

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; authorizing the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to execute an easement agreement for the purchase of a utility easement from E & L Investments, LLC; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation will authorize Seattle City Light to purchase a utility easement from E & L Investments, LLC, to accommodate a utility pole placed on their property at 1806 - 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Background:**

While providing electrical service to a new City Light customer at 1811 - 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Seattle, a new power pole with underground connections was installed in an existing electric distribution line, across an alley on private property, at 1806 - 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Although City Light held prescriptive rights for the existing overhead electric distribution line at 1806 - 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, these rights were insufficient to install the new pole.

Through their attorneys, the owners of 1806 - 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, E & L Investments, LLC, requested that City Light purchase an easement for \$10,000 to allow the pole to remain on their property. In consultation with City Light's Customer Service and Energy Delivery Unit, and considering the feasibility and cost for alternative installations, City Light has determined that the purchase of the easement is the best course of action for the utility.

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Note to financial implications. This easement has been paid for from existing appropriations.

**Other Implications:**

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**  
No.

**b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**

The cost to remove, re-engineer, and re-install the pole and underground trenching to the new customer was estimated at \$30,000.

**c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

No.

**d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**

The pole could have been removed, the installation re-engineered, and service provided to the new customer by other means.

**e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

**f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

**g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

Yes. A map of the easement area is included as Exhibit 1 to Attachment 1 to the Ordinance.

**h) Other Issues:**

None.

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**

None.