CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE ________________

COUNCIL BILL ________________

AN ORDINANCE relating to a City-sanctioned homeless encampment on City-owned property; authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to execute a contract to conduct an environmental assessment of the “Glassyard” property located south of Highland Park Way Southwest between 2\textsuperscript{nd} Avenue Southwest and South Myrtle Street; making an appropriation from the General Subfund; amending the 2013 Adopted Budget of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts in connection thereto.

WHEREAS, in January 2013, the One-Night Count of people who are homeless identified 1,989 people who remained outside in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the One-Night Count numbers indicate that our community’s shelter system does not have the capacity to shelter all those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are committed to helping Seattle individuals and families find permanent and stable housing; and

WHEREAS, in August 2010, the Mayor formed a Review Panel comprised of representatives from human service agencies, government, and faith-based groups, with knowledge about homelessness and housing; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2010, the Review Panel submitted policy recommendations in a report on Encampments and Seattle’s Unsheltered Homeless Population, which recommended the City of Seattle sanction and offer available property for a encampment to help meet the immediate survival and safety needs of individuals in our community who are unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, the Review Panel also strongly urged the City of Seattle to continue to aggressively develop permanent, affordable housing options for individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Council and Mayor support the Review Panel’s recommendation to continue to aggressively develop permanent, affordable housing options for individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness, and wish to explore the possibility of providing a City-sanctioned temporary encampment to aid in those transitions; and
WHEREAS, since 2010, a group of homeless individuals who refer to themselves as “Nickelsville” have set up temporary encampments at numerous properties, including the City-owned property that housed the former Fire Station 39 in Lake City; and

WHEREAS, the “Nickelsville” group established its most recent temporary encampment at the City-owned property commonly known as the Glassyard, which is located in West Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the conditions under which the existing encampment operates are not sustainable as the “Glassyard” site does not have basic amenities for shelter or hygiene purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to explore the possibility of constructing a temporary structure for providing transitional services, food preparation, and hygiene facilities to be run by an organization that would manage the City-sanctioned encampment, providing up to 100 homeless people with a place to stay and with connections to critical human services while they transition to more permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, an environmental assessment must be conducted in order to determine whether the Glassyard property is potentially a suitable site for providing temporary shelter and transitional services, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Director of Finance and Administrative Services is authorized to negotiate and execute, for and on behalf of the City of Seattle, a contract with a qualified firm to conduct an environmental assessment of the property commonly referred to as the “Glassyard” site, which is located south of Highland Park Way Southwest between 2nd Avenue Southwest and South Myrtle Street for the purpose of informing decision-makers as to the site’s viability to house a City-sanctioned temporary homeless encampment and transitional services.

Section 2. In order to pay for necessary costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred in 2013 for which insufficient appropriations were made due to causes that could not reasonably
have been foreseen at the time the 2013 Budget was adopted, the appropriations for the 2013
Budget are modified as follows:

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The purpose of this appropriation is to pay for an environmental assessment as described in Section 1.

Section 3. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its passage and prior to its effective date is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.
Passed by the City Council the ___ day of ________________________, 2013, and
signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
___ day of ________________________, 2013.

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President __________ of the City Council

Approved by me this ___ day of ________________________, 2013.

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Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ___ day of ________________________, 2013.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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