

Resolution No. 31455

A RESOLUTION supporting creation of a secure, convenient medicine return program in King County to reduce the public safety and environmental impacts of unwanted medicines.

Related Legislation File: _____

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Full Council Action:

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CITY OF SEATTLE
RESOLUTION 31455

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3 A RESOLUTION supporting creation of a secure, convenient medicine return program in King
4 County to reduce the public safety and environmental impacts of unwanted medicines.

5 WHEREAS, drug overdose deaths, abuse of prescription pain killers, and abuse of medicines by
6 young people is a growing problem, and more people die of prescription medicines than
7 all illegal drugs combined; and

8 WHEREAS, medicines used in the home are the leading cause of poisonings reported to the
9 Washington Poison Center, and preventable poisonings from medicines have been rising
10 rapidly, especially among children and seniors; and

11 WHEREAS, unwanted medicines left in the home contribute to opportunities for drug abuse,
12 drug theft, and accidental poisonings; and

13 WHEREAS, most medicines, when discarded, are categorized as dangerous waste under the
14 Washington State Dangerous Waste regulations (Chapter 173-303 WAC) or hazardous
15 waste under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 USC
16 6901), or both; and

17 WHEREAS, medicines disposed of by flushing into sewers are not completely treated or
18 removed by sewage treatment facilities or on-site sewage systems, allowing
19 pharmaceuticals to be released into the environment; and

20 WHEREAS, medicines disposed of in the garbage are not secure from theft or may eventually
21 end up in landfill leachate which may be sent to sewage treatment facilities, allowing
22 pharmaceuticals to be released into the environment; and

23 WHEREAS, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy recommends encouraging
24 and providing for proper disposal of medicines as a key element for the prevention of
25 prescription drug abuse in its 2012 National Drug Control Strategy; and

26 WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the White House Office of National Drug
27 Control Policy, the Food & Drug Administration, and the Environmental Protection
Agency recommend medicine return programs as a more secure and environmentally safe
disposal method than throwing pharmaceuticals in trash; and



1 WHEREAS, communities are struggling to implement and finance programs to address the
2 public safety impacts of leftover medicines in residents' homes and the environmental
3 impacts of improper disposal of unwanted medicines, and

4 WHEREAS, pharmaceutical manufacturers currently operate and fund successful medicine
5 return systems in Canada and several countries in Europe; NOW, THEREFORE,

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
7 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

8 Section 1. The Seattle City Council encourages the King County Board of Health to
9 establish a convenient, safe, secure, and environmentally sound medicine return program for
10 unwanted medicines from households. The City encourages the Board of Health to consider a
11 pharmaceutical manufacturer financing mechanism that covers the cost of collection,
12 transportation, and disposal, and does not rely on local government funding.

13 Adopted by the City Council the 17th day of June, 2013, and
14 signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 17th day
15 of June, 2013.

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17 President Pro Tem of the City Council

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19 THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

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22 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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24 Filed by me this 25th day of June, 2013.
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Elaine Ko
Legislative Department
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Version 1



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

A resolution supporting creation of a secure, convenient medicine return program in King County to reduce the public safety and environmental impacts of unwanted medicines.

Summary of the Legislation:

See above

Background:

This resolution arose from meetings with the King County Board of Health. The City of Seatac recently passed a similar resolution.

 # **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

 This legislation has financial implications.

Other Implications:

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**
N/A
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
N/A
- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**
Potential operational impacts to King County Board of Health
- d) **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?**
N/A
- e) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**
N/A
- f) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**
N/A



g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

N/A

h) Other Issues:

N/A

List attachments to the fiscal note below:



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CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

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Paula Colasby

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
07/05/2013
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Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

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RES 31447

DTA

TI A RESOLUTION adopting the 2013 Seattle Climate Action Plan.

Committee: Energy and Environment

RES 31448

DTA

TI A RESOLUTION relating to the 2005 Transportation Strategic Plan Update, adopted by Resolution 30790, and the Seattle Transit Plan: To Get Seattle Moving, adopted by Resolution 30799; and authorizing an amendment to the Transit Classification Map.

Committee: Transportation

RES 31455

DTA

TI A RESOLUTION supporting creation of a secure, convenient medicine return program in King County to reduce the public safety and environmental impacts of unwanted medicines.

Committee: Full Council

CB 117799

ORD 124194

DTA

TI AN ORDINANCE approving the extension of a Property Use and Development Agreement and a contract rezoned approved by Ordinance 121164 for Seattle Housing Authority's High Point Community Garden housing development located at 6550 -- 32nd Avenue SW.

CONTRACT-REZONES, SEATTLE-HOUSING-AUTHORITY, HIGH-POINT

Committee: Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability

CB 117793

ORD 124204

DTA Jun 25, 2013

TI AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department; declaring certain real property rights surplus to utility needs; authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to grant an easement for access and parking purposes over a portion of the City's fee-owned Duwamish Transmission Corridor adjacent to South 112th Street in the City of Tukwila, Washington; and accepting payment for the true and full value of the easement from Amalfi Investments, LLC; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

EASEMENTS, TUKWILA, CITY-LIGHT, SALES

Committee: Energy and Environment

CB 117797

ORD 124205

DTA Jun 25, 2013

TI AN ORDINANCE relating to the redevelopment of the Leschi House property at 1011 S. Weller St., which was developed with the proceeds of the City of Seattle's bonds issued pursuant to Ordinance 110124; approving the long-term lease by the Seattle Housing Authority of the property and authorizing a fourth amendment to the Housing Cooperation Agreement made under Ordinance 110433, all in order to enable the financing with federal tax credits of the rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of additional housing for low income persons who are elderly or have disabilities; and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

Committee: Housing, Human Services, Health, and Culture

CB 117808

ORD 124206

DTA Jun 25, 2013

TI AN ORDINANCE relating to Campaign finance regulations, repealing sections 2.04.400, 2.04.410, 2.04.420, 2.04.430, 2.04.440, 2.04.450, 2.04.460, and 2.04.470 of the Seattle Municipal Code relating to public financing of political campaigns, all of which were rendered void by state law.

Committee: Full Council

CB 117809

ORD 124207

DTA Jun 25, 2013

TI AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

ACCOUNTING, APPROPRIATION

Committee: Full Council

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