

Ordinance No. 123763

Council Bill No. 117339

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2012, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2011; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts

The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

Council Bill/Ordinance sponsored by: _____

Councilmember

Committee Action:

<u>11-21-11</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>9-0</u>
<u>11-21-11</u>	<u>Passed</u>	<u>9-0</u>

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2 **AN ORDINANCE** authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for
3 collection in 2012, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for
4 collection in 2011; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

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

9 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle proposes to make its regular property tax levy for collection in
10 2012 in the amount reflected in the companion ordinance to this Bill, which is commonly
11 known as the "Long Property Tax Ordinance"; and

12 WHEREAS, the Long Property Tax Ordinance for 2012 authorizes an increase over the amount
13 of regular property taxes levied for collection in 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, after proper notice was given, the City Council held
15 public hearings on October 4, 2011, and October 26, 2011, to consider The City of
16 Seattle's 2012 budget and the regular property tax levy to support it; and

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

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

20 **Section 1.** Regular property taxes for collection in 2012 are authorized in the amount
21 reflected in the Ordinance introduced as Council Bill 117338. Not including increases resulting
22 from the addition of new construction, construction of wind turbine facilities classified as
23 personal property, improvements to property, and any increase in the value of state-assessed
24 property, the regular property tax levy for 2012 collection represents an increase over regular
25 property taxes levied for collection in 2011 (excluding the "refund fund levy" in both instances)
26 of \$13,769,618, which is a 3.98 percent increase. These regular property tax levies for collection
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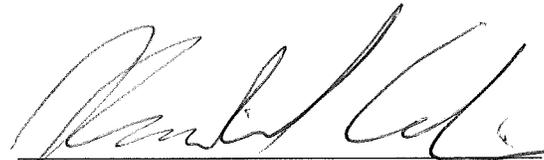


1 in 2011 and 2012 include regular property tax "levy lid lifts" previously approved by the voters
2 of The City of Seattle.

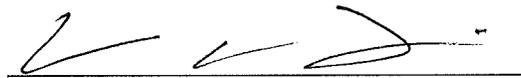
3 **Section 2.** Any act pursuant to the authority of this ordinance taken after the passage of
4 this ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

5 **Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
6 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
7 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.
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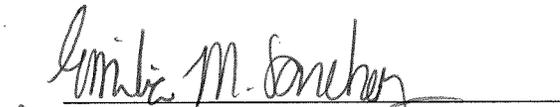
9 Passed by the City Council the 21st day of November, 2011, and signed
10 by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21st day of November,
11 2011.

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14 President of the City Council

15 Approved by me this 30th day of November 2011.
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19 Michael McGinn, Mayor

20 Filed by me this 30th day of November, 2011.
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24 for Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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2012 BUDGET LEGISLATION FISCAL NOTE

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
CBO/FAS	Dave Hennes/4-0537	Dave Hennes/4-0537

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2012, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2011; 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 certain excluded assessed property values 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 percent increase in the regular non-voted property tax levy proposed in the attached Bill, the City of Seattle’s 2012 levy includes a scheduled decrease in the Fire Facilities levy and the increased renewal of the Families and Education levy. Altogether, this year’s levy represents an increase of \$13,769,618 (3.98 percent) over 2011. As noted above, this does not include 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.

X **This legislation has financial implications.** Please see the Fiscal Note to the 2012 Long Property Tax Ordinance, which authorizes the actual property tax levies.





City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

September 26, 2011

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill for consideration with the 2012 Proposed Budget. This Bill 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 1% 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 educational and development services. Taking into account decreases in property taxes due to the scheduled reductions in the Fire Facilities Levy, this year's levy represents an overall increase of \$13,069,618 (3.78%) from 2011, not including 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,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council



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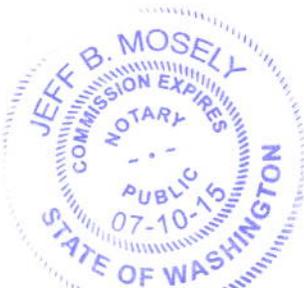
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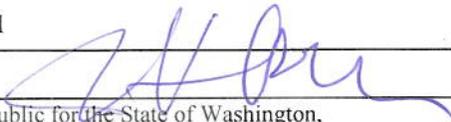


Affidavit of Publication



Subscribed and sworn to before me on

12/09/11



Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on November 21, 2011, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

ORDINANCE NO. 123742

AN ORDINANCE relating to rates and charges for water services of Seattle Public Utilities; revising water rates and charges and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 21.04 in connection therewith; removing Water District 61 and Richmond Beach Area meter surcharges and amending Seattle Municipal Code 21.12 in connection therewith; and revising credits to low-income customers and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 21.76 in connection therewith.

ORDINANCE NO. 123743

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Revenue Stabilization Account of the Cumulative Reserve Subfund; revising policies regarding deposits into the Subfund; amending Seattle Municipal Code Subsection 5.80.020 B in connection therewith; and superseding a portion of Resolution 31083.

ORDINANCE NO. 123744

AN ORDINANCE relating to civil service; combining the staff of the Civil Service Commission and Public Safety Civil Service Commission and amending sections 4.04.250, 4.08.050, and 4.08.070 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 123745

AN ORDINANCE relating to City employment; establishing a 2012 furlough program for certain employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements.

ORDINANCE NO. 123746

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 20.48 of the Seattle Municipal Code in order to modify City policies pertaining to capital appropriations.

ORDINANCE NO. 123747

AN ORDINANCE relating to solid waste taxation; amending Section 5.48.055 of the Seattle Municipal Code; and increasing the transfer tax rate effective January 1, 2012.

ORDINANCE NO. 123748

AN ORDINANCE relating to the financing of the South Lake Union Streetcar project; amending Ordinance 122603, last amended by Ordinance 123164, to extend the term of an interfund loan.

ORDINANCE NO. 123749

AN ORDINANCE relating to emergency assistance for low-income Seattle Public Utilities customers and amending Section 21.76.065 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 123750

AN ORDINANCE relating to the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy; accepting the recommendations of the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy Oversight Committee concerning the Development Category Inflation Adjustment and the Opportunity Fund category; reallocating funds from the Development Category to the Opportunity Fund Category; and creating new major maintenance projects in the Opportunity Fund Category; all by a three-fourths vote of the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 123751

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 bond fund; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 123752

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, 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. 123753

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

ORDINANCE NO. 123754

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Department of Transportation; amending Section 11.23.120 of the Seattle Municipal Code establishing fees related to Commercial Vehicle Load Zone permits pursuant to the trucking and parking regulations of the Traffic Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 123755

AN ORDINANCE related to fees and charges for permits and activities of the Department of Planning and Development and related fees by other departments; amending a section of Ordinance 123453; and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 22.900A, Administration and Enforcement; Chapter 22.900B, General Provisions; Chapter 22.900C, Fees for Land Use Review; Chapter 22.900D, Fees for New and Altered Buildings and Equipment; Chapter 22.900E, Fees for Certificates and Registrations; Chapter 22.900F, Compliance and Other Inspections; and Chapter 22.900G, Fees Collected for Other Departments.

ORDINANCE NO. 123756

AN ORDINANCE relating to a reorganization of the Human Services Department; amending Section 3.20.040 of the Seattle Municipal Code to restructure, rename and create various divisions in the Human Services Department.

ORDINANCE NO. 123757

AN ORDINANCE relating to the City Light Department, directing the transfer of certain funds in the Light Fund into the Rate Stabilization Account in 2011, and amending SMC 21.49.086 (G) relating to the operation of said Account.

ORDINANCE NO. 123758

AN ORDINANCE adopting a budget, including a capital improvement program and position modifications, for The City of Seattle for 2012; creating positions exempt from civil service, all by a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 123759

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation; establishing the 2012 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. 123760

AN ORDINANCE amending the 2011 Budget, including the 2011-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to various departments and budget control levels; and from various funds in the Budget; revising project descriptions; revising project allocations for certain projects in the 2011-2016 CIP; making cash transfers between various city funds; creating new appropriations, amending ordinances 123442 and 123664; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; all by a 3/4 vote of the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 123761

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Program; authorizing the creation of a City fund; and authorizing the loan of funds from the City's Consolidated (Residual) Cash Pool, or its participating funds, to the new fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 123762

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 requirements for the year beginning on the first day of January 2012; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 123763

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2012, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2011; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts

ORDINANCE NO. 123764

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

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