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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**

**COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities or designee to execute an interlocal agreement with King County, the City of Tukwila, and the Port of Seattle to cost-share a Duwamish Basin Steward staff position that will provide Basin Stewardship Services in the Duwamish Service area.

WHEREAS, Seattle Public Utilities has participated in Chinook salmon recovery efforts in the

Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (“WRIA 9”) with 16 other local governments, including but not limited to King County, the City of Tukwila, and the Port of Seattle since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Duwamish basin has its critical transitional role for juvenile salmon adapting to salt water conditions, and has a mostly industrial land use, a history of contamination and ongoing clean-up efforts, diverse and historically marginalized communities; and unique challenges for habitat enhancement or creation because of extensive urbanization; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions and community organizations implement habitat related improvements in the Duwamish Basin, a point person to lead coordination and collaboration will leverage efforts to maximize the ecological and community benefits and help ensure that restoration opportunities are not missed or lost; and

WHEREAS, four other basin stewards serve the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed covering the Middle Green, Lower Green, Vashon/Maury Island and Miller/Walker Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Duwamish River basin constitutes the lowest eleven miles in the basin and does not have an existing stewardship program; and

WHEREAS, there is broad community support for a Duwamish Basin steward and it is advantageous to Seattle Public Utilities to cost-share this position and locate the position with the other Basin Stewards managed by King County; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Seattle Public Utilities, or designee, is authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement for Duwamish Basin Stewardship with King County, the City of Tukwila, and the Port of Seattle, attached to this ordinance as Attachment 1.

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

Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Elizabeth M. Adkisson, Interim City Clerk

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**Attachments:**

Attachment 1 - Interlocal Agreement For Duwamish Basin Stewardship