Seatle City Council Select Budget Committee

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2027-2028 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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OCR-001-A

Increase OCR by $50,000 GF (2027) for an Affected Persons Workgroup and impose a proviso

SPONSORS

Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Eddie Lin, Joy Hollingsworth

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(50,000)	$0
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(50,000)	$0

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This Council Budget Action (CBA) would increase budget appropriations to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) by $50,000 GF in 2027 (one-time) for costs associated with the Seattle Human Rights Commission (Commission) establishing an Affected Persons Workgroup (workgroup). The workgroup is intended to provide a forum for people who have suffered life altering injuries, or have a family member who has died, following an interaction with the Seattle Police Department (SPD) to develop recommendations for how the City of Seattle can improve resources and supports for similarly situated individuals.

This CBA would impose the following proviso:

“Of the appropriations in the Mayor's Office (MO) 2027 budget for the Office for Civil Rights Budget Summary Level (BO-CR-X1R00), $50,000 is appropriated solely for costs associated with the Seattle Human Rights Commission (Commission) establishing an Affected Persons Workgroup (workgroup), and may be appropriated for no other purpose."

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OCR	Civil Rights	00100-BO-CR-X1R00	2027		$50,000

2027-2028 COUNCIL BUDGET ACTION

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OCR-002-A

Increase OCR by $30,000 GF (2027) and $30,000 GF (2028) for Seattle Disability Commission facilitator

SPONSORS

Debora Juarez, Alexis Mercedes Rinck, Dionne Foster

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fund	2027 Increase (Decrease)	2028 Increase (Decrease)
General Fund	$(30,000)	$(30,000)
Total Budget Balance Effect	$(30,000)	$(30,000)

CENTRAL STAFF SUMMARY

This CBA would increase appropriations in Office for Civil Rights (OCR) by $30,000 GF in 2027 and $30,000 GF in 2028 for contracted support for the Seattle Disability Commission (SDC). The contracted services would provide technical skills in group facilitation, disabilities and program management.

The 2027-2028 Proposed Budget reduced appropriations for contracted support to the SDC by $26,500 in 2027 and 2028, leaving $26,500 budgeted for this purpose. This CBA would restore funding and result in a net increase over 2026 appropriations of $3,500 GF per year.

ATTACHMENT: No

TRANSACTIONS - ONGOING

Dept	BSL	BCL	Year	Revenue	Expenditure
OCR	Civil Rights	00100-BO-CR-X1R00	2027		$30,000
OCR	Civil Rights	00100-BO-CR-X1R00	2028		$30,000

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The City of Seattle

Ordinance _____

Council Bill _____

..title
An ordinance relating to unfair housing practices; amending Section 14.08.042 of the Seattle Municipal Code to prescribe the use of penalty revenue generated from violations of the City's Do Not Solicit policy for residential property owners.

..body
Recitals:

Ordinance 127491, passed by the City Council in August 2026, added new protections for homeowners from unwanted solicitation of residential property by establishing a Do Not Solicit List. The legislation also established enforcement provisions, including monetary penalties. Penalties include $1,000 for a first violation and $2,000 for subsequent violations within 12 months.

Currently, any revenue generated by penalties from Ordinance 127491 would go to the General Fund and could be used for any purpose.

The City Council desires that revenue generated by penalties directly serve the communities most harmed by unwanted solicitation.

Reinvesting funds to support homeowners at risk of displacement helps right historical wrongs by giving these residents more tools to help them remain in their homes. Therefore,

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Be it ordained by The City of Seattle as follows:

Section 1. Section 14.08.042 of the Seattle Municipal Code, enacted by Ordinance 127491, is amended as follows:

14.08.042 Unfair practices – Solicitation

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J. Penalties. The following penalties shall be assessed for violations of this Section 14.08.042:

1. $1,000 for the first violation; and

2. $2,000 for each subsequent violation within a 12-month period.

K. Use of any revenue generated through subsection 14.08.042.J is restricted to the following purposes:

1. Enforcement and community outreach for registration support related to this Section 14.08.042, with prioritization given to populations historically vulnerable to displacement;

2. The following services for residential property owners, based on qualifying criteria established by the Office of Housing, and provided that the residential property owner and residential property is on the Do Not Solicit list and that the residential property is owner-occupied with four units or less:

a. Legal assistance for estate planning, probate, and the clearing of title to heirs;

b. Legal defense for residential property owners who have entered into contracts as a result of unwanted solicitation; and

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c. Home retention and home repair assistance for property owners, with priority for owners in areas historically vulnerable to displacement; and

3. Assistance filing fair housing complaints related to homeownership, based on qualifying criteria as established by the Office of Housing.

L. At least 70 percent of the revenue generated through subsection 14.08.042.J in one fiscal year shall be appropriated for one or more of the purposes identified in subsections 14.08.042.K.2 and 14.08.042.K.3.

((~~K.~~)) M. If the person cited fails to pay a penalty imposed pursuant to this Section 14.08.042, the penalty may be referred to a collection agency. The cost to the City for the collection services will be assessed as costs, at the rate agreed to between the City and the collection agency, and added to the penalty. Alternatively, the City may pursue collection in any other manner allowed by law.

((~~L.~~)) N. Each day a person violates or fails to comply with a provision referenced in this Section 14.08.042 may be considered a separate violation for which a citation may be issued.

((~~M.~~)) O. Civil action. Any aggrieved person or class of aggrieved persons who suffer injury, including but not limited to financial injury or the loss of the peaceful enjoyment and privacy of their home, as a result of a violation of an unfair practice enforced under this Section 14.08.042 may commence a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against a person violating Section 14.08.042 not later than two years after the occurrence of the alleged unfair practice and, upon prevailing, may be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs and such legal or equitable relief as may

be appropriate to remedy the violation, including but not limited to injunctive relief and actual damages, including damages for mental suffering.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect on June 1, 2027.

Passed by the City Council and signed in open session in authentication of its passage on _____.

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President _____ of the City Council

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Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Attested on _____.

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Lenné Dedman, City Clerk

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Summary and Fiscal Note

1. Legislation Summary

Department: Legislative

Title: An ordinance relating to unfair housing practices; amending Section 14.08.042 of the Seattle Municipal Code to prescribe the use of penalty revenue generated from violations of the City's Do Not Solicit policy for residential property owners.

Background: In August, 2026, the City Council passed CB 121259 adding protections for homeowners from unwanted solicitation of residential property by establishing a Do Not Solicit List. The legislation also established enforcement provisions, including monetary penalties. Penalties include $1,000 for a first violation and $2,000 for subsequent violations within 12 months. Currently, without any legislative action, revenues associated with these penalties would go to General Fund and could be used for any purpose. CM Foster is sponsoring legislation to restrict penalty revenue to the following uses:

- Enforcement and community outreach for registration support related to the Do Not Solicit list, with prioritization given to populations historically vulnerable to displacement;
- The following services for residential property owners, provided that the residential property owner and residential property is on the Do Not Solicit list, that the residential property is owner occupied with four units or less,

and that the property owner meets any qualifying criteria as established by the Office of Housing:

  - Legal assistance for estate planning, probate, and the clearing of title to heirs;
  - Legal defense for residential property owners who have entered into contracts as a result of unwanted solicitation;
  - Home retention and home repair assistance for property owners, with priority for owners in areas historically vulnerable to displacement.

- Assistance filing fair housing complaints related to homeownership, provided that the owner meets any qualifying criteria as established by the Office of Housing:

At least 70% of penalty revenue would be used for legal assistance, legal defense, home retention and home repair, and assistance filing fair housing complaints, with no more than 30% to be used for outreach and enforcement.

The Office of Housing (OH) would be responsible for administering funding related to legal assistance, legal, home retention and home repair, and assistance with fair housing claims, and Office of Civil Rights (OCR) would be responsible for outreach and enforcement related to the Do Not Solicit List. Future budget action would be needed to transfer appropriations related to penalty revenue to OH and OCR.

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Summary Attachments:

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2. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project?

☐ Yes

☒ No

a. CIP Project Name:
b. Master Project ID:
c. Project Location:
d. Start Date:
e. End Date:
f. Total Project Cost Through 2030:

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3. Summary of Financial Implications

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City?

☒ Yes

☐ No

a. Revenue Change to General Fund

It is not known at this time what the revenues associated with penalties would be, although they will likely be modest. The legislation will restrict the use of these funds to specific programs and purposes. Future budget actions will be needed to appropriate dollars to OCR and OH.

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4. Other Impacts

a. Does this legislation require a public hearing?

☐ Yes

☒ No

b. Does this legislation require a notice to be published in The Daily Journal of Commerce and/or The Seattle Times?

☐ Yes

☒ No

c. Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

d. Race and Social Justice Initiative impacts:

1. How does this legislation affect vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you come to this conclusion? Please consider both impacts within City government (like employees and internal programs) and in the broader community.

Because those targeted for unwanted solicitation frequently include homeowners in vulnerable, disadvantaged communities, this legislation would improve outcomes for those communities by redirecting the funds generated from penalties back into programs that benefit those communities.

2. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses used to develop or assess this legislation.

N/A

3. What is the Language Access Plan for communicating with the public about this legislation?

N/A

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e. Climate change impacts:

1. Emissions: Will this legislation significantly increase or decrease carbon emissions? Attach any studies or materials that inform your answer.

N/A

2. Resiliency: Will this legislation make Seattle more or less able to adapt to climate change? If it reduces resiliency, explain what can be done to lessen the impact.

N/A

f. If this legislation creates a new program or expands an existing one, what are the long-term, measurable goals? How will this legislation help achieve those goals? What methods will be used to track progress?

N/A

g. Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP that involves shared funding with a non-City partner or organization?

N/A

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