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# ORDINANCE 116885

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is added to Seattle Municipal Code Title 15 new Sections 15.48.040 and 15.48.050 as follows:

15.48.040 Sitting or lying down on public sidewalks in downtown and neighborhood commercial zones.

- A. Prohibition. No person, after having been notified by a law enforcement officer that he or she is in violation of the prohibition in this section, shall sit or lie down upon a public sidewalk, or upon a blanket, chair, stool, or any other object placed upon a public sidewalk, during the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the following zones:
- 1. The Downtown Zone, defined as the area bounded by the Puget Sound waterfront on the west, South Jackson Street on the south, Interstate 5 on the East, and Denny Way and Bread Street on the North.
- 2. Neighborhood Commercial Zones, defined as areas zoned as Commercial 1 (C1), Commercial 2 (C2), Neighborhood Commercial 1 (NC1), Neighborhood Commercial 2 (NC2), and Neighborhood Commercial 3 (NC3).
- B. Exceptions. The prohibition in Subsection A shall not apply to any person:
- sitting or lying down on a public sidewalk due to a medical emergency;
- 2. who, as the result of a disability, utilizes a wheelchair or similar device to move about the public sidewalk;
- 3. operating or patronizing a commercial establishment conducted on the public sidewalk pursuant to a street use permit; or a person participating in or attending a

parade, festival, performance, rally, demonstration, meeting, or similar event conducted on the public sidewalk pursuant to a street use or other applicable permit;

- 4. sitting on a chair or bench located on the public sidewalk which is supplied by a public agency or by the abutting private property owner;
- 5. sitting on a public sidewalk within a bus stop zone while waiting for public or private transportation;

  Nothing in any of these exceptions shall be construed to permit any conduct which is prohibited by SMC 12A.12.015.

#### 15.48.050 Civil Infraction.

("Pedestrian Interference").

- A. The violation of this section shall be a civil infraction as contemplated by RCW chapter 7.80, and deemed to be a Class 3 civil infraction under RCW 7.80.120(d) and shall subject the violator to a maximum penalty and a default amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) plus statutory assessments. If the person is unable to pay the monetary penalty, the court may order performance of a number of hours of community service in lieu of a monetary penalty.
- B. As contemplated by RCW 7.80.160, a person who fails to sign a notice of civil infraction or who willfully violates his or her written and signed promise to appear in court or his or her written and signed promise to respond to a notice of civil infraction is guilty of a misdemeanor regardless of the disposition of the notice of civil infraction.
- Section 2. 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.

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