

## 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 declaring the City Council’s and the Mayor’s intent to consider strategies to protect trees and increase Seattle’s tree canopy cover.

**Summary and background of the Legislation:** In 2001, the City Council adopted Ordinance 120410, establishing Seattle’s first regulations regarding trees on private property. The City then established a goal of reaching 30 percent canopy cover by 2037 in its 2007 Urban Forest Management Plan. To advance this goal, the Council adopted Ordinance 122919 in 2009, adding additional protections for exceptional trees; limits on tree removal from certain developed lots; and enforcement measures. The 2016 Seattle Tree Canopy Assessment found that the city was at 28 percent tree canopy cover and that the single-family residential land use type contributed the most to the city’s canopy cover (63 percent of the total). In recent years, attempts by the Council to initiate an update to the tree regulations have stalled for a variety of factors. This legislation represents the joint commitment by the Mayor and Council to work on updating tree regulations, with a work plan that will be led by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections and supported by the Office of Sustainability and Environment.

### **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?**

The work requested in the legislation will be led by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, assisted by the Office of Sustainability and Environment, which supports the Urban Forestry Commission.

**Is there financial cost or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?**

Not implementing this legislation will leave the Council and the Mayor without a clear plan for approaching an update to the City’s tree regulations, which has been requested by community members and other stakeholders.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**  
The Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections will lead the analysis and development of the updated regulations. The Office of Sustainability and Environment supports the Urban Forestry Commission, which will provide feedback as the draft evolves, and will facilitate public engagement on this topic.
- b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**  
No.
- c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?**  
No.
- d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**  
No.
- e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**  
No.
- f. 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.
- 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.

**List attachments/exhibits below:**