

## **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:** A RESOLUTION revising certain General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council; amending Rules III and V in Attachment 1 of Resolution 32029

**Summary and Background of the Legislation:** Resolution 32029 adopted the Seattle City Council "General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council" ("Council Rules") in December 2021 to govern both its internal management and the procedures available to the public, in conformance with the City Charter and the customary practice of legislative bodies. The proposed resolution would amend the Council Rules to:

- (1) add guidance for the use of a consent calendar at regular city council meetings;
- (2) clarify the rule allowing councilmembers to abstain from certain resolutions; and
- (3) update the formatting, numbering, and table of contents.

*Consent Calendar:* In 2022, the Council President began using a consent calendar on city council agendas. This allows for the Council to efficiently move through Council business at regularly scheduled council meetings. As proposed, the changes to Rule III.B and the addition of Rule III.E provides guidance on use of a consent calendar at any particular Council meeting; items on the consent calendar are considered as a group and only require a single vote on all items included. The consent calendar could include administrative items, or items where there is no debate or questions expected from councilmembers. The proposed rule would allow any items proposed for inclusion on the consent calendar to be removed and added to the regular agenda at the request of any councilmember.

*Abstentions:* In December of 2021, the Council amended the Council Rules to allow abstentions on resolutions that, in the sole discretion of the Council President, are not materially related to City government. The proposed resolution with amend this rule to provide more clarity on resolutions that councilmembers can abstain from. Attachment A to this Summary and Fiscal Note includes 245 resolutions considered by the council since 2019 and indicates if, based on the proposed rule, a councilmember could abstain. Based on this review, councilmembers could have abstained from approximately 19 percent of resolutions considered by the Council during that time period.

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

**Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?**      Yes **x** No

If yes, please fill out the table below and attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page. If no, please delete the table.

### 3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

**Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget?**

\_\_\_ Yes x No

If there are no changes to appropriations, revenues, or positions, please delete the table below.

**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?**

If so, describe the nature of the impacts. This could include increased operating and maintenance costs, for example.

No

**Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs or consequences.

No

#### 3.c. Positions

    **This legislation adds, changes, or deletes positions.**

If this box is checked, please complete this section. If this box is not checked, please proceed to Other Implications.

**Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through This Legislation, Including FTE Impact:**

Position # for Existing Positions	Position Title & Department*	Fund Name & #	Program & BCL	PT/FT	2022 Positions	2022 FTE	Does it sunset? (If yes, explain below in Position Notes)
TOTAL							

\* List each position separately.

This table should only reflect the actual number of positions created by this legislation. In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below.

**Position Notes:**

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

**a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

If so, please list the affected department(s) and the nature of the impact (financial, operational, etc.).

No

**b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

If yes, what public hearings have been held to date, and/or what public hearings are planned/required in the future?

No

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

For example, legislation related to sale of surplus property, condemnation, or certain capital projects with private partners may require publication of notice. If you aren't sure, please check with your lawyer. If publication of notice is required, describe any steps taken to comply with that requirement.

No

**d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

If yes, and if a map or other visual representation of the property is not already included as an exhibit or attachment to the legislation itself, then you must include a map and/or other visual representation of the property and its location as an attachment to the fiscal note. Place a note on the map attached to the fiscal note that indicates the map is intended for illustrative or informational purposes only and is not intended to modify anything in the legislation.

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?**

If yes, please explain how this legislation may impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities. Using the racial equity toolkit is one way to help determine the legislation's impact on certain communities. If any aspect of the legislation involves communication or outreach to the public, please describe the plan for communicating with non-English speakers.

**f. Climate Change Implications**

**1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?**

Please provide a qualitative response, considering net impacts. Are there potential carbon emissions impacts of not implementing the proposed legislation? Discuss any potential intersections of carbon emissions impacts and race and social justice impacts, if not previously described in Section 4.e.

**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.**

Describe the potential climate resiliency impacts of implementing or not implementing the proposed legislation. Discuss any potential intersections of climate resiliency and race and social justice impacts, if not previously described in Section 4e.

**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 answer should highlight measurable outputs and outcomes.

No

**Summary Attachments:**

- A. Examples of resolutions a councilmember could abstain from per the proposed change to Rule V