

# Ordinance No. 107787

AN ORDINANCE establishing the City  
Light Department and  
prescribing the duties of  
the Superintendent of  
City Light.

11-3-78 water & waste management Pass  
AS AMENDED

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## Council Bill No. 99639

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ORDINANCE 107787

AN ORDINANCE establishing the City Light Department and prescribing the duties of the Superintendent of City Light.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (a) There shall be a City Light Department, consisting of the municipal light and power system, the head of which shall be the Superintendent of City Light.

(b) The Superintendent of City Light shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority of the City Council, subject to reconfirmation every four years; provided, that the Superintendent of Lighting appointed pursuant to Charter Article VII prior to its 1977 amendment, and serving immediately prior to the effective date of this ordinance, shall serve as the first Superintendent of City Light pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance until December 31, 1979.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Administrative Code (Ordinance 102228), the Superintendent of City Light may adopt whatever rule he or she deems useful for the conduct of the department's business.

Section 3. Under the direction of the Mayor, the duties of the Superintendent of City Light include:

(a) Managing, controlling, operating and maintaining the municipal light and power system and related facilities.

(b) Enforcing and implementing City ordinances, contracts, and rules which related to the City Light Department.

(c) Appointing, supervising and controlling all officers and employees of the City Light Department, subject to personnel ordinances and rules of the City.

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2 (d) Making maps, surveys, profiles, plans, specifications,  
3 estimates and reports in connection with the City Light  
4 Department as directed by the City.

5 (e) Laying out, directing, constructing and supervising  
6 all public works of the City Light Department.

7 (f) Performing other duties as directed by the City.

8 Section 4. The Department of Lighting heretofore  
9 established by Charter Article VII shall become the Department  
10 of City Light established pursuant to the provisions of this  
11 ordinance.

12 All of the records, books, papers, properties, equipment,  
13 offices, rights and responsibilities of the Department  
14 heretofore created by Charter are transferred to the department  
15 established by this ordinance.

16 The appointment of each and every employee of the City  
17 Light Department heretofore established by Charter is  
18 ratified and confirmed as an appointment to the City Light  
19 Department established pursuant to the provisions of this  
20 ordinance, and such employment shall be deemed to be continuous  
21 and without interruption of service, and no employee shall  
22 suffer any loss of accrued service credit, vacation time,  
23 sick leave, compensation time, or any other benefit, on  
24 account of the transfer from a department created by Charter  
25 to a department created by this ordinance.

26 Section 5. The effective date of this ordinance shall  
27 be January 1, 1979.  
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(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 6 day of November, 1978,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 6 day of  
November, 1978.

John Miller  
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 15 day of November, 1978.  
Charles Roper  
Mayor.

Filed by me this 15 day of November, 1978

Attest: E. L. King  
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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Rayne Ferguson  
Deputy Clerk.

# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

Date Reported

and Adopted

NOV 6 1978

Your Committee on Water & Waste Management  
to which was referred C.B. 99639

An Ordinance establishing the City  
Light Department and prescribing the duties  
of the Superintendent of City Light.

RECOMMENDS THE SAME DO PASS

AS AMENDED

Chairman



Chairman

Committee

Committee

# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

Date Reported  
and Adopted

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

to which was referred C.B. 99639

Establishing the City Light Department and prescribing the duties of the Superintendent of City Light

SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING DIVIDED REPORT:

PASS AS AMENDED

DO NOT PASS

WILLIAMS

Chairman

Chairman

10-30-78 Motion to re-refer to  
W&WM Motion carried

Committee

*Solomon S. Sponza*

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Committee

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and Adopted

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT  
to which was referred C.B. 99639

Establishing the City Light Department and prescribing the duties of the  
Superintendent of City Light

SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING DIVIDED REPORT:

..... Chairman	..... Chairman
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..... Committee	..... Committee

2. C.B. 99624, 99634, 99639 and 99643

- a. On the motion to require the Mayor to show "cause" for removal of the heads of the Building, Engineer, Light and Water Departments, as Department Heads, the Committee vote was as follows:

KRAABEL, WILLIAMS, REVELLE - In Favor  
SIBONGA - Abstain

- b. On the motion to provide that the current heads of the Engineering, Lighting, Parks and Water Departments shall be considered automatically reappointed to their respective positions for the remainder of the terms to which they were originally appointed, subject to possible removal by the Mayor for cause, the committee vote was as follows:

KRAABEL, WILLIAMS, REVELLE - IN FAVOR  
SIBONGA- Abstain

- c. On the motion to require professional qualifications for the Building Superintendent and City Engineer, the committee vote was as follows:

WILLIAMS- In Favor  
KRAABEL, SIGONBA, REVELLE- Against

- d. On the motion to provide that in order for the heads of the Building, Engineering, Lighting, Parks or Water Department to continue in office for more than four years, he or she must be re-appointed by the Mayor and re-confirmed by the Council, th- committee vote was as follows:

KRAABEL, WILLIAMS, REVELLE- In Favor  
SIBONGA - Abstain

Executive Director Lauraine Brekke's memorandum discusses the background of these issues and the rationale for the Councilmembers' votes.



**Affidavit of Publication****STATE OF WASHINGTON  
KING COUNTY—SS.**

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

Ordinance No. 107787

was published on November 17, 1978

Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
November 17, 1978

Notary Public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle.

#### ORDINANCE 18181

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(b) The Superintendent of City Light shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority of the City Council, subject to reconfirmation every four years; provided, that the Superintendent of Lighting appointed pursuant to Charter Article VII prior to its 1977 amendment, and serving immediately prior to the effective date of this ordinance, shall serve as the first Superintendent of City Light pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance until December 31, 1979.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Administrative Code (Ordinance 18225), the Superintendent of City Light may adopt whatever rule he or she deems useful for the conduct of the department's business.

Section 3. Under the direction of the Mayor, the duties of the Superintendent of City Light include:

(a) Managing, controlling, operating and maintaining the municipal light and power system and related facilities.

(b) Enforcing and implementing City ordinances, contracts, and rules which related to the City Light Department.

(c) Appointing, supervising and controlling all officers and employees of the City Light Department, subject to personnel ordinances and rules of the City.

(d) Making maps, surveys, profiles, plans, specifications, estimates and reports in connection with the City Light Department as directed by the City.

(e) Laying out, directing, constructing and supervising all public works of the City Light Department.

(f) Performing other duties as directed by the City.

Section 4. The Department of Lighting heretofore established by Charter Article VII shall become the Department of City Light established pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

All of the records, books, papers, properties, equipment, offices, rights and responsibilities of the Department heretofore created by Charter are transferred to the department established by this ordinance.

The appointment of each and every employee of the City Light Department heretofore established by Charter is ratified and confirmed as an appointment to the City Light Department established pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, and such employment shall be deemed to be continuous and without interruption of service, and no employee shall suffer any loss of accrued service credit, vacation time, sick leave, compensation time, or any other benefit, on account of the transfer from a department created by Charter to a department created by this ordinance.

Section 5. The effective date of this ordinance shall be January 1, 1979.

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Attest: By the City Council the