

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE** 126350  
**COUNCIL BILL** 120078

AN ORDINANCE relating to emergency communications; amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget; modifying a proviso; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the shared vision for reimagining Seattle’s system of community safety recognizes the importance of providing alternatives to armed police officer response, including civilian and community-based services and solutions; and

WHEREAS, based on community input, the Mayor and the City Council have pursued the transfer of certain functions out of the Seattle Police Department, including Emergency Management, 9-1-1 Dispatch, Crime Victim Advocates, and Parking Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, these transfers, taken in total, aim to reflect community expectations of the equitable delivery of City services, elevate emergency planning, improve the coordination of calls-for-service, increase civilian and community-based dispatch options, and bolster public trust and confidence in a reimagined system of community safety; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the new Community Safety and Communications Center allows the City to explore consolidation and co-location of communications and dispatch functions, design and develop alternate emergency response models, as well as incorporate civilian and community-based dispatch alternatives that draw on the wealth of resources that currently exist in Seattle that could replace or complement armed officer response to better meet community needs; and

1 WHEREAS, the City Council included a proviso in the 2021 Adopted Budget, allowing the  
2 Executive to charge parking enforcement and 9-1-1 expenses against the SPD budget  
3 until the earlier of June 1, 2021 or an ordinance becomes effective that revises the 2021  
4 Budget Adoption Ordinance, with respect to the transfer of appropriations and/or position  
5 authority from the Seattle Police Department to a new Community Safety and  
6 Communications Center; and

7 WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to extend the budget proviso to ensure the availability of  
8 resources to start up the new Community Safety and Communications Center; NOW,  
9 THEREFORE,

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

11 Section 1. The proviso enacted by Council Budget Action SPD-500-B-003 of Clerk File  
12 314464 is amended as follows:

13 Until the earlier of

14 A. (~~June 1, 2021~~) September 1, 2021, or

15 B. An ordinance becomes effective that revises CB 119938, the 2021 Budget Adoption

16 Ordinance, with respect to the transfer of appropriations and/or position authority from the  
17 Seattle Police Department to a new Community Safety and Communications Center;

18 appropriations for the Community Safety and Communications Center (CSCC) are instead

19 appropriations to the Budget Summary Levels listed below. Any such appropriation includes the

20 purpose statement of the CSCC Budget Summary Level for the Budget Summary Level in which

21 the appropriation is initially held.

22 If an ordinance fulfilling the condition in subsection B transfers position authority only for: 1) 9-

23 1-1 dispatch employees; or 2) parking enforcement employees instead of transferring position

1 authority for both groups, half of the unexpended appropriations listed in this Council Budget  
2 Action for each Budget Summary Level listed below will remain with the Seattle Police  
3 Department, subject to this proviso, until an ordinance becomes effective transferring position  
4 authority of the group not transferred.

5           Section 2. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage  
6 and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

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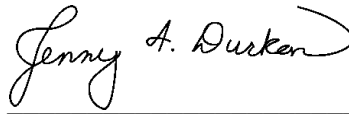
1 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 24th day of May, 2021,  
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 24th day of  
6 May, 2021.

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8 President Pro Tem of the City Council

9  Approved /  returned unsigned /  vetoed this 28th day of May, 2021.

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11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 28th day of May, 2021.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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