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CITY OF SEATTLE

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ORDINANCE 126949

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COUNCIL BILL 120701

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5 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; amending Section

6 11.16.121 of the Seattle Municipal Code to set new limits on parking rates at parking

7 payment devices.

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9 WHEREAS, Section 11.16.121 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) sets minimum and

10 maximum limits on parking rates at on-street parking payment devices (e.g., pay station

11 kiosks, mobile parking payment) and identifies policy for the Director of Transportation

12 to adjust parking rates; and

13 WHEREAS, since 2010, with the passage of Ordinance 123462, the Seattle Department of

14 Transportation's (SDOT's) Performance-Based Parking Pricing Program (the

15 fundamental component of the Department's overall paid parking system) has used a

16 data-driven process to adjust rates throughout the city to achieve one to two open and

17 available spaces; and

18 WHEREAS, SMC 11.16.121.C established a minimum and maximum hourly parking rate in

19 2010, was updated in 2016, was updated again in 2021 specific to event rates around the

20 Climate Pledge Arena, and should be adjusted to more accurately account for the costs of

21 SDOT's paid parking program and to more effectively achieve the objective of pricing

22 the curb to ensure reliable customer access; and

23 WHEREAS, increasing the minimum hourly rate would allow SDOT to more fully recover paid

24 parking program costs including non-discretionary fees to process transactions, and

25 increasing the maximum hourly rate would allow SDOT to adjust rates in Seattle's

26 highest demand areas to provide more reliable customer access; and

1 WHEREAS, it is the legislation's intent to direct the new increment of revenues collected after

2 passage of this legislation to SDOT for the purpose of maintaining and administering the

3 on-street paid parking program; NOW, THEREFORE,

4 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

5 Section 1. Section 11.16.121 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance

6 126399, is amended as follows:

7 **11.16.121 Director of Transportation—Rate setting for parking payment devices**
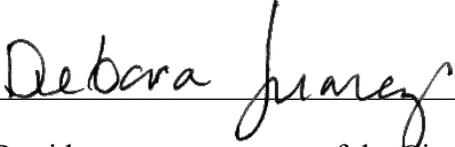
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9 B. The Director of Transportation is authorized to set parking rates up to (($5)) $8 per

10 hour ("Maximum Hourly Rate"), except that for large Seattle Center events the Director is

11 authorized to set parking rates up to $12 per hour for locations within a mile of Seattle Center.

12 When parking rates are in effect, parking rates shall be set no lower than (($0.50)) $1 per hour

13 ("Minimum Hourly Rate").

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1   Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by

2   the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it

3   shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4   Passed by the City Council the ____21st____ day of _____November_____, 2023,

5   and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____21st____ day of

6   _____November_____, 2023.

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8   President _____ of the City Council

9   ☑ Approved / ☐ returned unsigned / ☐ vetoed this __1st__ day of ___Decemner_____, 2023.

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11   Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12   Filed by me this ___1st____ day of ___December_____, 2023.

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14   Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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