

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 City Light Department; clarifying that residents living in the City Light Department owned housing in the Diablo and Newhalem communities are subject to the City Light Department’s rates under Chapter 21.49 and 21.56 of the Seattle Municipal Code; amending Section 21.56.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This ordinance provides clarification of the Seattle Municipal Code provision related to Seattle City Light’s collection of electric service rates from employees living in the utility-owned rental housing, homes of which are situated in Whatcom County’s Newhalem and Diablo towns near the utility’s Skagit Hydroelectric Project (“Project”).

Seattle City Light (“City Light”) owns housing in Whatcom County as a result of its historical and continued operations of the Project. Some City Light employees receive housing and utilities as part of their applicable collective bargaining agreement, or pursuant to a specific condition set forth in their employment letter. Other Department-owned housing is offered for rent to employees who work at the Project. Such employees must pay for electric consumption pursuant to the terms of the applicable collective bargaining agreements, rental contracts, and Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 21.49 and Section 21.56.030. SMC 21.56.030 is clarified to explain the aforementioned circumstances of when City Light employees living in City Light owned housing located in Whatcom County are or are not required to pay for electricity.

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?
No

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

Continued legal and administrative resources would be spent in responding to inquiries and challenges to the current provision, Seattle Municipal Code 21.56.030.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a. **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
No.
- 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 additional disclosures will be required.
- 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?**
N/A.
- 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)?**
N/A.

List attachments/exhibits below:

None