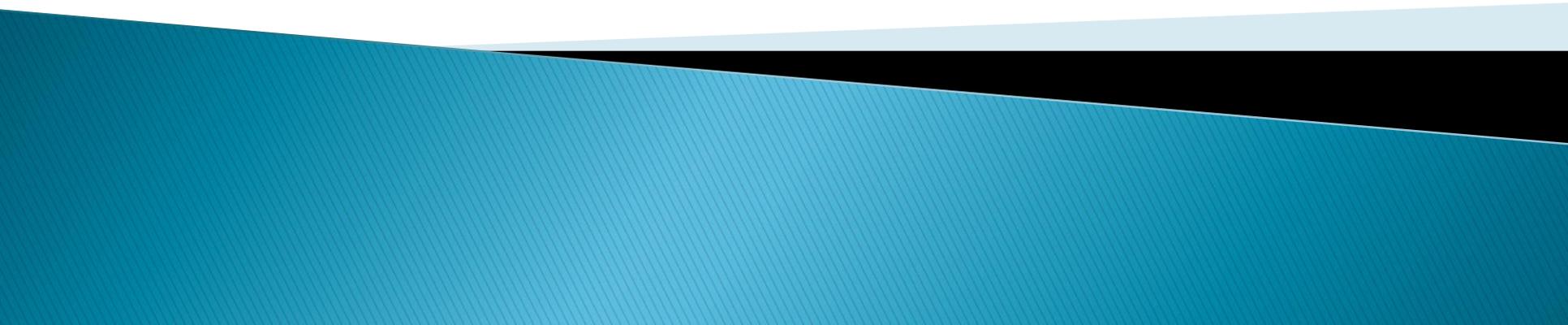


**Multi-City Business  
License & Tax Portal**  
*Presentation to Seattle City Council*

November 25, 2013



# What the Portal Will Do

Allows for businesses to get a city business license and pay local B&O taxes, for multiple cities, from one website.



**Introducing...**

**FileLocal**



# Name, Tagline, Purpose

- ▶ Name:

- **FileLocal**

- ▶ Tagline:

- ***Your one stop for local business licensing and tax filing***

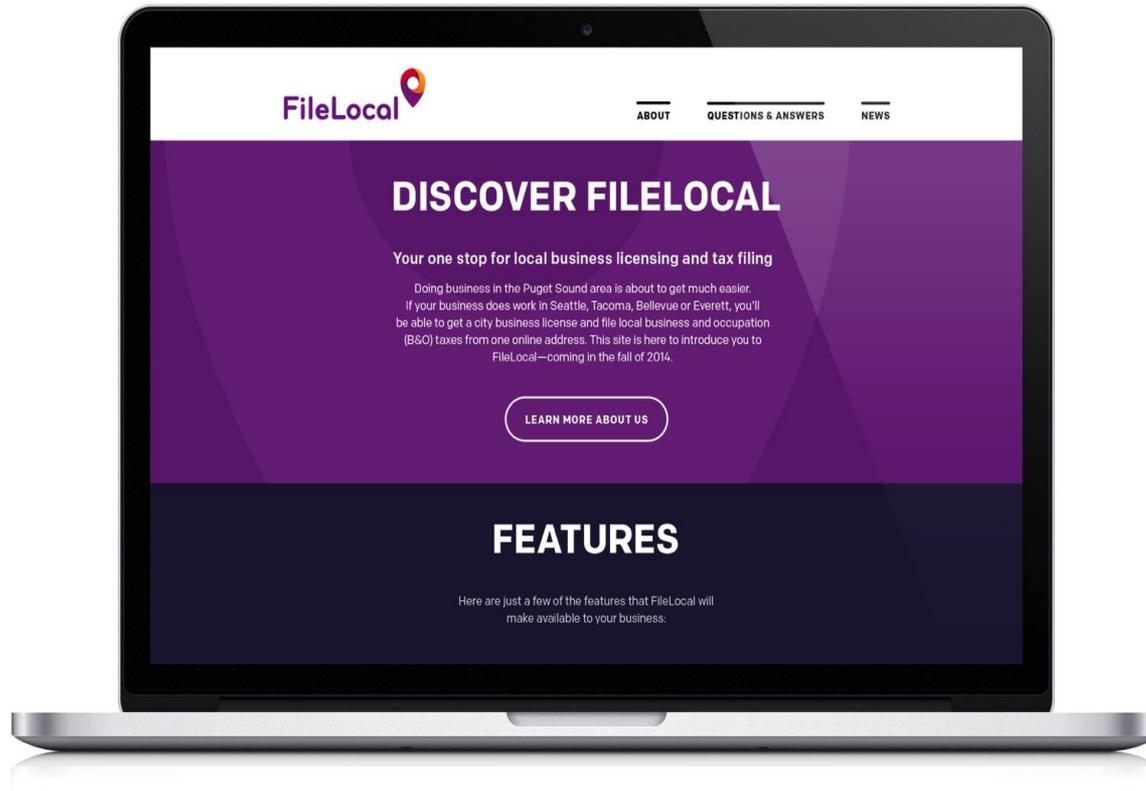
- ▶ Purpose:

- **To make local business licensing and tax filing easier**

# Positioning Statement

- ▶ FileLocal is an easy and flexible online tool that provides a streamlined approach to applying for business licenses and filing B&O taxes with any Washington member city.
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# FileLocal Informational Web Site



# FileLocal on Seattle.gov



# FileLocal Mailer



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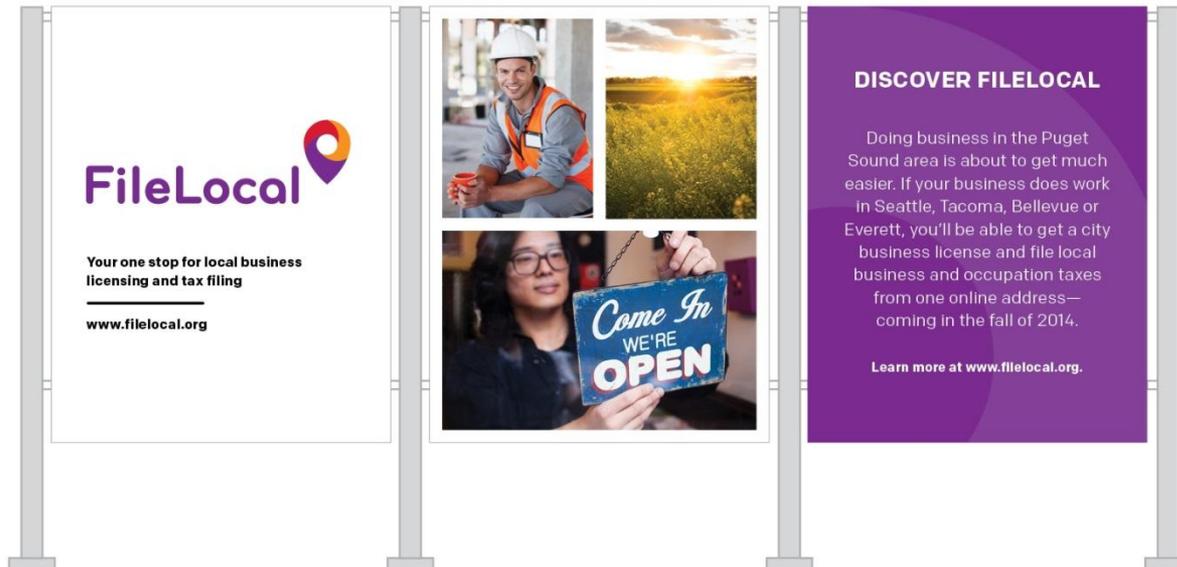
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**[www.filelocal.org](http://www.filelocal.org)**

## **DISCOVER FILELOCAL**

Doing business in the Puget Sound area is about to get much easier. If your business does work in Seattle, Tacoma, Bellevue or Everett, you'll be able to get a city business license and file local business and occupation taxes from one online address—coming in the fall of 2014.

# Sample informational wall



# Interlocal Agreement

- ▶ Ordinance to Council in December for the Interlocal Agreement
  - ▶ Agreement creates a municipal non-profit government agency which will allow for joint decision making and oversee the operation of the portal
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# Governance

- Portal Agency oversees operation of the portal.
  - Finance Directors, or equivalent, from Principal cities serve on the Executive Board.
  - One member from each Principal city – up to 15. Original 4 will always have their own seat.
  - Non-voting seat for Subscribers.
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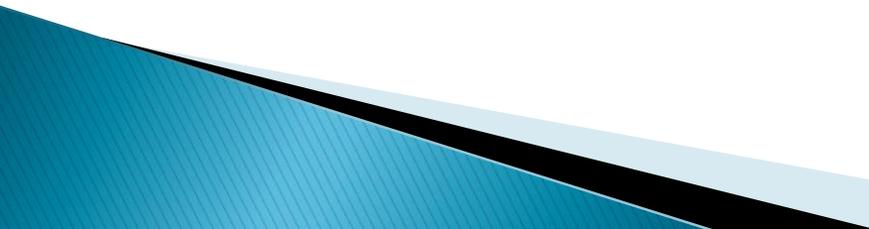
# Decision-Making Structure

- One vote for each board member.
- No weighted voting.
- Simple majority for routine items; supermajority for major items.
- As new members join, a unanimous vote of the 4 original principals may be required if costs exceed inflationary indexes.

\* Supermajority = 66% of the number of board members + 66% of the number of original Principals.



# Current Status

- ▶ Nov/Dec:  
Launch of name, logo and informational website, portal construction continues
  - ▶ Dec:  
Approval of Interlocal Agreement
  - ▶ 2014:  
Complete construction & Go-Live
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**Questions?**



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