

MEMORANDUM

TO: Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

FROM: Jeff Slayton, Assistant City Attorney

SUBJECT: Initiative Measure No. 128 relating to rental pricing rules (CF # 321062)

DATE: November 29, 2018

In response to your email notification concerning the filing of proposed Initiative Measure 128, this office has established the following ballot title:

**THE CITY OF SEATTLE
INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 128**

Initiative 128 concerns repealing Seattle's tax on the distribution of sweetened beverages.

If passed, this initiative would repeal Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 5.53, which imposes a tax on the distribution of sweetened beverages for retail sale in Seattle. Up to \$6,500,000 of tax proceeds are dedicated to the Promise College program and job training. The remainder may be spent on administration of the tax, preschool, and healthy-food programs. The initiative would also remove references elsewhere in the Seattle Municipal Code to Chapter 5.53.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Please file this title with King County Elections and notify the initiative proponent. If you have any questions, please contact me at 233-2154.

cc: Christie Villa, City Clerk Administrative Staff Analyst
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