

MEMORANDUM

TO: Monica Simmons, City Clerk
FROM: Gary Smith, Assistant City Attorney
SUBJECT: Ballot Title for Proposed City Charter Amendment No. 29
DATE: April 22, 2021

Via e-mail

In response to your transmittal of April 15, 2021 regarding Charter Amendment No. 29, this office has established the following ballot title:

City of Seattle proposed Charter Amendment No. 29 concerns actions to address homelessness and keep areas clear of encampments.

This measure would require the City to provide 2,000 housing units within one year; and, until 2028: waive land use regulations and charges for such housing during declared emergencies; fund behavioral health and addiction treatment; dedicate minimum 12% of annual general fund revenue to homelessness and human services without affecting certain parks funding; implement diversion programs for law violations connected to poverty or behavioral health; and balance keeping public spaces clear of encampments with avoiding harm to individuals.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes _____

No _____

Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns.