



Legislation Text

File #: Res 32049, Version: 1

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION modifying the template for regular payment of claims ordinances.

WHEREAS, Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 24 requires regular formal presentation of payment of City claims to the City Council prior to making payments; and

WHEREAS, prior to 1999, the City Charter required the Auditing Committee to examine all claims and demands against the City, and recommend to the City Council the allowance or disallowance of the same or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, a Charter amendment, submitted pursuant to Ordinance 119576 as passed by the City Council in 1999, and approved by Seattle electors in 1999, removed all references to the Auditing Committee from the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.32A.090(1) states “there shall be no orders, authorizations, allowances, contracts or payments made or attempted to be made in excess of the expenditure allowances authorized in the final budget as adopted or modified as provided in this chapter, and any such attempted excess expenditure shall be void and shall never be the foundation of a claim against the city”; and

WHEREAS, the current legislation template used for the regular payment of claims bills references the defunct Auditing Committee, and does not include reference to the legal budget compliance provisions of RCW 35.32A.090; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR

CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1. All future payment of claims legislation submitted to the City Council by the Executive

pursuant to the Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 24 will use the legislation template presented in Attachment 1 to this resolution.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2022, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2022.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments:
Attachment 1 - Claims Payment Template