

## SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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### **1. BILL SUMMARY**

**Legislation Title:** AN ORDINANCE relating to Council requests for information from Executive departments; adjusting timing of reports provisions and removing obsolete reports; amending Section 5.73.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code, Ordinances 122424, 125602, and 126854, and Resolution 31971; repealing Section 5 of Ordinance 125556; and rescinding Section 2 of Resolution 31863, subsection 2.G of Resolution 31902, and Sections 2 and 3 of Resolution 31914.

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** This legislation updates and removes legislated City Council requests for information from Executive departments.

The City Council makes formal requests for information from Executive departments via ordinance, resolution, or budget amendments. These requests may include updates on policy implementation, evaluation of pilot programs, or scoping potential programmatic expansion, among other themes. Occasionally, some of these requests need to be updated to reflect current Council interest, policy goals, and changed landscape. This bill updates the following requests:

Section 1: Revises the timeline for reporting on the Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) program to better align with available information.

Section 2: Changes the reporting requirement for existing Seattle Streetcar lines from two times per year to annually, as the Seattle Streetcar is now an established program.

Section 3: Changes the reporting requirements for an alternative enforcement provision related to excessive vehicle noise from quarterly to once a year.

Section 4: Changes the timeline for submittal of permanent regulations to align with the expiration of temporary regulations around design review of affordable housing projects.

Section 5: Removes a requirement to update the Transportation Electrification Strategic Investment Plan every four years, as City Light makes updates and submits annual reports more often.

Section 6: Repeals the following requests for information:

- Ordinance 125556 – semiannual reports on the Energy Efficiency as a Service pilot program in SCL. This pilot program is now more than five years old and the department

regularly reports on it via its other oversight channels. The subscription to the pilot does not warrant separate biannual reports.

- Resolution 31863 – biannual reporting on incidence of worker/independent contractor misclassification. The Office of Labor Standards has shifted focus from misclassification to regulation in this area and the information provided is unlikely to be useful to policy makers.
- Resolution 31902 – quarterly reporting on the development of a tree ordinance. The ordinance was adopted in 2023.
- Resolution 31914 – annual reporting on the revenues and spending of transportation network company revenues. Due to subsequent state actions, this is a relatively small source of revenue for the City and requesting three departments report on it is not in alignment with other City revenues.

## 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.**

N/A

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

None.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

The legislation revises requests for information from multiple City departments and is intended to ease their workload by reducing or eliminating reports requested by the Council.

- b. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property.**

No.

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

N/A

- i. **How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

- ii. **Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

- iii. **What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

- d. **Climate Change Implications**

- i. **Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

N/A

- 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? 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.

- 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?**

N/A

#### 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.