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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

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

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

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2021 Budget; amending Ordinance 126237, which adopted the 2021 Budget; changing appropriations to various departments; creating positions exempt from civil service; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared that COVID-19 disease is a global pandemic, which is particularly severe in high risk populations such as people with underlying medical conditions and the elderly, and the WHO has raised the health emergency to the highest level requiring dramatic interventions to disrupt the spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee declared a statewide state of emergency in response to outbreaks of the COVID-19 disease in Washington; and

WHEREAS, in response to outbreaks of the COVID-19 disease in Seattle, Mayor Jenny Durkan proclaimed a civil emergency exists in the City of Seattle in the Mayoral Proclamation of Civil Emergency dated March 3, 2020, modified by the City Council through Resolution 31937; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, which, combined with other measures taken to prevent the transmission of COVID-19, effectively closed many businesses in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, many people in Seattle continue to struggle with the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency and the measures taken to prevent its spread, including unemployment, housing insecurity, food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, local companies have reported laying off employees, experiencing substantial revenue losses,

dealing with lost business due to fear and stigma, and seeing major declines in foot traffic as tens of thousands of employees are being asked to work from home; and

WHEREAS, these impacts are being felt across all industry sectors, including retail, restaurant, hospitality, transportation, logistics, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, many of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn are being felt disproportionately by our communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic requires additional efforts to protect and address the needs of people experiencing homelessness, including expanding and de-intensifying emergency shelter, increasing access to hygiene services and increasing the provision of meals; and

WHEREAS, a number of City departments have implemented immediate assistance for affected local small businesses and displaced workers; and

WHEREAS, the federal CARES Act was adopted on March 27, 2020 and contained approximately \$131.5 million of Coronavirus Relief Fund that was distributed directly to the City to respond to the public health emergency, and responses to the secondary effects of the emergency such as expanded shelter, food procurement and distributions, and economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions; and

WHEREAS, the City appropriated those Coronavirus Relief Fund funds in 2020, although not all of those funds were spent, making them available to support continued relief in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to reappropriate these funds in 2021 to continue to support the people of Seattle during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and resulting economic downturn; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. In order to pay for necessary costs and expenses in 2021, but for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of the making

of the 2021 Budget, appropriations for the following items in the 2021 Budget are increased from the funds shown, as follows:

Item	Department	Fund	Budget Summary Level/ BCL Code	Amount
1.1	Department of Education and Early Learning	General Fund (00100)	Early Learning (BO-EE-IL100)	\$600,000
1.2	Executive (Office of Sustainability and Environment)	General Fund (00100)	Office of Sustainability and Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	\$100,000
1.3	Human Services Department	General Fund (00100)	Supporting Affordability and Livability (BO-HS-H1000)	\$2,120,000
1.4	Executive (Office of Sustainability and Environment)	General Fund (00100)	Office of Sustainability and Environment (BO-SE-X1000)	\$1,141,600
1.5	Executive (Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs)	General Fund (00100)	Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (BO-IA-X1N00)	\$1,317,000
1.6	Department of Neighborhoods	General Fund (00100)	Community Building (BO-DN-I3300)	\$183,000
1.7	Human Services Department	General Fund (00100)	Supporting Affordability and Livability (BO-HS-H1000)	\$1,663,200
1.8	Human Services Department	General Fund (00100)	Supporting Affordability and Livability (BO-HS-H1000)	\$3,734,800
1.9	Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)	General Fund (00100)	Maintenance Operations (BO-TR-17005)	\$2,500,000
1.10	Seattle Parks & Recreation (SPR)	General Fund (00100)	Parks and Facilities Maintenance and Repairs (BO-PR-10000)	\$2,900,000
1.11	Executive (City Budget Office)	General Fund (00100)	City Budget Office (BO-CB-CZ000)	\$290,320

1.12	Department of Finance and Administrative Services	Finance and Administrative Services Fund (50300)	Facilities Services (BO-FA-FACILITY)	\$234,213
1.13	Executive (Office of Emergency Management)	General Fund (00100)	Office of Emergency Management (BO-EP-10000)	\$274,255
1.14	Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)	General Fund (00100)	Utility Service and Operations (BO-SU-N200B)	\$100,000
1.15	Seattle Public Utilities (SPU)	General Fund (00100)	Utility Service and Operations (BO-SU-N200B)	\$320,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$17,478,388</b>

Section 2. The following new positions, which are exempt from Civil Service and Public Safety Civil Service rules and laws, are created in the department listed below:

Department	Position Title	Position Status	Number
Executive (City Budget Office)	Strategic Advisor 2	Full-time	3.0

The Director of the department listed above is authorized to fill these position subject Seattle Municipal Code Title 4, the City’s Personnel Rules, and applicable employment laws. It is the intent of the Council and Mayor that these positions will be abrogated on December 31, 2024.

Section 3. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. 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 a 3/4 vote of all the members of the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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

Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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