



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

CB 119387

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**Title:** AN ORDINANCE related to the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program, administered by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections; adding Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Sections 22.900H.070 and 22.900H.080; and amending SMC Sections 22.214.040, 22.214.050, 22.900H.020, 22.900H.030, 22.900H.050, and 22.900H.060.

**Notes:**

**Sponsors:** Bagshaw

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** adam.schaefer@seattle.gov

Date

**Filed with City Clerk:**

**Mayor's Signature:**

**Vetoed by Mayor:**

**Veto Overridden:**

**Veto Sustained:**

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

**History of Legislative File**

**Legal Notice Published:**

Yes

No

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	09/24/2018	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	10/22/2018	sent for review	Council President's Office			
1	Council President's Office	10/24/2018	sent for review	Select Budget Committee			
1	City Council	10/29/2018	referred	Select Budget Committee			
<b>Action Text:</b> The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Select Budget Committee							
<b>Notes:</b>							
1	Select Budget Committee	10/30/2018					
1	Select Budget Committee	11/07/2018					

1 Select Budget Committee 11/14/2018 pass Pass

Action Text: The Committee recommends that City Council pass the Council Bill (CB).

Notes:

In Favor: 9 Chair Bagshaw, Member González , Member Harrell, Member Herbold,  
Member Johnson, Member Juarez, Member Mosqueda, Member O'Brien,  
Member Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Council 11/19/2018 passed Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:

Notes:

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Council  
President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson,  
Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember  
O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 11/21/2018 submitted for Mayor  
Mayor's signature

1 Mayor 11/26/2018 Signed

1 Mayor 11/26/2018 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 11/26/2018 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.

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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125705

COUNCIL BILL 119387

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WHEREAS, the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance, Chapter 22.214 of the Seattle Municipal Code (SMC), is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and prevent deterioration and blight conditions that adversely impact the quality of life in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program fees are intended to recover costs to implement and administer the program, and the fees must be periodically updated to ensure the program costs are recovered; and

WHEREAS, the first five years in implementing the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program reveals opportunities to better align the fee structure with the program's work and move to a more efficient two-year registration renewal cycle; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Section 22.214.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 124312, is amended as follows:

**22.214.040 Rental housing registration, compliance declaration, and renewals ((-))**

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1 C. A rental housing registration shall be valid for ~~((five))~~ two years from the date the  
2 Department issues the registration.

3 D. The rental housing registration shall be issued to the property owner identified on  
4 the registration application filed with the Department.

5 E. The fees for rental housing registration, renewal, or reinstatement, or ~~((for))~~ other  
6 fees necessary to implement and administer the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance  
7 program, ~~((purposes))~~ shall be adopted by amending Chapter 22.900.

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9 Section 2. Subsection 22.214.050.J of the Seattle Municipal Code, which section was last  
10 amended by Ordinance 125343, is amended as follows:

11 **22.214.050 Inspection and certificate of compliance required**

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13 J. If a rental property owner chooses to hire a private qualified rental housing  
14 inspector, the Department may charge a private inspection processing fee. ~~((and))~~ If a selected  
15 unit of the rental property fails the initial inspection, both the results of the initial inspection and  
16 any certificate of compliance must be provided to the Department. The Department shall audit  
17 inspection results and certificates of compliance prepared by private qualified rental housing  
18 inspectors. Based on audit results, the Department may select additional units for inspection in  
19 accordance with subsection 22.214.050.G.3. If the Department determines that a violation of this  
20 Chapter 22.214 exists, the owner and qualified rental housing inspector shall be subject to all  
21 enforcement and remedial provisions provided for in this Chapter 22.214.

1 Section 3. Section 22.900H.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance  
2 124347, is amended as follows:

3 **22.900H.020 Rental housing registration and renewal fee**

4 The fee for registering a property containing rental housing units is ~~(((\$175))~~ \$70 for the first  
5 rental housing unit plus an additional fee of ~~(((\$2))~~ \$15 for each additional rental unit. The fee is  
6 payable at the time the registration application is received by the Department. The fee for  
7 renewing rental housing registration is the same as the rental housing registration fee and is  
8 payable at the time the renewal application is received by the Department.

9 Section 4. Section 22.900H.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance  
10 124347, is amended as follows:

11 **22.900H.030 Rental housing registration and renewal late fee**

12 The fee for registering a property containing rental housing units late or renewing a rental  
13 housing registration late is ~~(((\$20))~~ \$30 for registrations or renewals postmarked or received by  
14 the Department after the registration deadline. This late fee is in addition to the registration or  
15 renewal fee and any applicable penalties provided for in Chapter 22.214.

16 Section 5. Section 22.900H.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance  
17 124347, is amended as follows:

18 **22.900H.050 Private qualified rental housing inspector training and registration fees**

19 The fee for private qualified rental housing inspector training is ~~(((\$50))~~ \$200 and is payable in  
20 advance of the training. The fee for registering as a private qualified rental housing inspector is  
21 ~~(((\$200))~~ \$250 and is payable at the time of registration.

1 Section 6. Section 22.900H.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by  
2 Ordinance 125184, is amended as follows:

3 **22.900H.060 Rental housing unit inspection fees if the Department serves as a qualified**  
4 **rental housing inspector**

5 The fee for the Department to serve as a qualified rental housing inspector to perform a rental  
6 housing unit inspection for a property and one housing unit is ~~(((\$160))~~ \$175. The fee for the  
7 Department to inspect each additional housing unit on the same property is ~~(((\$30))~~ \$35. The  
8 inspection fee is paid in advance of the inspection. The Department shall not charge for  
9 additional re-inspections for each unit the Department initially inspected to confirm that repairs  
10 required to pass the rental housing unit inspection and obtain a ~~((Certificate of Compliance))~~  
11 certificate of compliance have been completed.

12 Section 7. A new Section 22.900H.070 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

13 **22.900H.070 Late inspection submittal fee**

14 The fee for a rental housing inspection certificate of compliance, as required in subsection  
15 22.214.050.F, that is completed and submitted to the Department after the due date provided by  
16 the Department is \$30. This late fee is in addition to any other required fee and any applicable  
17 penalties provided for in Chapter 22.214.

18 Section 8. A new Section 22.900H.080 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

19 **22.900H.080 Private inspection submittal processing fee**

20 The fee for receiving and processing a rental housing inspection certificate of compliance  
21 submitted by a private qualified rental housing inspector is \$40.

1 Section 9. Sections 1 through 8 of this ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

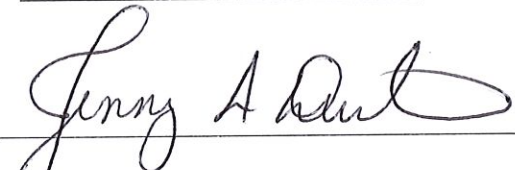
2 Section 10. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
3 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
4 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

5 Passed by the City Council the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018,  
6 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
7 November, 2018.

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

10 Approved by me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

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12 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

13 Filed by me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

12/11/2018

*[Signature]*  
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Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

# State of Washington, King County

## City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on November 19, 2018, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://seattle.legistar.com>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

**Ordinance 125697**  
**Council Bill 119409**

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

**Ordinance 125698**  
**Council Bill 119390**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing, in 2018, acceptance of funding from non City sources (commonly known as the 3rd quarter grant acceptance ordinance); authorizing the heads of the Executive Department, Department of Education and Early Learning, Seattle Fire Department, and Seattle Department of Transportation to accept specified grants, private funding, and subsidized loans and to execute, deliver, and perform corresponding agreements; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Ordinance 125699**  
**Council Bill 119391**

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 125493, which amended the 2018 Budget (Ordinance 125475), including the 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; adding new projects; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2018-2023 CIP; creating exempt positions; amending existing CIP project descriptions; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

**Ordinance 125700**  
**Council Bill 119381**

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Center parking charges; amending Section 17.19.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Ordinance 125701**  
**Council Bill 119382**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Center Department; modifying the Seattle Center Fee Range Schedule authorized by Section 17.16.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code, and repealing Attachment A to Ordinance 125199.

**Ordinance 125702**  
**Council Bill 119385**

AN ORDINANCE relating to fees charged by the Seattle Animal Shelter; and amending Chapter 9.26 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Ordinance 125703**  
**Council Bill 119384**

AN ORDINANCE relating to regulatory business and professional license fees; adjusting business and professional license fees associated with the regulated activities of public parking lots and garages, used goods, adult entertainment, and marijuana; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 6.48.020, 6.204.080, 6.270.060, and 6.500.080.

**Ordinance 125704**  
**Council Bill 119386**

AN ORDINANCE related to fees and charges for permits and activities of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, related fees by other departments, and technical corrections; amending Sections 22.900B.010, 22.900B.020, 22.900C.010, 22.900D.010, 22.900D.090, 22.900D.100, 22.900D.110, 22.900D.140,

22.900D.160, 22.900E.020, 22.900E.030, 22.900E.040, 22.900E.050, 22.900E.060, 22.900F.010, 22.900G.010, and 22.900G.015 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Ordinance 125705**  
**Council Bill 119387**

AN ORDINANCE related to the Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance program, administered by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections; adding Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Sections 22.900H.070 and 22.900H.080; and amending SMC Sections 22.214.040, 22.214.050, 22.900H.020, 22.900H.030, 22.900H.050, and 22.900H.060.

**Ordinance 125706**  
**Council Bill 119388**

AN ORDINANCE relating to street and sidewalk use; amending the Street Use Permit Fee Schedule authorized by Section 15.04.074 of the Seattle Municipal Code; removing street vacation fees from the Seattle Municipal Code in conformity with the new Street Use Permit Fee Schedule; and amending Section 15.62.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Ordinance 125707**  
**Council Bill 119389**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Building and Construction Codes, Subtitle VI, Fire Code; adding, deleting, and revising various Seattle Fire Department permit, certificate, inspection, and plan review fees and related provisions; and amending Sections 15.35.010, 22.602.010, 22.602.045, 22.602.050, 22.602.070, and 22.602.090 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Ordinance 125708**  
**Council Bill 119383**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; establishing the 2019-2020 fee schedule for the use of park properties and other park and recreation facilities and services; and superseding previous park and recreation fee schedules.

**Ordinance 125709**  
**Council Bill 119349**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; amending rates, terms, and conditions for the use and sale of electricity supplied by the City Light Department for 2019 and 2020; and amending Sections 21.49.020, 21.49.030, 21.49.052, 21.49.055, 21.49.057, 21.49.058, 21.49.060, 21.49.065, and 21.49.085 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Ordinance 125710**  
**Council Bill 119350**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; amending Section 21.49.086 of the Seattle Municipal Code to create Net Wholesale Revenue targets for 2019 and 2020 consistent with those assumed in the City Light 2019-2024 Strategic Plan approved by the City Council via Resolution 31819.

**Ordinance 125711**  
**Council Bill 119394**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; adopting a system or plan of additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal light and electric power generation, transmission, and distribution system of the City; authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal light and power revenue bonds for the purposes of providing funds to pay part of the cost of carrying out that system or plan, providing for the reserve fund requirement (if any), and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds; providing parameters for the bond sale terms including conditions, covenants, and other sale terms; describing the lien of the bonds and authorizing their issuance as either senior lien parity bonds or as junior lien bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Ordinance 125712**  
**Council Bill 119395**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the drainage and wastewater system of The City of Seattle; amending Ordinance 125454 to increase the authorized principal amount of drainage and wastewater revenue bonds to be issued for the purposes of paying all or part of the cost of carrying out the system or plan of additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing drainage and wastewater system; making certain other technical amendments to Ordinance 125454 and Exhibit B thereto; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Ordinance 125713**  
**Council Bill 119396**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the municipal water system of The City of Seattle; adopting a system or plan of additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal water system; authorizing the issuance and sale of water system revenue bonds in one or more series for the purposes of paying part of the cost of carrying out that system or plan, providing for the reserve requirement, and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds; providing parameters for the bond sale terms including conditions, covenants, and other sale terms; describing the lien of the bonds; creating certain accounts of the City relating to the bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Ordinance 125714**  
**Council Bill 119397**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the municipal water system of The City of Seattle; authorizing the issuance and sale, from time to time in multiple series, of water system revenue bonds for the purpose of carrying out the current or advance refunding of all or a portion of the City's outstanding water system revenue bonds pursuant to an approved refunding plan, providing for the reserve requirement, and paying the administrative costs of carrying out such refundings and paying costs of issuance of those Refunding Parity Bonds; describing the lien of those Refunding Parity Bonds; providing parameters for the bond sale terms including conditions, covenants, and other sale terms; rescinding the authorization to issue any future Refunding Parity Bonds under Ordinance 121939 (as amended by Ordinance 122837, as amended and restated by Ordinance 124339, and as further amended by Ordinance 125183); authorizing the Director of Finance to enter into agreements providing for the disposition of the Refunding Parity Bond proceeds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Ordinance 125715**  
**Council Bill 119393**

AN ORDINANCE relating to contracting indebtedness; authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of limited tax general obligation bonds to pay all or part of the costs of various elements of the City's capital improvement program and for other City purposes approved by ordinance, and to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds; providing parameters for the bond sale terms including conditions, covenants, and other sale terms; creating the 2019 Multipurpose LTGO Bond Fund; amending Ordinance 125197; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Ordinance 125716**  
**Council Bill 119380**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the financing of the Seattle Streetcar operations; amending Ordinance 122424 to extend an interfund loan from the Move Seattle Levy Fund to the Seattle Streetcar Operations Fund.

**Ordinance 125717**  
**Council Bill 119379**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the financing of Seattle Center's operations; authorizing the loan of funds in the amount of \$5,000,000

from the Unrestricted Cumulative Reserve Fund to the Seattle Center Fund to support the operations of Seattle Center during the temporary closure of KeyArena; and providing for the repayment thereof.

**Ordinance 125718**  
**Council Bill 119406**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the taxation of sweetened beverages; amending Ordinance 125324 to amend the uses of the proceeds of the Sweetened Beverage Tax.

**Ordinance 125719**  
**Council Bill 119406**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund; amending Sections 5.81.010 and 5.82.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and transferring money from the School Safety Traffic and Pedestrian Improvement Fund to the General Fund for one-time expenditures.

**Ordinance 125720**  
**Council Bill 119405**

AN ORDINANCE relating to business license tax certificates and business licenses; amending Sections 5.30.030, 5.55.030, and 6.208.050 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Ordinance 125721**  
**Council Bill 119378**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Neighborhood Matching Fund Program; establishing new program guidelines and an automatic carry-forward policy.

**Ordinance 125722**  
**Council Bill 119375**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; authorizing an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between The City of Seattle and the Seattle Park District.

**Ordinance 125723**  
**Council Bill 119401**

AN ORDINANCE conditioning the Seattle Department of Transportation's 2019 grant applications.

**Ordinance 125724**  
**Council Bill 119392**

AN ORDINANCE adopting a budget, including a capital improvement program and position modifications, for The City of Seattle for 2019; and creating positions exempt from civil service; all by a 2/3 vote of the City Council.

**Ordinance 125725**  
**Council Bill 119370**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy of property taxes; fixing the rates and/or amounts of taxes to be levied, and levying the same upon all taxable property, both real and personal, in The City of Seattle, to finance the departments and activities of City government and to provide for the general obligation bond interest and redemption requirements for the year beginning on the first day of January 2019; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Ordinance 125726**  
**Council Bill 119371**

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2019, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2018; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Ordinance 125727**  
**Council Bill 119407**

AN ORDINANCE related to monitoring and inspecting vacant buildings for compliance with the requirements of the Housing and Building Maintenance Code; amending Sections 22.206.200 and 22.208.090 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

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