

MEMORANDUM

TO: Monica Simmons, City Clerk
FROM: Gary Smith, Assistant City Attorney
SUBJECT: Ballot Title for Proposed City Charter Amendment No. 28
DATE: April 8, 2021

Via e-mail

In response to your transmittal of April 2, 2021 regarding Charter Amendment No. 28, this office has established the following ballot title:

City of Seattle proposed Charter Amendment No. 28 concerns actions to address homelessness and keep areas clear of encampments.

This measure would require the City to fund mental health and substance use treatment for homeless individuals in coordination with other entities; provide 2,000 units of emergency or permanent housing within one year; waive land use regulations for such housing during declared emergencies; and dedicate at least 12% of annual general fund revenue to homelessness and human services without affecting certain parks funding. As housing opened, the City would need to keep public spaces clear of encampments.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes _____

No _____

Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns.