Amendment 5 as amended to CB 119784 – Emergency Eviction Defense Adding reporting requirements

Section 4: Amend the following as shown:

Section 3. Based on the findings of fact set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance, the

Council finds and declares that this ordinance is a public emergency ordinance, which shall take

effect immediately and is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 4. Within two months of the effective date of this ordinance and for every

subsequent two-month period while this ordinance is in effect, the Seattle Department of

Construction and Inspections (SDCI) and the Office of Housing (OH) shall provide to the City

Council a written report assessing the effectiveness and impacts of this ordinance. The report

may include:

A. The number of residential evictions initiated during the effective period of this ordinance compared to the same time period in 2019;

B. The number of households that successfully use this ordinance as a defense against eviction, which should include the number of households that made a good faith effort to seek financial assistance or self-certified or made a declaration as to their financial need; and

<u>C. Any other available information SDCI and OH deem relevant to assess the</u> effectiveness and impact of this legislation. Section 4<u>5</u>. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, subsection, or portion of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any landlord, prospective occupant, tenant, person, or circumstance, is held to be invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section <u>56</u>. By reason of the findings set out in Section 1, and the emergency that is hereby declared to exist, this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage by a 3/4 vote of the Council and its approval by the Mayor, as provided by Article 4, subsection 1.I of the Charter of the City.

Effect: This amendment would require SDCI and OH to provide a report to Council on the defense's use.