

## **SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE\***

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*\* Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to the City’s civil infraction code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and making technical corrections; and amending Sections 16.64.040 and 21.36.922 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

#### **Summary and Background of the Legislation:**

The civil infraction ordinance is designed to ensure that Seattle’s civil infraction code generally matches state law.

The primary effects of this ordinance are to:

- Section 1. It updates 16.64.040, the Harbor Code, to make the default infraction penalty a class 2 civil infraction under RCW 7.80.120, which is \$125.
- Section 2. It updates 21.36.922 to increase littering infraction penalties under 21.36.410 to class 2 civil infractions under RCW 7.80.120, which is \$125, to implement Chapter 312, Laws of 2025, ESHB 1293. Currently, the littering infraction penalty is a class 3 civil infraction under RCW 7.80.120, which is \$50.

### **2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_X\_\_ No

### **3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_X\_\_ No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term or long-term costs? No.

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation? No.**

#### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** This legislation would impact the Seattle Police Department and Municipal Court.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No.
- c. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No.
- d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** No.
- e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?** This legislation does not appear to have any RSJI implications or impact any vulnerable or historically disadvantaged community.
- f. Climate Change Implications**
  - 1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?** No.
  - 2. 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? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.** No.
- g. 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).** This legislation does not include a new initiative or major programmatic expansion.

**Summary Attachments:** None.