<u>Amendment D to CB 121000 Algorithmic Rent Fixing ORD</u>

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Enhancing Enforcement and Penalties

Effect: This amendment clarifies that a violation occurs with each instance of prohibited conduct. Additionally, it authorizes a person pursuing a private right of action to seek damages of up to $7,500 in addition to any actual damages incurred.

Amend Section 1 of Council Bill 121000 as follows:

Section 1. A new Chapter 7.34 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

Chapter 7.34 ALGORITHMIC RENT FIXING

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7.34.040 Enforcement and penalties

The City Attorney may file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction for violations of this Chapter 7.34 for civil penalties of up to $7,500 per violation. <u>Each instance of coordinating services for each dwelling unit may be considered a separate violation.</u> The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the City Attorney if the City Attorney is the prevailing party.

7.34.050 Private right of action

Any person injured by a violation of this Chapter 7.34 may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against a landlord or other person violating this Chapter 7.34 to recover damages up to $7,500 per violation <u>in addition to any actual damages incurred</u>. The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to any person injured by a violation of this Chapter 7.34 if that person is the prevailing party.