

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Fire Code, adopting as the Seattle Fire Code the 2012 edition of the International Fire Code with some exceptions, amending and adding various provisions to that code; amending Section 22.600.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and repealing Sections 2-44 of Ordinance 123393.

Summary of the Legislation:

The legislation adopts the 2012 Seattle Fire Code, consisting of the 2012 International Fire Code and Seattle amendments.

Background: This ordinance locally adopts and amends the 2012 International Fire Code, which is the technical fire code and edition specified respectively by the State Legislature and State Building Code Council as the minimum standard for use throughout our state. New editions of this code are adopted by the State every three years. By adopting such codes locally and making amendments, we are able to address many unique characteristics of our community. Companion codes including the building code, residential code, mechanical code, and fuel gas code are being submitted simultaneously by the Department of Planning and Development, each a separate ordinance.

Notable changes between the current 2009 Seattle Fire Code and the proposed legislation include new local amendments providing an option for non-production laboratory facilities in upper floors of buildings, clarification regarding the type of buildings required to be provided with emergency responder radio coverage systems, and a new requirement containing a clear trigger for when assembly events are required to develop a public safety plan.

The amendments proposed in this ordinance have the approval of the Fire Code Advisory Board whose members represent the public, labor, business, industries, and technical and professional disciplines. The members of this board have been meeting regularly to review the proposed code for the past fourteen months.

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

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?

There is no cost if the legislation is not implemented.

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

Departments that build or alter buildings or store, use or operate hazardous materials and processes will be required to meet the updated fire code requirements. However, state law requires all cities and counties to adopt the state fire code. The Seattle amendments are enhancements of the state fire code.

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

The alternative is to adopt the state fire code, without Seattle amendments.

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?

No.

h) Other Issues:

None.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

None