



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL
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Budget Deliberations & Issue Identification Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

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SELECT BUDGET COMMITTEE | OCTOBER 16, 2019

Budget Summary (\$ in 1,000s)

	2019 Adopted	2020 Endorsed	2020 Proposed	% Change 2020 Proposed to 2020 Endorsed
Appropriations by BSL				
Land Use Services	\$20,027	\$20,258	\$23,652	16.8%
Permit Services	\$26,444	\$26,685	\$28,423	6.5%
Inspections	\$23,986	\$24,308	\$25,440	4.7%
Compliance	\$9,415	\$9,450	\$10,091	6.8%
Leadership & Administration	\$198	\$198	\$29	(85.4%)
Govt. Policy, Safety & Support	\$2,613	\$2,640	\$2,754	4.3%
Process Improvement & Tech.	\$2,252	\$2,263	\$5,153	127.7%
Total Appropriation	\$84,935	\$85,802	\$95,542	11.4%
Total FTEs	412	412	426	3.4%
Fund Source(s)				
General Fund	\$7,287	\$7,278	\$7,639	5.0%
Other Sources	\$77,648	\$78,525	\$87,903	12.0%
Total Funding	\$84,935	\$85,803	\$95,542	11.4%

Issue Identification

1. Tenant Protection and Outreach

- **Increased volume of customer service and complaint calls**
- **Longer times for resolution of enforcement actions**
- **New regulations**

Budget Legislation

1. Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections Fee Ordinance

Budget Actions Proposed by Councilmembers

1. **Proviso for revisions to Green Building Standards (Councilmember Pacheco)**
2. **Add Funding for State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rulemaking (Councilmember Pacheco)**
3. **Add Position and Appropriation Authority for Outreach and Tenant Protection (Councilmember Herbold)**
4. **Add Funding for Small Business Permitting Navigator (Councilmember Mosqueda)**
5. **Add Funding for Electrical Licensing Inspector (Councilmember Mosqueda)**
6. **Add Funding for Renter Organizing (Councilmember Sawant)**
7. **Add Funding for Landlord History Resource (Councilmember Sawant)**
8. **Add Funding for Eviction Legal Defense (Councilmember Sawant)**

Questions?