



CITY OF SEATTLE

City Council

Agenda

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

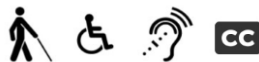
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Meeting Location:

Council Chamber, City Hall, 600 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Committee Website:

<http://www.seattle.gov/council>

Members of the public may register for remote or in-person Public Comment to address the Council. Speakers must be registered in order to be recognized by the Chair. Details on how to register for Public Comment are listed below:

Remote Public Comment - Register online to speak during the Public Comment period at <https://www.seattle.gov/council/committees/public-comment>. Online registration to speak will begin one hour before the meeting start time, and registration will end at the conclusion of the Public Comment period during the meeting.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. PRESENTATIONS

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may sign up to address the Council for up to 2 minutes on matters on this agenda; Introduction and Referral Calendar; and Council's Work Program; and total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is up to one hour.

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

Introduction and referral to Council committees of Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF) for committee recommendation.

[IRC 517](#)

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Attachments: [Introduction and Referral Calendar](#)

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consists of routine items. A Councilmember may request that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the regular agenda.

Journal:

1. [Min 561](#) March 24, 2026

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

Bills:

2. [CB 121186](#) An ordinance relating to appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of March 16, 2026, through March 20, 2026, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion and vote on Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt), and Clerk Files (CF).

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

1. [CB 121179](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to collection of surveillance data; specifying conditions for a mandatory 60-day pause in data collection for Seattle Police Department Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) and Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems; and amending Ordinances 127044 and 127297.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 5 - Kettle, Saka, Juarez, Lin, Rivera

Opposed: None

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

2. [CB 121180](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to inquiries into immigration status; changing the requirements for circumstances where Seattle Police Department personnel may inquire into a person's citizenship or immigration status to align the Seattle Municipal Code with state law; and amending Section 4.18.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 5 - Kettle, Saka, Juarez, Lin, Rivera

Opposed: None

Supporting Documents: [Summary and Fiscal Note](#)

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT



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Introduction and Referral Calendar

List of proposed Council Bills (CB), Resolutions (Res), Appointments (Appt) and Clerk Files (CF) to be introduced and referred to a City Council committee

Record No.	Title	Committee Referral
<u>By: Strauss</u>		
1. CB 121186	An ordinance relating to appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of March 16, 2026, through March 20, 2026, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.	City Council
<u>By: Hollingsworth</u>		
2. CB 121189	AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing execution of a collective bargaining agreement between The City of Seattle and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local 32; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.	City Council
<u>By: Strauss</u>		
3. Res 32196	A resolution adopting the Statements of Legislative Intent for the 2026 Adopted Budget and 2026-2031 Adopted Capital Improvement Program.	City Council
<u>By: Strauss</u>		
4. CB 121187	AN ORDINANCE relating to acceptance of funding from non-City sources; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to accept and authorize the expenditure of specified grants, private funding, and subsidized loans and to execute, deliver, and perform corresponding agreements; amending Ordinance 127362, which adopted the 2026 Budget, including the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2026-2031 CIP; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.	Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments Committee
<u>By: Strauss</u>		
5. Appt 03468	Appointment of Dwight D. Dively as Director of Finance of the Office of City Finance, for a term to December 31, 2029.	Finance, Native Communities, and Tribal Governments Committee

By: Hollingsworth

6. [CB 121190](#) An ordinance relating to the 2026 Stormwater Code Update; updating stormwater control requirements for development, roadways, utilities, and maintenance activities; strengthening stormwater treatment and infiltration standards; clarifying vesting and review thresholds; ensuring the City's compliance with requirements of the City's 2024-2029 Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit issued by the State Department of Ecology; and amending Chapters 22.800, 22.801, 22.802, 22.803, 22.805, and 22.807 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Governance and
Utilities
Committee

By: Hollingsworth

7. [Appt 03470](#) Appointment of Evan M. Smith as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2027.

Governance and
Utilities
Committee

By: Hollingsworth

8. [Appt 03472](#) Appointment of Andrea Lino as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2028.

Governance and
Utilities
Committee

By: Hollingsworth

9. [Appt 03473](#) Appointment of Anita Khandelwal as member, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission, for a term to December 31, 2026.

Governance and
Utilities
Committee

By: Foster

10. [Appt 03471](#) Appointment of Amy Nguyen as Director of the Office of Arts and Culture.

Housing, Arts, and
Civil Rights
Committee

By: Rinck

11. [CB 121188](#) AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; adjusting the pay zones for titles in the City's Information Technology Professional (ITP) Compensation Program; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Human Services,
Labor, and
Economic
Development
Committee

By: Rinck

12. [Appt 03469](#) Appointment of Beto Yarce as Director of the Office of Economic Development.

Human Services,
Labor, and
Economic
Development
Committee

By: Lin

13. [Appt 03463](#) Appointment of Phoebe Erin Bogert as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027.

Land Use and
Sustainability
Committee

By: Lin

14. [Appt 03464](#) Appointment of Tatum Lau as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 28, 2027. Land Use and Sustainability Committee

By: Lin

15. [Appt 03465](#) Reappointment of Kate Clark as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 29, 2028. Land Use and Sustainability Committee

By: Lin

16. [Appt 03466](#) Reappointment of Brian Markham as member, Seattle Design Committee, for a term to February 29, 2028. Land Use and Sustainability Committee

By: Lin

17. [Appt 03467](#) Reappointment of Zubin Rao as member, Seattle Design Commission, for a term to February 29, 2028. Land Use and Sustainability Committee

By: Saka

18. [Res 32198](#) A resolution affirming The City of Seattle's readiness for a National Basketball Association (NBA) team; declaring that Climate Pledge Arena is ready for an NBA team; and affirming Seattle is a basketball city. Transportation, Waterfront, and Seattle Center Committee



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A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of The City of Seattle met in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Seattle, Washington, on March 24, 2026, pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m., with Council President Hollingsworth presiding.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Excused: 1 - Juarez

C. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Council:

- Noah Williams
- Carolyn Malone
- Gary Lee
- Beth Ku
- Tanya Woo
- Astrid Clayton
- Long Nguyen
- Gwendolyn Hart
- Howard Gale
- Jason Thiel
- Em Smith
- Summer Miller
- Jim Baines
- Michael
- Nathan Wall
- Yvette Dinish
- Charlotte Phillippe
- Katherine VanHenley
- Harper Nalley
- Jim Buchanan
- Brian McRae
- Bennett Haselton
- Anita ShowerBad
- Kirk Robbins
- David Haines

E. ADOPTION OF INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL CALENDAR:

[IRC 516](#) **March 24, 2026**

By unanimous consent, the Introduction & Referral Calendar (IRC) was adopted.

In Favor: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

By unanimous consent, the Agenda was adopted.

G. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council President Hollingsworth, duly seconded and carried, to adopt the Consent Calendar.

Journal:

- 1. [Min 560](#) **March 17, 2026**

The Minutes were adopted on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Minutes (Min):

In Favor: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

Bills:

- 2. [CB 121182](#) **AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of March 9, 2026, through March 13, 2026, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Council Bill (CB) was passed on the Consent Calendar by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNANCE AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

1. [CB 121163](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to cable television; authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee to execute an amendment to the Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, authorized by Ordinance 124957; authorizing the Chief Technology Officer to enter into other agreements for the purpose of implementing or administering the amended franchise; amending Section 21.60.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 3 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Strauss

Opposed: None

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE:

2. [CB 121152](#) **AN ORDINANCE relating to floodplains; adopting permanent regulations consistent with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations; adopting the February 2020 updated National Flood Insurance Rate Maps to allow individuals to continue to obtain flood insurance through FEMA’s Flood Insurance Program; repealing Ordinances 126113 and 126536; and amending Chapter 25.06 and Section 25.09.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.**

The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).

In Favor: 3 - Lin, Foster, Rinck

Opposed: None

The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

In Favor: 8 - Foster, Hollingsworth, Kettle, Lin, Rinck, Rivera, Saka, Strauss

Opposed: None

I. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

There were none.

J. ADOPTION OF OTHER RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Jodee Schwinn, Deputy City Clerk

Signed by me in Open Session, upon approval of the Council, on March 31, 2026.

Joy Hollingsworth, Council President of the City Council



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The City of Seattle

Ordinance

Council Bill

An ordinance relating to appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of March 16, 2026, through March 20, 2026, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Be it ordained by The City of Seattle as follows:

Section 1. Payment of the sum of \$23,052,393.93 on PeopleSoft 9.2 mechanical warrants numbered 4101014352 - 4101015886 plus manual or cancellation issues for claims, e-payables of \$56,009.56 on PeopleSoft 9.2 9100016054 - 9100016071, and electronic financial transactions (EFT) in the amount of \$73,837,512.32 are presented to the City Council under RCW 42.24.180 and approved consistent with remaining appropriations in the current Budget as amended.

Section 2. RCW 35.32A.090(1) states, "There shall be no orders, authorizations, allowances, contracts or payments made or attempted to be made in excess of the expenditure allowances authorized in the final budget as adopted or modified as provided in this chapter, and any such attempted excess expenditure shall be void and shall never be the foundation of a claim against the city."

Section 3. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council and signed in open session in authentication of its passage on March 31, 2026.

President of the City Council

on .

Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Attested on .

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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Summary and Fiscal Note

1. Legislation Summary

Department: Office of City Finance

Title: An ordinance appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of March 16, 2026, through March 20, 2026, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts. Claims include all financial payment obligations for bills and payroll paid out of PeopleSoft for the covered.

Background: RCW 42.24.180 requires that payment of certain claims be authorized by the City Council. This bill, prepared each week by the City Treasury, authorizes the payments of funds that were previously appropriated by the City Council, so the passage of this bill does not have a direct result on the City's budget.

Summary Attachments: None.

2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

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

3d. Other Financial Impacts

a. Does this legislation create any other financial impacts for The City of Seattle, such as direct or indirect costs, one-time or ongoing, that aren't mentioned above? If yes, please explain these impacts.

No. This bill authorizes the payments of funds that were previously appropriated by the City Council, so the passage of this bill does not have a direct result on the City's budget.

b. If the legislation has costs that can be covered within the current budget, explain how. Does the department have extra resources in its budget to handle these costs? Or does the department need to shift resources away from other work to handle these costs?

N/A

c. What financial costs or other impacts might happen if this legislation is not implemented?

The legislation authorizes the payment of valid claims. If the City does not pay its legal obligations it could face greater legal and financial liability.

d. How might this legislation affect other City departments besides the one that proposed it?

This type of legislation authorizes payment of bill and payroll expenses for all City departments.

4. Other Impacts

a. Does this legislation require a public hearing?

Yes

No

b. Does this legislation require a notice to be published in The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times?

Yes

No

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

N/A

d. Race and Social Justice Initiative impacts:

1. How does this legislation affect vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you come to this conclusion? Please consider both impacts within City government (like employees and internal programs) and in the broader community.

N/A

2. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses used to develop or assess this legislation.

N/A

3. What is the Language Access Plan for communicating with the public about this legislation?

N/A

e. Climate change impacts:

1. Emissions: Will this legislation significantly increase or decrease carbon emissions? Attach any studies or materials that inform your answer.

N/A

2. Resiliency: Will this legislation make Seattle more or less able to adapt to climate change? If it reduces resiliency, explain what can be done to lessen the impact.

N/A

f. If this legislation creates a new program or expands an existing one, what are the long-term, measurable goals? How will this legislation help achieve those goals? What methods will be used to track progress?

N/A

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g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP that involves shared funding with a non-City partner or organization?

N/A



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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to collection of surveillance data; specifying conditions for a mandatory 60-day pause in data collection for Seattle Police Department Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) and Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems; and amending Ordinances 127044 and 127297. WHEREAS, the City is proud to be a welcoming City, affirming its steadfast commitment to serve as a safe and supportive home for refugees and immigrants; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that every individual possesses a fundamental right of privacy regarding their personal reproductive decisions, bodily autonomy, and gender affirming care; and

WHEREAS, state and local laws and policies prohibit City resources and personnel from being used to assist with or participate in activities that support or constitute civil immigration enforcement, unless otherwise required by law; and

WHEREAS, Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) and Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems collect time-stamped location data that can reveal sensitive patterns of movement, including an individual's attempt to acquire reproductive health services, gender affirming care, visits to workplaces, schools, religious institutions, medical facilities, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Washington lawmakers and Seattle City Councilmembers have expressed concern that ALPR and CCTV data is being used nationwide to support mass-deportation efforts and other civil immigration actions contrary to state and local policies and community-trust objectives; and

WHEREAS, since the 2022 *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision, there is an increased risk that ALPR location data will be used by out-of-state entities to investigate or prosecute individuals

for seeking or providing lawful reproductive health care; and

WHEREAS, ALPR data collected by some Washington law enforcement agencies has been shared with federal agencies including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), raising legal and civil rights concerns about the use of state-collected data for civil immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Seattle City Councilmembers wish to ensure that ALPR and CCTV data collected in Seattle is used solely for legitimate local public safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinances 125376 and 125679, the City Council passed Ordinance 127110 on October 8, 2024, authorizing CCTV systems to be erected in pilot deployment areas on Aurora Avenue North, Belltown, the International District, and the Downtown Commercial Core; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Ordinance 127297 on September 9, 2025, which expanded the City's CCTV pilot to the Capitol Hill Nightlife area, the Stadium District, and the Garfield High School neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 127297 requires a 60-day pause of CCTV data collection if the City or its vendor receives a warrant, subpoena, or court order for Seattle CCTV data in a federal civil immigration enforcement matter, or if Seattle CCTV data is released pursuant to law for use in a federal civil immigration enforcement matter; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Ordinance 127044 on June 18, 2024, which approved the Seattle Police Department's (SPD's) expansion of ALPR technology from its current limited use to a fleet-wide deployment on all SPD patrol vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 127044 does not require a 60-day pause of ALPR data collection if ALPR data is released for use in a civil immigration matter; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to extend the 60-day pause protection to ALPR data and to specify additional triggers that would pause surveillance data collection to protect the privacy, reproductive rights, gender affirming care, civil rights, and safety of all Seattle residents, including vulnerable immigrant

communities, and to maintain public trust in local law enforcement technologies; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance 127044 is amended by adding a new Section 4 as follows, renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

Section 4. Temporary pause in data collection

A. SPD shall immediately pause for 60 days the collection of data from ALPR technology deployed in its patrol vehicle fleet if:

1. The City or its vendor receives a warrant, subpoena, court order, or is otherwise required by law to release Seattle ALPR data for use in a civil immigration enforcement, gender affirming care, or reproductive health care matter; or

2. The Mayor and Police Chief have determined that ALPR data is being used, or potentially will be used, to track individuals seeking reproductive health care, gender affirming care, or for civil immigration enforcement purposes, including, but not limited to, uses that may occur concurrently with an increased presence of civil immigration enforcement personnel in Seattle. Such use or potential use must be jointly determined by the Mayor and Police Chief and documented in a letter to the Council President.

B. Within two business days of the ALPR data collection pause, SPD or the Mayor's Office will report to the Council the circumstances that triggered the pause and the date that the ALPR camera systems will resume data collection. Upon receiving the report, the Council may by ordinance extend the pause or end the patrol fleet ALPR program to prevent third parties from accessing Seattle's protected surveillance data.

C. During a data collection pause pursuant to subsection 4.A of this ordinance, the Mayor by executive order shall have the authority to temporarily resume ALPR data collection when necessary to gather and transmit to prosecutors evidence of potentially unlawful acts that occur during civil

immigration enforcement operations or at reproductive health care or gender affirming care facilities. The Mayor may exercise this authority by issuing an executive order that states the reasons that data collection is necessary and the date on which data collection shall again be paused. Any temporary resumption of data collection pursuant to this subsection shall reset the 60-day pause required in subsection 4.A of this ordinance.

Section 2. Section 3 of Ordinance 127297 is amended as follows:

~~Section 3. ((If the City or its vendor receives a warrant, subpoena, or court order for Seattle CCTV data in a federal civil immigration enforcement matter, or when required by law releases Seattle CCTV data for use in a federal civil immigration enforcement matter, SPD shall immediately pause use of the CCTV camera systems for 60 calendar days. Within two business days of the CCTV camera systems pause, SPD will report to the Council the circumstances that triggered the pause and the date that the CCTV camera systems use will resume. Upon receiving the report, the Council may by ordinance extend the pause or end the CCTV program to prevent third parties from accessing Seattle's protected surveillance data.))~~ Temporary pause in data collection

A. SPD shall immediately pause for 60 days the collection of data from CCTV cameras deployed as part of its Technology-Assisted Crime Prevention Pilot if:

1. The City or its vendor receives a warrant, subpoena, court order, or is otherwise required by law to release Seattle CCTV data for use in a civil immigration enforcement, gender affirming care, or reproductive health care matter; or

2. The Mayor and Police Chief have determined that CCTV data is being used, or potentially will be used, to track individuals seeking reproductive health care, gender affirming care, or for civil immigration enforcement purposes, including, but not limited to, uses that may occur concurrently with an increased presence of civil immigration enforcement personnel in Seattle. Such use or potential use must be jointly determined by the Mayor and Police Chief and documented in a letter to

the Council President.

B. Within two business days of the CCTV data collection pause, SPD or the Mayor’s Office will report to the Council the circumstances that triggered the pause and the date that the CCTV camera systems will resume data collection. Upon receiving the report, the Council may by ordinance extend the pause or CCTV program to prevent third parties from accessing Seattle’s protected surveillance data.

C. During a data collection pause pursuant to subsection 4.A of this ordinance, the Mayor by executive order may temporarily resume CCTV data collection when necessary to gather and transmit to prosecutors evidence of potentially unlawful acts that occur during civil immigration enforcement operations or at reproductive health care or gender affirming care facilities. The executive order shall state the reasons that data collection is necessary and the date on which data collection shall again be paused. Any temporary resumption of data collection pursuant to the executive order shall reset the 60-day pause required in subsection 4.A of this ordinance.

Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance, or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance, does not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2026, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2026.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
Council	Greg Doss	

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to collection of surveillance data; specifying conditions for a mandatory 60-day pause in data collection for Seattle Police Department Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) and Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems; and amending Ordinances 127044 and 127297.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

Background: Pursuant to Ordinances 125376 and 125679, the City Council passed Ordinance 127110 on October 8, 2024, authorizing CCTV systems to be erected in pilot deployment areas on Aurora Avenue North, Belltown, the International District and the Downtown Commercial Core.

The City Council passed Ordinance 127297 on September 9, 2025, which expanded the City's CCTV pilot to the Capital Hill Nightlife area, the Stadium District and the Garfield High School neighborhood. This ordinance requires a 60-day pause of CCTV data collection if the City or its vendor receives a warrant, subpoena, or court order for Seattle CCTV data in a civil immigration enforcement matter, or if Seattle CCTV data is released pursuant to law for use in a federal civil immigration enforcement matter.

The City Council passed Ordinance 127044 on June 18, 2024, which approved the Seattle Police Department's (SPD's) expansion of ALPR technology from its current limited use to a fleet-wide deployment on all SPD patrol vehicles. Ordinance 127044 does not require a 60-day pause of ALPR data collection if ALPR data is released for use in a civil immigration matter.

Summary of Legislation: This proposed legislation would:

1. Extend to the Seattle Police Department's (SPD's) patrol vehicle ALPR system the same 60-day pause provision that applies to SPD's CCTV network;
2. Add a new requirement that the 60-day pause will also apply when CCTV or ALPR footage is used in a reproductive health care matter;
3. Require a 60-day pause of CCTV or patrol vehicle ALPR data collection if the Mayor and Police Chief have determined that CCTV or ALPR data is being used, or potentially will be used, for civil immigration or reproductive health care enforcement purposes, including uses that may occur concurrently with an increased presence of civil immigration enforcement personnel in Seattle; and
4. Authorize the Mayor to issue an executive order that temporarily resumes CCTV and ALPR data collection when necessary to gather and transmit to prosecutors evidence of potentially unlawful acts that occur during civil immigration or reproductive health care enforcement operations.

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

The 60-day pause requirement was included in the bill that authorized CCTV expansion, and SPD has indicated that its vendor Axon can temporarily pause data collection.

SPD staff have confirmed with Axon that it can implement a system-wide temporary pause on the ALPR functionality for all patrol officers without interrupting or affecting the functionality of the In-Car Video system for all officers. Axon could make the change very quickly (likely within a day of SPD's request) and at no additional cost to SPD.

At least in the short term, SPD would need to continue paying Axon for the ALPR service even if Axon is not providing ALPR service pursuant to a potential request from SPD.

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.

There are no additional costs to the City.

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.

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

Not implementing this legislation could contribute to an environment that limits access and safety to public spaces, especially among Seattle's undocumented immigrants.

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.

The Seattle Police Department will be the primary department involved in this legislation.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

b. Is publication of notice with The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times required for this legislation?

No.

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

- 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.**

This legislation seeks to prevent an environment that limits access and safety to public spaces, especially among Seattle's undocumented immigrants.

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

Not completed.

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

e. 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.**

- 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.**

f. 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?

This legislation establishes a new regulation but does not qualify as a new initiative or major programmatic expansion.

g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?

No.



Legislation Text

File #: CB 121180, **Version:** 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to inquiries into immigration status; changing the requirements for circumstances where Seattle Police Department personnel may inquire into a person's citizenship or immigration status to align the Seattle Municipal Code with state law; and amending Section 4.18.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 121063, adopted in 2003, generally bars City of Seattle employees from making inquiries into immigration status and provides an exception for Seattle Police Department officers under specific circumstances; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Washington State Legislature passed the Keep Washington Working Act (E2SSB 5497, codified in chapters 10.93, 43.10, 43.17, and 43.330 of the Revised Code of Washington) which restricts data collection and information sharing regarding civil immigration enforcement, including as relates to state agencies and state and local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, state law (Section 10.93.160 of the Revised Code of Washington) describes the criteria under which local law enforcement may inquire into immigration status, and these state law criteria differ from those in the Seattle Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, amending the Seattle Municipal Code to align with state law concerning allowable law enforcement immigration status inquiries will benefit residents and employees of the City by increasing clarity regarding interactions with the Seattle Police Department; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 4.18.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 127398, is

amended as follows:

4.18.015 Inquiries into immigration status

A. No Seattle City officer or employee shall, unless otherwise required by law or by court order, inquire into the immigration status of any person, or engage in activities designed to ascertain the immigration status of any person.

B. ~~((Seattle Police officers are exempt from the limitations imposed by subsection 4.18.015.A with respect to a person whom the officer has reasonable suspicion to believe: (1) has previously been deported from the United States; (2) is again present in the United States; and (3) is committing or has committed a felony criminal law violation.))~~ Notwithstanding subsection 4.18.015.A, and due to the unique functions of the Seattle Police Department, personnel of the Seattle Police Department may inquire into or collect information about an individual's immigration or citizenship status, or place of birth, if there is a connection between such information and an investigation into a violation of state or local criminal law.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2026, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2026.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Dept. Contact:	CBO Contact:
Legislative	Tamaso Johnson	N/A

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to inquiries into immigration status; changing the requirements for circumstances where Seattle Police Department personnel may inquire into a person’s citizenship or immigration status to align the Seattle Municipal Code with state law; and amending Section 4.18.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 4.18.015 generally prohibits City employees from making inquiries into the immigration status of any person. SMC 4.18.015.B includes an exception allowing Seattle Police Department (SPD) officers to inquire into a person’s immigration status under certain specified circumstances. Current SPD policy ([SPD Pol. 6.020 - Interactions with Foreign Nationals](#)) completely forbids SPD personnel from making any inquiry about immigration or citizenship status. Current Washington State law, the Keep Washington Working Act codified, in relevant part, at Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 10.93.160(4)(a), specifies the circumstances under which local law enforcement agencies, including SPD, are allowed to inquire into immigration or citizenship status. RCW 10.93.160(4)(a) reads:

State and local law enforcement agencies may not [...] [i]nquire into or collect information about an individual's immigration or citizenship status or place of birth unless there is a connection between such information and an investigation into a violation of state or local criminal law[.]

SMC 4.18.015.B predates the enactment of RCW 10.93.160(4)(a) and is inconsistent with this existing state law on the same topic of permissible local law enforcement immigration status inquiries. SMC 4.18.015.B articulates a different set of criteria for allowable immigration status inquiries than those allowed by state law. This bill would amend SMC 4.18.015.B by striking the current text of that subsection and substituting new statutory language that substantively mirrors RCW 10.93.160(4)(a), the relevant provision of the Keep Washington Working Act.

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.

The current discontinuity between City code and state law on this topic has the potential to create confusion for members of the public. This legislation would clarify the circumstances under which the Seattle Police Department may make inquiries into citizenship or immigration status by aligning City code with state law.

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.

This legislation would impact the Seattle Police Department by changing the allowable circumstances under City code where department personnel are allowed to make inquiries into a person's immigration or citizenship status. Current department policy already appears to be compliant with the proposed changes under this legislation, so no immediate impacts are expected.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

b. Is publication of notice with The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times required for this legislation?

No.

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

- 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.**

State law on this topic was changed in 2019 and the Seattle Police Department's current policy on this subject already appears to be in compliance with relevant state law, so no immediate impacts are anticipated on these or other communities if this legislation is passed.

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

N/A.

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

N/A.

e. 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.**

N/A.

- f. 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.

- g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

No.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.