

**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

..title

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Green New Deal for Seattle; establishing the Green New Deal Oversight Board; providing compensation for those who incur a financial hardship by their participation on the Board; requesting that the Office of Sustainability and Environment create an interdepartmental team to advance the Green New Deal for Seattle; amending Section 3.14.970 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and adding a new Section 3.14.979 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

..body

WHEREAS, concurrently with this ordinance, The City of Seattle (“City”) is considering a

resolution affirming support for the federal Green New Deal and identifying goals and

actions for a Green New Deal for Seattle; and

WHEREAS, within that resolution is a commitment to creating new revenues to implement some

of the necessary actions to achieve the goals of the Green New Deal for Seattle; and

WHEREAS, in addition to aligning the City’s current investments to support the Green New

Deal for Seattle, resources above and beyond dedicated revenues for a Green New Deal

for Seattle will be necessary to achieve the City’s goals; and

WHEREAS, a Green New Deal Oversight Board (“Board”) will offer insight and perspective

from those communities most impacted by economic, racial, and environmental injustice,

supported by individuals with various areas of expertise in the issue areas outlined in the

Green New Deal for Seattle resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board is intended to hold the City and other stakeholders accountable to their

commitments to implementing equitable policies, programs, and projects that realize the

vision laid out in the Green New Deal for Seattle; and

1 WHEREAS, the Board will ensure that racial equity is centered in all City policies, programs,  
2 and investments related to the Green New Deal for Seattle by engaging Black,  
3 Indigenous, and people of color and advancing their priorities; and

4 WHEREAS, it may be a financial hardship for some Board members to devote significant time  
5 to this Board without compensation; and

6 WHEREAS, City departments need to develop actionable plans, targets, and metrics to ensure  
7 that the City is doing its part to meets Seattle’s goal to be free of climate pollutants by  
8 2030; NOW, THEREFORE,

9 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

10 Section 1. Section 3.14.970 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance 120121,  
11 is amended as follows:

12 **3.14.970 Director—Duties((:))**

13 The Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment shall be the head of the Office of  
14 Sustainability and Environment, shall be responsible for the administration of the Office, and  
15 shall:

16 \* \* \*

17 G. Promulgate rules and regulations to carry out departmental activities pursuant to ~~((the~~  
18 ~~Administrative Code, SMC))~~ Chapter 3.02;

19 H. Provide staff support for all boards, commissions, and committees associated with the  
20 Office of Sustainability and Environment~~Provide staff support for the Green New Deal Oversight~~

21 ~~Board;~~

22 I ~~((H))~~. Exercise such other and further powers and duties as shall be prescribed by  
23 ordinance.

1 Section 2. A new Section 3.14.979 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

2 **3.14.979 Green New Deal Oversight Board**

3 A. There is established a Green New Deal Oversight Board (Board) that shall advise and  
4 make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council ~~to provide recommendations on the~~  
5 ~~design and modifications of policies, programs, and projects~~ related to the Green New Deal for  
6 Seattle; and monitor progress in meeting intended outcomes and goals. Duties of the Board shall  
7 include the following:

8 1. Providing proposals for the design of new policies, programs, and projects and  
9 for modifications to existing policies, programs, and projects to the Mayor, City Council, and  
10 City departments that advance the Green New Deal for Seattle. Before the Mayor submits to the  
11 Council any changes to City policies related to the Green New Deal for Seattle requiring Council  
12 approval by ordinance, the Mayor will notify the Board in a timely manner. Policy areas include,  
13 but are not limited to the following: public health; climate change and climate preparedness;  
14 environment; energy; workforce development, including green jobs; housing; and transportation;

15 2. Supporting the planning and implementation of individual City departmental  
16 annual climate action plans and specific actions, policies, programs, and practices, to make  
17 Seattle climate-pollution free by 2030;

18 3. Providing recommendations on City budget priorities;

19 4. Coordinating efforts with the Environmental Justice Committee, Equitable  
20 Development Initiative Advisory Board, Transportation Equity Workgroup and other City  
21 Boards and Commissions, as needed;

22 5. Submitting an initial workplan to the Council and the Mayor by July 1, 2020,  
23 and provide an updated workplan annually thereafter, and

1 ~~B6. The Board shall review~~ Reviewing a quarterly , or at a frequency determined  
2 by the workplan, report of outcomes and indicators for the previous year related to policies,  
3 programs, and projects related to the Green New Deal for Seattle. ~~The Council requires that,~~  
4 ~~before the Executive submits to the Council any changes to City policies related to the Green~~  
5 ~~New Deal for Seattle requiring Council approval by ordinance, the Executive will seek the~~  
6 ~~recommendation of the Board.~~

7 ~~B6.~~ BE. The Board shall consist of 16-17 appointed members, numbered 1 through 16-17. The  
8 Mayor shall make appointments to positions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 15, and the City Council shall  
9 make appointments to positions 2, 4, 6, 10, 13, 14, and 16, and the Board shall make  
10 appointments to positions 8, ~~and 11,~~ and 17. Mayoral and Board appointments shall be subject to  
11 confirmation by ~~a majority vote of~~ the City Council. Terms shall be for three years, from May 1  
12 to April 30 three years later, except that the initial terms for positions 1 through 8-5 shall expire  
13 April 30, 2023, ~~the initial terms for positions 6 through 10 shall expire April 30, 2021,~~ and the  
14 initial terms for positions 9-11 through 17-16 shall expire April 30, 2022. No members shall serve  
15 more than two consecutive terms. Upon the resignation, retirement, death, incapacity, or removal  
16 of a Board member, the authority appointing such member may appoint a replacement for the  
17 balance of the term. If a person is appointed to fill the duration of an unexpired term, then that  
18 term shall count as one of the two consecutive terms only if the portion of the unexpired term  
19 actually served is at least one year. A member whose term is ending may continue on an interim  
20 basis as a member with voting rights until such time as a successor for that position has been  
21 appointed by the City Council or confirmed by the City Council. Any vacancy in an unexpired  
22 term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The appointing authority

1 may remove any member for good cause, including unexcused absence from two or more  
2 consecutive meetings without cause.

3 CD. The ~~16-17~~ appointed members shall be comprised of the following:

4 1. Eight members of communities directly impacted by racial, economic, and  
5 environmental injustices. These members must be: part of a community-based organization or  
6 community group that represents a community that is disproportionately burdened by pollution  
7 and environmental hazards and, based on socioeconomic and population health risk factors, is  
8 particularly vulnerable to an increased pollution burden; and ~~must~~ carry out the majority of their  
9 work using a community-based approach in the Seattle area. ~~One~~ Two of these members should  
10 be ~~a tribal member~~ representatives from tribes whose treaty rights are connected to the lands and  
11 waterways of Seattle (or whose usual and accustomed places are in Seattle). Two of these  
12 members should be between the ages of 16 and 25 at the time of their appointment (Positions 1  
13 through 8);

14 2. Three representatives of organizations engaged in environmental justice work  
15 (Positions 9 through 11);

16 3. Two representative of labor unions (Position 12 and 13); and

17 4. Three individuals with depth of experience in greenhouse gas reduction and  
18 climate resiliency strategy relevant to cities and their residents, in fields such as public health,  
19 infrastructure, sea-level rise, or extreme weather events (Positions 14 through 16); and

20 5. One representative of an organization involved in workforce training (Position  
21 17).

1 ~~D.~~ D. The Board should meet every month, or as needed, beginning in January 2020 ~~and~~  
2 ~~shall coordinate efforts with the City’s Environmental Justice Committee.~~

3 E. Members shall serve without pay, except that members may request compensation of  
4 \$50 per hour served if participating on the Board presents a financial hardship. Upon such  
5 request, the Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environment is authorized to expend  
6 funds in the Office of Sustainability and Environment’s budget for this purpose. No money may  
7 be expended for services rendered prior to a request being filed with the Director.

8 F. The Board shall have the power to:

9 1. ~~By a majority vote of the Board, e~~Elect one or more Board members to serve as  
10 Chairperson for a one-year term, and elect one or more members to serve as Vice Chairperson  
11 for a one-year term, who shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chairperson.

12 2. Organize itself, establish committees or subcommittees, enlist the expertise of  
13 others as needed, and delegate duties for the performance of its work; and

14 3. Adopt rules of procedure to accomplish its functions.

15 Section 3. The Council requests that the Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE)  
16 create an interdepartmental team (IDT) to advance the Green New Deal for Seattle. The IDT  
17 should be comprised of representatives from the Department of Parks and Recreation, Seattle  
18 Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and Community Development, Seattle  
19 Department of Construction and Inspections, Office of Housing, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle  
20 City Light, Office of Economic Development, Seattle Department of Human Resources, Office  
21 of Emergency Management, Department of Neighborhoods, the Mayor’s Office, City Council,  
22 City Council Central Staff, and other departments as needed. The IDT should support the  
23 ~~creation~~ development and creation of annual climate action plans, targets, and metrics for all City

1 departments that will collectively result in ~~decarbonization~~ the elimination of climate pollutants  
2 by 2030 and measure progress towards this goal. Each City department’s annual climate action  
3 plan should include specific actions and timelines for implementing these actions, with an  
4 emphasis on actions that can be implemented immediately. On a quarterly basis, the IDT should  
5 consult with the Board on the development and implementation of City departmental climate  
6 action plans and progress towards goals as well as policies, programs, and projects ~~related~~ to  
7 advance the Green New Deal for Seattle. ~~OSE~~ Each City department should ~~present~~ present  
8 ~~individual City department~~ its climate plans ~~and report~~ to City Council by July 1, 2020, and  
9 thereafter provide annual reports on the City’s progress towards ~~decarbonization~~ climate  
10 pollutant elimination goals.

1 Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,  
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
6 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

7 \_\_\_\_\_  
8 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

10 \_\_\_\_\_  
11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

13 \_\_\_\_\_  
14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

15 (Seal)