

Ordinance No. 123179

Council Bill No. 116722

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by the City of Seattle for collection in 2010, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2009; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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# The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: Godden  
Councilmember

## Committee Action:

11-23-09 Budget Committee!

Pass 90

11-23-09 Full Council: Passed 90

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ORDINANCE 123179

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WHEREAS, to increase regular property taxes, RCW 84.55.120, as approved by the voters of the State of Washington in "Referendum 47" on November 4, 1997, requires the City to enact a separate ordinance indicating the change in taxes from the previous year in terms of percentage and total amount; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle proposes to make its regular property tax levy for collection in 2010 in the amount reflected in the companion ordinance to this Bill, which is commonly known as the "Long Property Tax Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Long Property Tax Ordinance for 2010 authorizes an increase from the amount of regular property taxes levied for collection in 2009; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, after proper notice was given, the City Council held a public hearing on October 7, 2009, to consider the City of Seattle's 2010 budget and the regular property tax levy to support it; and

WHEREAS, notice of the City Council's consideration of this ordinance has been provided in the usual manner for other proposed City ordinances; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Regular property taxes for collection in 2010 are authorized in the amount reflected in the Ordinance introduced as Council Bill 116723. Not including increases resulting from the addition of new construction, construction of wind turbine facilities classified as personal property, improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, the regular property tax levy for 2010 collection represents an increase from regular property taxes levied for collection in 2009 (excluding the



1 "refund fund levy" in both instances) of Eleven Million Three Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Forty-six  
2 Dollars (\$11,351,046), which is a Three and Forty-eight Hundredths percent (3.48%) increase. These  
3 regular property tax levies for collection in 2009 and 2010 include regular property tax "levy lid lifts"  
4 previously approved by the voters of the City.

5 Section 2. Any act pursuant to the authority of this ordinance taken after the passage of this  
6 ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

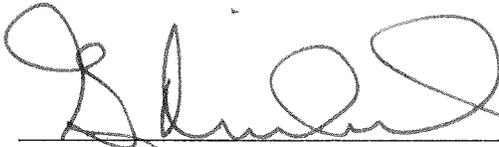
7 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its  
8 approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after  
9 presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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11 Passed by the City Council the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009, and signed by me in open  
12 session in authentication of its passage this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009.

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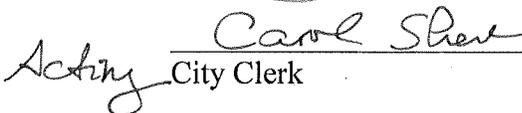
14 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

15 Approved by me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009.

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17 Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

18 Filed by me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2009.

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21 Acting City Clerk

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**2010 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE**

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	DOF Analyst/Phone:
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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by the City of Seattle for collection in 2010, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2009; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

• Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation, commonly known as the “Short Property Tax Ordinance” reflects changes in the regular property taxes in terms of dollars and percentages. It is a companion to the ordinance authorizing Seattle’s property tax levies, commonly known as the “Long Property Tax Ordinance.”

• Background:

Since the approval of Referendum 47 in November 1997, state law has required that taxing jurisdictions adopt, by a majority of their legislative body, a separate ordinance authorizing regular property tax increases, other than increases due to a number of excluded assessed property values that are identified below. The ordinances must show the authorized increase in terms of both dollars and percentages. Due to the exclusion of increases due to new construction, construction of wind turbine facilities classified as personal property, improvements to property, the value of state-assessed property, and refund adjustments to the levy amount, the actual year-over-year change in the City’s regular levy will differ from the calculated change in this legislation. Seattle’s Long Property Tax legislation, which is the authorizing legislation for the City’s property tax levy, provides a more detailed description of Seattle’s actual property tax levy and revenues.

In addition to the 1% increase in the regular non-voted property tax levy proposed in the attached Bill and scheduled reductions in the Fire Facilities Levy, this year’s levy includes a net increase in the levy from the expiration, and 2009 renewal, of voter-approved property taxes for low-income housing purposes. Altogether, this year’s levy represents an overall increase of \$11,351,046 (3.48%) from 2009. As noted above, this does not include the “refund fund levy,” or additional taxes resulting from new construction, improvements to property, or an increase in the value of state-assessed property.

X This legislation has financial implications. Please see the Fiscal Note to the Property Tax Long 2010 Ordinance, which authorizes the actual property tax levies.





# City of Seattle

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Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

## Office of the Mayor

September 25, 2009

Honorable Richard Conlin  
President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill, which shows the dollar amount and percentage change in regular property taxes over last year's actual levy, and is a companion to the legislation required to levy regular property taxes.

In addition to the one percent increase in the regular non-voted property tax levy proposed in the attached Bill, this year's levy includes new voter-approved property taxes for low-income housing purposes. Taking into account decreases in property taxes due to the expiration of the 2003-2009 Low-Income Housing levy lid lift and scheduled reductions in the Fire Facilities Levy, this year's levy represents an overall increase of \$11,351,046 (3.48%) from 2009, not including changes in the excess levy for redemption of general obligation bonds, the "refund fund levy," or additional taxes resulting from new construction, construction of wind turbine facilities classified as personal property, improvements to property, or an increase in the value of state-assessed property.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions please contact Dave Hennes at 684-0537.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Nickels".

GREG NICKELS  
Mayor of Seattle

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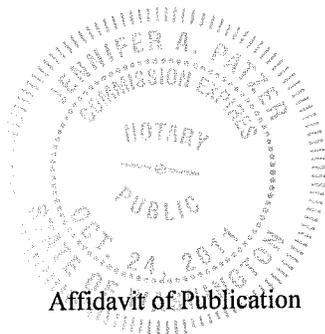
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on  
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Notary public for the State of Washington,  
residing in Seattle

# State of Washington, King County

## City of Seattle

### TITLE-ONLY PUBLICATION

The full text of the following ordinances, passed by the City Council on November 23, 2009, and published here by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us>. For further information, contact the Seattle City Clerk at 684-8344.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123156

AN ORDINANCE relating to contracting indebtedness; authorizing and providing for the issuance and sale of limited tax general obligation bonds to pay all or part of the cost of financing elements of the City's capital improvement program, issuing and selling the bonds; and other City purposes approved by ordinance; providing for terms and sale of the bonds; creating a project fund; amending Ordinance 122848; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123157

AN ORDINANCE related to funding from non-City sources; authorizing City Department Heads and certain Directors governed by SMC Chapter 3.14 to accept certain grants in amounts not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars, to negotiate and execute contracts and agreements in order to receive funding under those grants and make associated expenditures in accordance with the terms of the applicable grants; and creating a new chapter 5.33 in the Seattle Municipal Code.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123158

AN ORDINANCE relating to jail services; authorizing the Mayor to execute with the City of Bellevue a proceeds distribution and hold harmless agreement for Seattle's share of real property sale proceeds to be used to facilitate the reduction of Seattle's jail population housed by King County; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123159

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; establishing the 2010 fee schedule for the use of park properties and other park and recreation facilities and services; superseding previous park and recreation fee schedules; and amending Section 18.28.010 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123163

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation's financing of certain capital activities for street paving purposes; and amending Ordinance 122641 to extend the term of an interfund loan.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123164

AN ORDINANCE relating to the financing of the South Lake Union Streetcar project; amending Ordinance 122603 to extend the term of an interfund loan.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123165

AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing the Mayor to sign and execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Seattle and certain City unions, and a memorandum of understanding between the City of Seattle and the Seattle Municipal Court and certain City unions, both memoranda establishing a furlough program in 2010; and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123166

AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; establishing a 2010 furlough program for certain employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements; extending the time employees laid off in 2009 and 2010 would be in Project Hire and on reinstatement lists from one year to two; and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123168

AN ORDINANCE relating to the municipal water system of The City of Seattle; adopting a system or plan of additions or betterments to or extensions of the existing municipal water system; authorizing the issuance and sale of water system revenue bonds, in one or more series, for the purposes of paying part of the cost of carrying out that system or plan, providing a bond reserve and paying the costs of issuing and selling the bonds; providing for the terms, conditions, covenants and manner of sale of those bonds; describing the lien of the bonds; creating certain accounts of the City relating to those bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123169

AN ORDINANCE relating to the electric system of The City of Seattle; authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal light and power revenue bonds for the purposes of providing funds for certain additions and betterments to and extensions of the existing municipal light and power plant and system of the City, capitalizing interest on and paying the costs of issuing and selling those bonds and providing for the reserve fund requirement; providing for the terms, conditions, covenants and manner of sale of those bonds; describing the lien of those bonds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123173

AN ORDINANCE relating to compensation for certain City officers and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements; and providing salary increases effective January 5, 2011.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123174

AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; authorizing the Mayor to execute a memorandum of understanding between the City of Seattle and certain individual unions in the Coalition of City Unions, a memorandum of understanding between the City of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters, and a memorandum of understanding between the City of Seattle and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge 160, Local 289, all amending collective bargaining agreements expiring December 31, 2010.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123175

AN ORDINANCE amending the 2009 Adopted Budget, including the 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels, and from various funds in the Budget; creating a new Budget Control Level; adding a new project and revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2009-2014 CIP; making cash transfers between funds; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts, all by a three-fourths vote of the City Council.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123177

AN ORDINANCE adopting a budget, including a capital improvement program and position modifications, for the City of Seattle for 2010; creating a barrier fund; creating positions exempt from civil service; and finding that 2010 General Fund contributions to the Park and Recreation Fund exceed the requirements set forth under Article XI, Section 3 of the City Charter; all by a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123179

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#### ORDINANCE NO. 123180

AN ORDINANCE relating to the levy of property taxes; fixing the rates and/or amounts of taxes to be levied, and levying the same upon all taxable property, both real and personal, in the City of Seattle, to finance the departments and activities of City government and to provide for the general obligation bond interest and redemption require-

ments for the year beginning on the first day of January 2010; ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; and by a vote of a majority plus one of the Seattle City Council, finding a substantial need to use, and providing for the use of, 101% as the regular property tax limit factor.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 123185

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

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