

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

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** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to noise in industrial shorelines; amending sections 25.08.100 and 25.08.410 of the Seattle Municipal Code to modify exterior sound limits for land in the Ballard Interbay Northend Manufacturing Industrial Center located within 200 feet of the shoreline.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This proposal is a result of work conducted in developing the Industrial and Maritime Strategy. The purpose of the legislation is to reduce land use conflicts where new residential development is encroaching on maritime industrial activity in the Ballard Interbay Northend Manufacturing and Industrial Center (BINMIC). This ordinance raises the exterior sound limit for residential uses from activity taking place within 200 feet of the shoreline within the BINMIC. The legislation will be effective 90 days after enactment.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation amend the Adopted Budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above, including direct or indirect, short-term, or long-term costs?
No.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation?
No.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

Yes. This legislation affects the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) as it is the department responsible for enforcing Section 25.08 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

b. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

Yes.

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

Yes.

d. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

This proposed ordinance complements the other four pieces of legislation that together establish a new land use framework for industrial land in the City of Seattle. This specific legislation reduces the burden placed on industrial businesses in complying with the City's noise ordinance due to encroaching residential development in the BINMIC.

e. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? What is the Language Access plan for any communications to the public?

This ordinance will contribute to the viability of industrial maritime businesses in the BINMIC. These businesses are a source of good quality jobs accessible without a college education. Supporting the viability of these businesses, coupled with other efforts of the City to connect BIPOC youth to these career opportunities, may improve economic outcomes for vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

f. Climate Change Implications

1. Emissions: Is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way?

Emissions will not be materially impacted by this noise ordinance; however, OPCD prepared an EIS for the industrial and maritime proposal which found that due to the combination of existing requirements for industrial operating permits from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency—and ongoing requirements for improvements in vehicle emissions control, fuel economy, technology improvements, and overall fuel mix—local emissions under the proposal will be lower than existing conditions over a 20-year time frame.

Maritime activities and their impact on the Puget Sound air shed, including the MICs, would continue similarly as they would today. With existing and planned regulatory requirements and local infrastructure improvements, these maritime emissions are expected to decrease over the next twenty years, even if cargo volumes and cruise ship visits increase.

- 2. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle’s resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

The Industrial and Maritime Strategy EIS considered the potential for increases in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions over the next 20 years and found that under all alternatives (including the no action alternative), GHG emissions are likely to increase; however, with mitigation this increase can be reduced. The EIS identified a range of mitigation actions that can be taken, including continued implementation of existing regulations and commitments to reduce GHG emissions, electrification of truck fleets, and electrical shore power. Mitigation measures are found in section 3.2.3 of the Industrial and Maritime Strategy EIS.

- g. If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)?**

This is not applicable to land use proposals.