

1 WHEREAS, Seattle’s Transportation Electrification Blueprint sets forward a path toward a clean
2 and equitable transportation system that makes it possible for Seattle to use Seattle City
3 Light’s majority renewable and non-emitting, affordable, and reliable electricity to power
4 everything that moves people, goods, and services; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Bruce Harrell signed Executive Order 2022-07 directing City departments to
6 prioritize and expand actions that advance a more equitable transportation system that
7 reduces greenhouse gas emissions and supports people hardest hit by climate impacts;
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9 WHEREAS, overburdened communities within City Light’s service territory continue to lack
10 adequate access to charging facilities, impeding adoption of electric vehicles by members
11 in these communities; and

12 WHEREAS, an analysis conducted for City Light estimated the City Light service area may
13 require between ten and twenty times more electric vehicle charging stations by 2030 to
14 meet anticipated demand and meet the City’s greenhouse gas emission reduction goals;
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16 WHEREAS, electric vehicle charging station operators have expressed interest in leasing
17 underutilized City Light property for the purposes of installing and operating public
18 electric vehicle charging stations; and

19 WHEREAS, City Light staff have identified owners of private properties that are interested in
20 hosting City Light-owned and operated public electric vehicle charging stations in
21 exchange for fair rent and the opportunity to provide an amenity to patrons or the
22 community; and

1 WHEREAS, the City must take necessary actions to confront the urgent need to reduce
2 emissions from the transportation sector and prepare and strengthen our communities'
3 resilience to withstand the impacts of the climate crisis; and NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 Section 1. Section 21.49.130 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance
6 126437, is amended as follows:

7 **21.49.130 Authority**

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9 B. Rulemaking and contract authority

10 1. The Department shall have authority to adopt and file as appropriate rules,
11 regulations, policies, and procedures relating to its performance of the provisions of this Chapter
12 21.49 and to the operation of the Department's light and power system. The Department may
13 require compliance with such rules, regulations, policies, and procedures as a condition for the
14 supply or continued supply of electric service.

15 2. Effectively managing its power supply portfolio to achieve balance between
16 supply and customer demand requires that City Light transact in the wholesale energy markets
17 for energy and transmission services and products, including the purchase or sale of short-term
18 capacity or energy, or integration, transmission, or ancillary services. The Department may
19 therefore execute, implement, and administer contracts with any city or town, public utility
20 district, governmental agency, municipal corporation, mutual association, broker, or agent, or
21 with any person, firm, or corporation, or any other member of the general public, outside its
22 service area, for an effective term of not more than 60 months from the month following the date
23 on which the contract is first signed ("prompt month"), providing for the acquisition, exchange,

1 or sale of capacity or energy, or integration, transmission, or ancillary services, or eligible
2 renewable resources, which shall have the same meaning as defined by RCW 19.285.030, on
3 terms most favorable to the Department under such circumstances and in compliance with state
4 law, including RCW 43.09.210. Such acquisition, sale, or exchange shall be made on a basis
5 representing the value of such capacity or energy, or integration, transmission, or ancillary
6 services, under then-existing market conditions, and may include provisions that require
7 indemnification by the Department.

8 3. The Department may execute agreements with the Bonneville Power
9 Administration providing for reimbursements from Bonneville of some or all of the costs of
10 operating energy conservation programs authorized by the City Council. The Department shall
11 determine that such agreements or amendments to such agreements shall not incur any
12 indebtedness or the acceptance of moneys imposing any duties or obligations on the City that are
13 inconsistent with the Department's budget appropriation for such energy conservation programs.
14 The Department shall provide a written notification prior to the execution of such contracts and a
15 copy of such contracts to the appropriate authorizing committee of the City Council.

16 4. The Department may execute contracts for the purchase or sale of
17 environmental attributes, including but not limited to renewable energy credits (RECs),
18 greenhouse gas offsets, and carbon credits to meet policy and regulatory requirements in a cost-
19 effective and timely manner. The Department may enter into such contracts in advance of the
20 target date for acquisition identified in the Department's Integrated Resource Plan or the date
21 required by state or federal law. These purchases will be made within the Department's yearly
22 budget authority limits. Sales will be made on an as-needed basis to balance demand with supply
23 of these products, and to minimize overall costs to ratepayers.

1 5. The Department may execute contracts for the purchase or acquisition of cost-
2 effective energy conservation resources for an effective term of not more than 84 months,
3 provided that the payment terms for such contracts do not exceed 60 months. "Energy
4 conservation resources" shall have the same meaning set forth in the Energy Independence Act,
5 chapter 19.285 RCW, including, without limitation, long-term energy efficiency projects, new
6 construction, whole-building performance, and pay-for-performance programs.

7 6. In order to meet the requirements of the Renewable Plus Program, the
8 Department may execute contracts with any city or town, public utility district, government
9 agency, municipal corporation, mutual association, broker, or agent, or with any person, firm, or
10 corporation, or any other member of the general public, outside its service territory providing for
11 the acquisition or exchange of capacity or energy, or integration, transmission, or ancillary
12 services, of renewable resources, which shall have the same meaning as defined by RCW
13 19.280.020 for a term of not more than 20 years. The Department shall endeavor to match the
14 term of the acquisition contracts with the needs and requirements of the Renewable Plus Program
15 customer contract terms. Such acquisition or exchange of capacity, energy, or services shall be
16 made on a basis representing the value of such capacity or energy, or integration, transmission,
17 or ancillary services, under then-existing market conditions, and may include provisions that
18 require indemnification by the Department.

19 7. The Department is authorized to negotiate and to enter into new leases or
20 subleases and extensions or modifications of existing leases or subleases of any real property
21 now or hereafter owned by the Department or private parties for the purpose of installing and
22 operating electric vehicle charging stations and supporting infrastructure, including but not

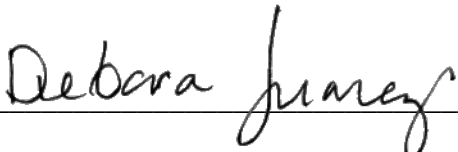
1 limited to energy storage systems, distributed energy generation systems, and general electrical
2 infrastructure, for an effective term of not more than 84 months.

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4 Section 2. Any action consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken after its
5 passage and prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

1 Section 3. 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 15th day of August, 2023,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 15th day of
6 August, 2023.

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President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved / returned unsigned / vetoed this 17th day of August, 2023.

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Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 17th day of August, 2023.

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Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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