

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of SeaTac, Washington authorizing the City Manager to enter an Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Burien, and Des Moines; authorizing the City Manager to enter into letters of engagement with outside legal counsel; and amending the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle (“Port”) operates SEA International Airport, which is located within the city limits of the City of SeaTac; and

WHEREAS, the Port has prepared a Sustainable Airport Master Plan (“SAMP”), which plans for airport growth for a 20-year period; the growth anticipated in the SAMP may have significant negative impacts on the City of SeaTac, and other cities surrounding the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Port are in the process of preparing environmental documents that will inform the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review and determination of any substantive required mitigation for SAMP related environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of SeaTac, Burien, and Des Moines have entered into an Interlocal Agreement to jointly fund technical consultants and support the creation of joint comments to the FAA and Port on the SAMP, environmental documents, and NEPA and SEPA reviews; and

WHEREAS, the City of SeaTac has individually, and jointly with Burien, Des Moines, and Normandy Park (collectively, “Four-Cities”), provided multiple comment letters to the Port and FAA regarding the SAMP and related NEPA and SEPA review processes, requesting additional analysis, documentation of environmental impacts, and mitigation; and,

WHEREAS, in September 2025, the FAA released a Final Environmental Assessment (“FEA”), Record of Decision (“ROD”), and a Finding of No Significant Impact (“FONSI”), which responds to comments from SeaTac, other cities, and other commenters; and,

WHEREAS, following a preliminary review of the FEA, ROD, and FONSI, the City of SeaTac is concerned that the comments from the City of SeaTac and the joint letter from the Four Cities were not adequately addressed; and,

WHEREAS, the Cities of Burien, SeaTac, and Des Moines believe it is necessary to amend the Interlocal Agreement to jointly retain outside legal counsel, and have further agreed to share the anticipated costs of joint legal counsel; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Normandy Park has determined that it does not wish to join the other cities in retaining outside legal counsel and has indicated it will not sign the amended Interlocal Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Economic Development Committee, on October 16, 2025, reviewed the proposed amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, initial letters of engagement for outside legal counsel, and the proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget amendment and recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign an amended Interlocal Agreement and sign letters of engagement for outside legal counsel; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City Council to amend the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget to provide additional appropriation authority for expenditures related to outside legal counsel services.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATAC, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted and incorporated herein as if set forth in full.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to sign an amended Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Burien, and Des Moines to jointly fund outside legal counsel who will work with the Cities on the Port of Seattle's SAMP and related environmental review.

Section 3. The City Manager is authorized to sign letters of engagement with Leech Tishman and Ogden Murphy Wallace, to provide outside legal counsel related to the Port of Seattle's SAMP and related environmental review.

Section 4. The City’s 2025-2026 Biennial Budget is amended by increasing expenditures in the Port ILA Fund (105) by Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No/100 Dollars (\$350,000.00) and by increasing revenues to the Port ILA Fund (105) by Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$253,000.00).

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025, and signed in authentication thereof on this ____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF SEATAC

Mohamed Egal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristina Gregg, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Cindy Corsilles, Interim City Attorney

[Effective Date:_____]

[Ordinance amending 2025-2026 budget for SAMP Outside Legal Counsel, ILA Amendment]