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Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 121245 – SPU 2027–2029 Retail Water Rates

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Removing duplicative code changes and clarifying the title

Effect: This amendment would remove duplicative proposed changes to qualification requirements for the Utility Discount Program (UDP) and would add clarity to the title regarding authorization related to the Revenue Stabilization Subfund.

On July 14, the Council passed ORD 127468 changing the UDP's eligibility threshold from 70 percent State Median Income to 60 percent Area Median Income. The passage of ORD 127468 makes the proposed UDP changes contained in CB 121245 duplicative and unnecessary. Specifically, the amendment removes reference to UDP revisions and SMC 21.76.030 from the title, amends a recital to remove references to UDP qualification revisions, removes Section 3 that would make the duplicative code changes, and removes Section 7 that contains an effective date for Section 3.

The amendment would also add language to the title reflecting the authorization granted in Section 5 for the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of SPU to make withdrawals from the Water Fund Revenue Stabilization Subfund. The amendment does not make any changes to the substantive section of the bill relating to the withdrawal authorization.

1. Amend the title of CB 121245 as follows:

An ordinance relating to rates and charges for water services of Seattle Public Utilities; revising water rates and charges; ((~~revising qualification requirements for the utility discount program;~~)) revising credits to low-income customers; authorizing withdrawal of funds from the Water Fund Revenue Stabilization Subfund; and amending Sections 21.04.430, 21.04.440, ((~~21.76.030,~~)) and 21.76.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

2. Amend the last recital of CB 121245 as follows:

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((~~Qualifications for participation in the Utility Discount Program needs to be revised and credits~~)) Credits for qualified low-income customers should be revised when water rates change. Therefore,

3. Remove Sections 3 and 7 of CB 121245 and renumber subsequent sections, as appropriate.