

MEMORANDUM

TO: Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk
FROM: Gary Smith, Assistant City Attorney
SUBJECT: Ballot Title for Initiative 138
DATE: August 5, 2025

Via e-mail

In response to your July 29, 2025, email regarding proposed Initiative Measure 138, this office has established the following ballot title:

**THE CITY OF SEATTLE
INITIATIVE MEASURE NUMBER 138**

City of Seattle Initiative Measure 138 concerns prohibiting residing, camping, or storing personal property in public spaces.

This measure would make it a criminal misdemeanor for any person to camp, reside, or store personal property in any public space in Seattle, regardless of shelter availability. The misdemeanor replaces civil penalties for sitting or lying down on public sidewalks in Downtown and Neighborhood Commercial zones, and for unauthorized camping on park property. Officers may still offer shelter or services prior to enforcement. The City's existing regulations and procedures for property removal and storage would still apply.

Should this measure be approved?

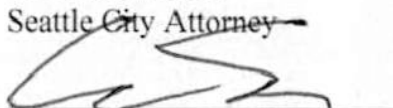
Yes ☐

No ☐

Please file this title with King County Elections. If you have any questions, please contact me at 206.741.5320.

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