

CITY OF SEATTLE

127265

ORDINANCE

COUNCIL BILL 121032

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 127156, which adopted the 2025 Budget, including the 2025-2030 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 2025-2030 CIP; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup will take place between June 11 to July 19, 2026, and is projected to be the largest and most-viewed sports tournament to ever occur in history with billions of spectators watching from all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, in January 2018, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution 31791, supporting the City's proposal to be a host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2022, FIFA announced its selection of Seattle to serve as a host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which will be held in 16 cities across Canada, Mexico, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's Lumen Field, the proud home of the Seattle Seahawks, Seattle Reign, and Seattle Sounders, boasting a capacity of nearly 69,000 seats, nestled in the City's SODO neighborhood and adjoining Pioneer Square and the Chinatown-International District, will host six games for the 2026 FIFA World Cup; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Center and its 74-acre campus has long served as the largest and most popular tourist destination in Washington State, attracting up to 10 million visitors a year, featuring legacy and new cultural institutions, major regional music, culinary and art events, and world-renown landmarks such as the Space Needle; and

1 WHEREAS, on October 1, 2024, Mayor Harrell and the Seattle International Soccer Hosting
2 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) announced that Seattle Center will host the official
3 Fan Celebration, expected to draw up to 20,000 fans each day it is activated and will
4 require additional temporary staffing at Seattle Center for success; and

5 WHEREAS, in August 2023, the City Council passed, and Mayor Harrell signed, Ordinance
6 126881, authorizing The City of Seattle to execute a contractual agreement with the LOC
7 to delineate responsibilities and obligations for each in a Host City Agreement; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Harrell's 2025 State of the City Address, delivered on February 18, 2025,
9 included the announcement of a multi-departmental World Cup Action Group to prepare
10 for the games and collaborate on public safety, transportation, permitting, and community
11 activation; and

12 WHEREAS, the FIFA World Cup is expected to bring up to 750,000 visitors to Seattle,
13 delivering an estimated \$929 million in economic benefits to the region, including \$100
14 million in direct state and local tax revenue and supporting nearly 21,000 jobs; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle in partnership with the LOC is strategically deploying resources
16 to harness the benefits of hosting the FIFA World Cup throughout the city, and to prepare
17 and support the neighborhoods most directly impacted by these large-scale events; and

18 WHEREAS, the City Council designated \$6.2 million in capital reserves and appropriated \$6
19 million in operating reserves in the 2025 and 2026 budgets for the City's preparations for
20 the FIFA World Cup; and

21 WHEREAS, to ensure a safe and accessible experience for visitors and residents, the City will
22 make infrastructure, accessibility, and safety improvements to the public right-of-way,
23 and emergency management and medical response investments; and

WHEREAS, the City is now prepared to implement these improvements; NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The appropriations for the following items in the 2025 Adopted Budget are
modified as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level	Amount
1.1	Finance General	Payroll Expense Tax (14500)	General Purpose (BO-FG- 2QD00)	(\$1,800,000)
	Seattle Center	Payroll Expense Tax (14500)	Campus (BO-SC-60000)	\$896,000
	Seattle Fire Department	Payroll Expense Tax (14500)	Operations (BO-FD- F3000)	\$904,000
Total				\$0

Unspent funds so appropriated shall carry forward to subsequent fiscal years until they
are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

Section 2. To pay for necessary capital costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred, but
for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably have
been foreseen at the time the 2025 Budget was adopted, appropriations in the 2025 Budget and
project allocations in the 2025-2031 Capital Improvement Program are increased as follows:

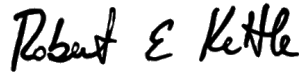
Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level	CIP Project Name	Additional Budget Appropriation
2.1	Seattle Center	Unrestricted Cumulative Reserve Fund (00164)	Building and Campus Improvements (BC-SC- S03P01)	General Site Improvements (MC- SC-S0305)	\$914,000

2.2	Seattle Department of Transportation	Unrestricted Cumulative Reserve Fund (00164)	Mobility-Capital (BC-TR-19003)	MC-TR-C120 - Urban Design Capital Projects	\$2,420,000
2.3	Seattle Parks and Recreation	Unrestricted Cumulative Reserve Fund (00164)	Fix It First (BC-PR-40000)	Major Maintenance and Asset Management (MC-PR-41001)	\$1,080,000
Net Change					\$4,414,000

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

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

Passed by a 3/4 vote of all the members of the City Council the 5th day of
August, 2025, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its
passage this 5th day of August, 2025.



President Pro Tem of the City Council

☒ Approved / ☐ returned unsigned / ☐ vetoed this 7th day of August, 2025.



Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this 7th day of August, 2025.



Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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