



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 15.04.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code to allow the Director of Transportation the authority to credit certain use fees in exchange for voluntary transportation improvements of equal value in the public right-of-way.

WHEREAS, entities that use the right-of-way for other than transportation purposes are required to pay a fee as reflected in Section 15.04.074 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has a compelling interest to ensure that its public right-of-way assets are protected and to avoid multiple intrusions into the pavement, especially new pavement, whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of partnership, SDOT can partner with such entities to improve the right-of-way through voluntary transportation improvements that are in the best interest of both the project and the traveling public; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 15.04.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124159, is amended as follows:

15.04.100 Exception-Waiver-Fees; surety bond

A. The authorizing official may grant an exception from paying fees, making an indemnity deposit, posting a surety bond, or providing liability insurance from the United States of America.

B. The authorizing official may grant an exception from paying fees, making an indemnity deposit, posting a surety bond, or providing liability insurance when the primary purpose of the project is environmental

remediation and the project is being conducted in compliance with 42 U.S.C. §9621 and is subject to 42 U.S.C. §9621(e).

C. The authorizing official may grant an exception from paying fees, making an indemnity deposit, posting a surety bond, or providing liability insurance when the use is for a public transportation-related-infrastructure project, like light rail, and is authorized under a separate ordinance; or when the use is for a Seattle Department of Transportation project.

D. The Director of Transportation may credit up to \$300,000 in use fees from an individual project in exchange for voluntary transportation improvements of equal value. Improvements may include but are not limited to pavement, sidewalk, and accessible curb ramps; street trees and street tree maintenance; signals and street lighting; or other transportation-related infrastructure installations or improvements beyond local, state, or federal requirements. The improvements shall be located in the immediate geographic area of the project for which use fees are credited.

E. The \$300,000 limit shall be adjusted annually based on the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers in Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton (CPI-U-Seattle) for the 12-month period ending in June of the current budget year relative to the 12-month period ending in June of the prior year.

~~(D.)~~ F. An authorizing official may waive the requirement for an indemnity deposit or surety bond for a use by the State of Washington or a local government.

Section 2. The Seattle Department of Transportation shall provide a written report on the implementation of this ordinance to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, no later than January 31, 2018. The report shall describe: (1) the Department's use of Subsection 15.04.100.D of the Seattle Municipal Code during 2017, including a description of each project improvement and the amount of use fees credited to each project; and (2) the Department's methods and criteria for prioritizing and selecting projects for the use fee credit.

Section 3. 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 _____, 2017, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2017.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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