

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to civil immigration enforcement; prohibiting civil immigration enforcement staging on all real property that is City owned and controlled; and adding a new Chapter 14.125 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This proposed legislation prohibits staging and operations of civil immigration enforcement activities on City property to the extent permissible by law.

- Prohibits civil immigration enforcement staging on all City-owned and City-controlled property.
- Clarifies the scope of the prohibitions.
- States that the Seattle City Attorney’s Office may seek legal or equitable relief to enjoin any acts or practices that violate this ordinance.
- Creates a process for the Seattle City Attorney’s Office (CAO) and the Department of Facilities and Administrative Services (FAS) to review properties for potential signage, prioritizing those properties provide key public services such as child care or health care.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? ☒ Yes ☐ No

The legislation requires that FAS and CAO identify properties for signage that prohibits staging for civil immigration purposes. The Executive has indicated that signs will be produced at the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) sign shop and that production costs will be funded through existing appropriations.

To the extent that appropriations made in the 2026 Adopted Budget support other activities, and for which SDOT cannot find efficiencies / savings to otherwise support, SDOT may have to delay or defer projects or programs to free up funding for the signage costs that will be incurred pursuant to this legislation. Cost for signage is indeterminate at this point as FAS has not yet completed a review of all the properties that would be covered by this legislation.

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts.

If the City Attorney's Office engages in significant injunctive relief proceedings, staff resources may need to be redirected or supplemented.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources.

The City Attorney's Office may be able to absorb the costs of this legislation depending on the extent of violations.

There may also be some costs for City departments developing and placing signage on City properties prohibiting staging. The Executive has indicated that these costs could be absorbed into existing operations (see question 3 above).

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

Not implementing this legislation could contribute to an environment that limits access and safety to public spaces, especially among Seattle's undocumented immigrants.

Please describe how this legislation may affect any City departments other than the originating department.

The primary departments involved in this legislation will be the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Finance and Administrative Services. However, there may be a need for other City departments – most notably Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle City Light and Seattle Public Utilities – to assist with signage on City properties prohibiting staging.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

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

No.

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

No.

d. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.

- i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

This legislation seeks to prevent an environment that limits access and safety to public spaces, especially among Seattle's undocumented immigrants.

- ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

Not completed.

- iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

The City and involved departments will utilize the Language Line as needed to communicate with the public and will evaluate translating signage into other languages.

e. Climate Change Implications

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

N/A

- ii. 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.**

This legislation will help preserve and cultivate the City's status as a "Welcoming City" by preventing an environment of fear and intimidation. This will preserve and potentially improve the social and community ties that provide resilience in the face of climate change.

- f. 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)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

This legislation establishes a new regulation but does not qualify as a new initiative or major programmatic expansion.

- g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization?**

No.

5. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments: None.