



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to real property located at Mercer Street and Second Avenue North; authorizing the Director of Housing to grant a lease of the real property to Plymouth Housing Group or its affiliate or designee; and authorizing related agreements and actions to support the development of affordable housing and ground floor cultural uses at the Mercer Street and Second Avenue North property.

WHEREAS, the Seattle Center Department transferred jurisdiction over surplus real property located at Mercer Street and Second Avenue North to the Office of Housing with adoption of Ordinance 125528; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 125308, the Office of Housing adopted Housing Funding Policies that include a commitment to utilizing well-located publicly owned properties for affordable housing and achieving cost savings for affordable housing development through favorable purchase terms; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 31609, the City Council resolved to pursue use of publicly owned properties for development of affordable housing, including authorizing the transfer of specific City-owned properties for the development of housing; and

WHEREAS, Plymouth Housing Group was the successful respondent to a request for proposals (RFP) for affordable housing and ground floor arts and cultural uses at the Mercer Street and Second Avenue North surplus property; and

WHEREAS, Plymouth Housing Group's mission is to eliminate homelessness and to address its causes by preserving, developing, and operating safe, quality, supportive housing and by providing adults experiencing homelessness with opportunities to stabilize and improve their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Plymouth Housing Group have negotiated in good faith the terms for a

long-term lease of the surplus property at Mercer Street and Second Avenue North for construction and operation by Plymouth Housing Group of income-restricted affordable housing, including permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless people; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Director of Housing is authorized for and on behalf of The City of Seattle (City) to execute a lease agreement, according to terms substantially consistent with the Term Sheet attached to this ordinance as Attachment 1, between the City, as lessor, and Plymouth Housing Group or its affiliate or designee, as lessee, to provide for the long-term use and occupancy of the property legally described in Attachment 2 to this ordinance (“Property”) for the purposes of providing affordable housing for households with limited or no income.

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 _____, 2019, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this ____ day of _____, 2019.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Term Sheet

Attachment 2 - Legal Description of Property