

Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 120622 – Vacant Building Monitoring Updates

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Reporting on vacant building IDT and intent to consider budget amendments

Effect: This would add a new, non-codified section to the CB 120622 that would (1) request a report by December to the Public Safety and Human Services Committee on actions by an Interdepartmental Team (IDT) to address safety concerns around the city’s most hazardous vacant buildings and (2) state the Council’s intent to consider budgetary actions to formalize the work of the IDT.

The Executive has established an IDT with membership from the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, the City Attorney’s Office, the Seattle Fire Department, and the Seattle Police Department to address and abate hazards associated with unsecured vacant buildings.

Add a new Section 3 to Council Bill 120622, as follows:

Section 3. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the City Attorney’s Office (CAO) brief the Public Safety and Human Services Committee by December 12, 2023, on an action plan and any implementation steps by SDCI, the CAO, the Seattle Police Department, and the Seattle Fire Department to address problems associated with those vacant properties identified by the Executive as being the most hazardous. The Council further requests that the briefing identify, to the extent they are known, any gaps in legal authority to address hazards associated with unsecured vacant buildings. As part of the 2024 Budget, the Council intends to consider operational constraints and opportunities to formalize an ongoing interdepartmental team to address ongoing violations of the City’s Vacant Building Monitoring Program.

[Renumber following sections]