

# SEATTLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2025 – 2026 Proposed Budget Policy Considerations

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Select Budget Committee | October 21, 2024

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# Budget Summary (\$ in 000s)

	2024 Adopted	2025 Proposed	% Change	2026 Proposed	% Change
Operating Appropriations by BSL					
Fire Prevention	\$12,340	\$14,720	19.3%	\$15,356	4.3%
Leadership and Administration	\$50,035	\$51,818	3.6%	\$54,208	4.6%
Operations	\$220,200	\$261,025	18.5%	\$271,121	3.9%
Operating Total	\$282,575	\$327,563	15.9%	\$340,685	4.0%

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<b>Appropriation Totals (Operating)</b>					
Total Appropriations	\$282,575	\$327,563	15.9%	\$340,685	4.0%
Total FTE	1,204	1,205	0.1%	1,206	0.1%
<b>Revenues</b>					
General Fund	\$282,575	\$327,563	15.9%	\$340,685	4.0%
Other Source(s)	-	-	-	-	-

# Policy Consideration

## 1. BLS Transport Fees ORD

This ordinance would authorize SFD to collect fees when it provides Basic Life Services (BLS) transportation by ambulance to a hospital or clinic. SFD would bill the insurance provider of the individual receiving transport. For those who do not submit insurance information, SFD would bill that individual, who would have access to a “compassionate care” financial assistance program with a sliding payment scale.

SFD has not yet finalized policies and procedures, or a communications plan related to the proposed legislation. The department currently transports about 120 individuals per year and estimates full-year revenue from the proposed new fees at \$314,000.

### Options:

- A. Pass
- B. Amend and pass
- C. Do not pass

# Questions?