of the bill's impacts, on a timeline that the Council and City Auditor would develop collaboratively.

1. Amend Section 12A.21.040 as follows:

C. This Chapter 12A.21 and the effect of its application shall be reviewed at least every two years by the City Council. For each year, the Seattle Police Department, with input from the City Attorney's Office, shall publish a report no later than the end of the first quarter of the following year that provides the following information:

1. How many SODA orders were issued for each SODA zone;
2. How many arrests were made for violating the orders in each SODA zone;
3. Demographic information on those receiving orders and/or violating orders;

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4. Analysis of illegal drug trafficking and drug use in SODA zones, including year-over-year statistics of drug-related crimes and whether dispersion of illegal drug trafficking and public use occurred in surrounding areas;

5. The number of individuals who were referred to diversion services;

6. Analysis of the degree to which individuals with active SODA orders are believed to violate or to have violated them;

7. For the initial report, analysis of the prevalence of charges and convictions for crimes listed in Section 12A.21.020 for each SODA zone compared to the prevalence before the effective date of this ordinance;

8. For subsequent reports, analysis of the prevalence of charges and convictions for crimes listed in Section 12A.21.020 for each SODA zone compared to the prevalence as reflected in the previous report; and

9. Analysis of the extent to which charges and convictions for crimes listed in Section 12A.21.020 may have been dispersed from each SODA zone into other areas of the city.

This report shall be provided to the City Clerk, the City Council, and published on the Seattle Police Department website.

2. Add a new Section 2 and renumber subsequent sections as appropriate:

Section 2. It is the intent of the Council that a phased evaluation of this ordinance be conducted by the Office of City Auditor (City Auditor).

A. At a minimum, this evaluation shall consist of: (1) a scoping exercise, to be initiated prior to the ordinance's implementation date, to determine what evaluative dimensions not referenced in Seattle Municipal Code subsection 12A.21.040.C would best contribute to an understanding of the ordinance's impacts and can be accomplished by the City Auditor with existing resources; (2) identification of evaluative dimensions that would enhance an understanding of the ordinance's impacts and would require incremental resources; (3) identification of potential implementation challenges and strategies that could mitigate them; (4) an evaluation of the implementation process; and (5) an impact evaluation consistent with the dimensions identified in the scoping exercise described in this subsection.

B. The Council and the City Auditor shall collaboratively identify target completion dates for each of the deliverables required as components of the evaluation.

C. The City Auditor’s evaluation of the implementation process and the evaluation of the ordinance’s impact (“impact evaluation”) will require access to the data and analysis referenced in Seattle Municipal Code subsection 12A.21.040.C. To the extent that the City Auditor is not provided access to these products or that the products as delivered differ from their descriptions in this ordinance, the City Auditor may be unable to complete the requested deliverables.

D. The City Auditor should consider including, in the impact evaluation, such dimensions as:

1. Disposition, at the King County Jail and any other contracted correctional facilities, of those convicted of the crimes listed in Seattle Municipal Code Section 12A.21.020;

2. For those receiving SODA orders, a comprehensive outcomes analysis including a racial and socioeconomic equity component;

3. Community response to the establishment of SODA zones and to any dispersal of activity related to crimes listed in Seattle Municipal Code Section 12A.21.020 out of any SODA zone into other areas of Seattle;

4. The degree to which medical, social, and legal service providers can substantiate that the existence, and specific boundaries of, SODA zones has been a barrier to the receipt of services for their clients with active SODA orders, including clients’ ability to access public defenders and other attorneys;

5. Opportunities to confirm, refute, or refine any findings or recommendations from relevant audits previously completed by the City Auditor; and

6. Potential or actual unintended consequences of this ordinance.