

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:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Finance and Administrative Services; authorizing the acquisition of real property being identified in King County Records as Parcels AA, BB, CC, and DD of City of Seattle Short Subdivision No. 3025019, and Parcel Y of Seattle Lot Boundary Adjustment No. 3026183; authorizing acceptance and recording of deeds for general municipal purposes including, but not limited to, the construction of Fire Station 31; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation authorizes the acquisition of real property to relocate existing Fire Station 31 to 113th and Meridian Ave N. This site has been reviewed by Seattle Fire Department (SFD) and has deemed it well-located and of adequate size to construct a new modern Fire Station 31 in order to improve response times for aid vehicles to the primary Fire Station 31 response area.

Growth in population and in business in the Northgate area is expected to continue over the next 20 years. New multi-family developments plus the current redevelopment of Northgate Mall will increase the quantity of residences and the business activities in the area. The introduction of Light Rail service in 2021 with its connection to downtown and South Seattle should further drive growth and activity in Northgate. As a result, call volumes for emergency services are expected to increase. The existing Fire Station 31 is already one of the busiest stations in the City based upon call volumes and first-at-scene response times. Providing a fire facility that is well positioned physically to the growth epicenter as well as being of appropriate size to meet the current and future service needs is a priority of the Mayor.

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?

This legislation may have some financial impacts to the City in terms of short-term holding costs of the property until the new station 31 is constructed. These costs have been included in the acquisition cost estimates and will be paid from the CIP sub account. Separate legislation will be introduced addressing appropriation and an interfund loan necessary for this property purchase.

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

If the City does not purchase the property, the City will forfeit its earnest money as well as due diligence costs and other expenses related to the purchase of the property. Not implementing the legislation will impact SFD's time frame for relocating to a new facility.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

This legislation will affect SFD, as the purchase of the property is for the future site of a new Fire Station 31.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

A public hearing is not required for this legislation, although public outreach has been conducted. A public meeting was held on March 4, 2020; a website was created; emails were sent to community groups; written comments were solicited at the meeting and via postcard. Postcards about the meeting were mailed to all residents within 300 feet of the property. An email address has been established for comments to be shared after the meeting.

c. Does this legislation require landlords or sellers of real property to provide information regarding the property to a buyer or tenant?

This legislation does not require landlord or sellers of real property to provide information to a buyer or tenant.

d. Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No publication is required for this legislation.

e. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

This legislation affects a piece of property. A map is attached.

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?

The purpose of this legislation is to acquire a property to build a new Fire Station 31. The area where the property is being purchased has vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities that are well documented by DON and the legislation may have perceived implications for how the city honors the principles of its Race and Social Justice Initiative (RSJI). Although this property contains only one house and one garage, both of which will be removed for construction of the new fire station, impacts to adjacent neighbors from both

construction and future fire station operations are likely. Comments from a community meeting have been compiled and addressed. FAS is working with SFD and DON (Department of Neighborhoods) on an ongoing inclusive public outreach plan for the entire project that addresses equitable access to participation and the multilingual needs of affected nearby residents and businesses. Additionally, providing emergency services within acceptable response time to all citizens is a service requirement for the Fire Department. Citizens receiving the services represent the full range of City residents and visitors including all races, ethnicities, and economic statuses. Providing high quality facilities for the responders is a way for FAS to support the RSJI.

- 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 is not a new program. It is the purchase of property for the siting of the new Fire Station 31.

List attachments/exhibits below:

Summary Attachment 1 – Fire Station 31 Site Search