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2 **ORDINANCE _____**

3 AN ORDINANCE related to the Board of Park Commissioners; changing the meeting frequency
4 requirement; and amending Section 3.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

5 WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners is required by the Seattle Municipal Code to
6 meet twice each month; and

7 WHEREAS, meeting once per month would be a more efficient use of Park Commissioner and
8 staff time; NOW, THEREFORE,

9 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

10 Section 1. Section 3.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
11 123803, is amended as follows:

12 **3.26.020 - Board—Adoption of rules.**

13 The Board shall meet not less than ~~((twice))~~ once each month at a time and place set by
14 the Board and shall adopt such rules and administrative procedures consistent with the
15 City Charter and this chapter as are necessary to accomplish the duties prescribed in
16 Section 3.26.030.
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1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2012, and
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
6 ____ day of _____, 2012.

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9 President _____ of the City Council

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11 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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14 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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16 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2012.

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19 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

20 (Seal)



FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE related to the Board of Park Commissioners; changing the meeting frequency requirement; and amending Section 3.26.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary of the Legislation:

The proposed Council Bill changes the frequency of meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners. The Seattle Municipal Code currently requires the Board to meet twice per month. This legislation proposes to change the required number of meeting times to once per month.

Background:

The Board of Park Commissioners provides a vital service to the City, advising the Department of Parks and Recreation, Mayor and City Council on issues of great interest and concern to the public. The purpose of changing the Board's meeting frequency is not to decrease the services provided, but to better focus/target the Board to issues of the highest value. In addition, changing the meeting requirement to once per month better fits the staff capacity situation resulting from multiple years of budget cuts.

Please check one of the following:

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?**
No.
- b) **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** There is no financial cost of not implementing the legislation.
- 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?** There are none.
- 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:** There are none.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:



City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

January 31, 2012

Honorable Sally J. Clark
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Clark:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that changes the frequency of meetings for the Board of Park Commissioners. The Municipal Code requires the Board meet twice per month; the proposed Council Bill changes the required frequency to once a month.

The Board of Park Commissioners provides a critical service to the City, advising the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Mayor and City Council on issues of great interest and concern to the public. By changing the frequency of the Board's meetings from twice a month to once, the department can better focus the Board's attention on issues of the highest value to the City. The change in the number of meetings per year also recognizes the limits on staff capacity resulting from consecutive years of budget reductions. The Department does not anticipate that this administrative change to the Board will lead to any service level impacts.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Susan Golub at 684-7046.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

