

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: AN ORDINANCE relating to the City’s traffic code; conforming the Seattle Municipal Code with changes in state law and making technical corrections; amending Sections 11.31.050, 11.31.120, 11.40.220, 11.40.240, 11.56.020, 11.56.320, 11.58.005, 11.58.272, and 11.58.435 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Section 11.14.081 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation:

The traffic ordinance is designed to ensure that Seattle’s traffic code matches state law, which requires that traffic laws be uniform throughout the state and prohibits a local authority from enacting or enforcing any ordinance in conflict with the provisions of state traffic laws. It is discretionary with the Council only to the extent that nobody can force the Council to enact legislation.

The primary effects of this ordinance are to:

- Change “marijuana” to “cannabis” (Sections 1, 6, 8, and 10);
- Clarify that a person who attests that they do not have the ability to pay their traffic infraction does not have to submit a check or money order at the same time (Section 2);
- Allow Seattle Municipal Court to waive or remit some infraction fees and penalties (Section 3);
- Clarify that pedestrians may walk on roadways when those roadways are closed to vehicular traffic (Sections 4 and 5);
- Clarify that certain aspects of driver license suspension and revocation apply specifically to issues regarding moving violations (Section 7); and
- Lower the speed limit for driving next to an emergency or work zone to 50 miles per hour, a reduction from the speed limit minus ten miles per hour (Section 9).

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ___ Yes ___X___ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ___ Yes ___X___ No

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? No.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation? No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?** This legislation would impact the Seattle Police Department and Municipal Court.
- b. **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?** No.
- c. **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?** No.
- d. **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?** 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?** This legislation does not appear to have any RSJI implications or impact any vulnerable or historically disadvantaged community.
- f. **Climate Change Implications**
 1. **Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?** No.
 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.** No.
- 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 legislation does not include a new initiative or major programmatic expansion.

Summary Attachments: None.