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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE _____

COUNCIL BILL 118277

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Urban Forestry Commission, adding a new member and amending Sections 3.72.020 and 3.72.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the Urban Forestry Commission was created by Ordinance 123052 in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Commission currently does not have a young adult member as authorized by the Get Engaged Program, Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 3.51; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.72.020 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 121568, is amended as follows:

A. The Commission is comprised of ((~~nine~~)) ten members:

1. A wildlife biologist, preferably with expertise in ornithology (Position #1);

2. An urban ecologist, preferably with expertise in the field of restoration ecology (Position #2);

3. A representative of a local, state, or federal natural resource agency or an accredited university (Position #3);

4. A hydrologist or similar professional, preferably with expertise in the study of natural drainage, climate or air quality, or a combination thereof (Position #4);

5. An arborist, with one or more of the following qualifications:

a. Board Certification as a Master Arborist or Municipal Specialist from the International Society of Arboriculture; or

b. Certification by the American Society of Consulting Arborists; or

c. Background and experience in Tree Risk Assessment from a credentializing agency or a professional organization.

(Position #5);

6. A landscape architect, with certification from the International Society of Arboriculture (Position # 6);

7. A representative of a non-profit or non-governmental organization whose mission is to advocate for preservation or enhancement of urban forests, wildlife habitat or similar natural systems (Position #7);

8. A representative of either the development community, including developers, builders, architects, or realtors, with experience in projects developed under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), or a representative from a non-city utility (Position #8); ((~~and,~~))

9. An economist, financial analyst, Washington State licensed real estate broker, or any other similar professional, with expertise preferred in land use planning, environmental planning, or either residential or commercial development. (Position #9)((~~.~~)); and,

10. A designated young adult position in accordance with Chapter 3.51. (Position #10).

Section 2. Section 3.72.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code, created by Ordinance 123052, is amended as follows:

All positions are numbered one through ((~~nine~~)) ten. Individuals shall be appointed into those numbered positions. Members in odd numbered positions from position one to position seven shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Council. Individuals in even numbered positions from position two to position eight shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the City Council. Position nine shall be appointed by a majority vote of the ((~~eight appointed~~))members in positions one through eight. Position ten shall be appointed in the manner provided for in section 3.51.030.((~~All nine ten positions shall be filled as soon as practicable after the Council has authorized the creation of the Commission.~~))

For the initial round of appointments the positions will be staggered: positions one, two and nine shall serve one-year terms, positions four, five and six shall serve two-year terms and positions three, seven, eight shall serve three-year terms. At the conclusion of the initial term of each appointment, all subsequent terms of each position shall be for three years and the term of 1/3 of the positions shall expire each year. Persons appointed to position ten shall serve for a one year, non-renewable term. A commission member whose term has expired shall continue to hold office until a successor has been appointed and qualified ((~~by vote of the Council~~)).

No members shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Any vacancy for an unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as for an original appointment under this section.

Section 3. 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 _____, 2014, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this

_____ day of _____, 2014.

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President _____of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2014.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Form revised: February 26, 2014

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Urban Forestry Commission, adding a new member and amending Sections 3.72.020 and 3.72.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Summary of the Legislation:
This legislation adds a tenth position to the Urban Forestry Commission. The position would be occupied by a Get Engaged young adult, according to Chapter 3.51 of the Seattle Municipal Code, to encourage young adults to participate on City boards and commissions. This position would serve for a renewable one-year term and would contribute to the Commission's diversity.

Background:
The Urban Forestry Commission was created in 2009 by Ordinance 123052 to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle.

The Urban Forestry Commission is a highly technical advisory body. Adding a Get Engaged member would contribute to the Commission's diversity.

Please check one of the following:

_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?**
None.

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?**
None identified

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:**

List attachments to the fiscal note below:
None

City of Seattle
Edward B. Murray
Mayor

November 18, 2014.

Honorable Tim Burgess
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Burgess:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed legislation that adds a tenth position to the Urban Forestry Commission. The position would be occupied by a Get Engaged young adult, according to Chapter 3.51 of the Seattle Municipal Code, to encourage young adults to participate on City boards and commissions. This position would serve for a renewable one-year term.

The Urban Forestry Commission is a highly technical advisory body. Increasing its membership to add a Get Engaged member would contribute to the diversity in the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Sandra Pinto de Bader at 4-3194.

Sincerely,

Edward B. Murray
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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