# SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

## RESOLUTION 18

A RESOLUTION of the Seattle Transportation Benefit District Governing Board establishing the low-income eligibility threshold for the Vehicle License Fee rebate program authorized by Proposition 1.

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, the Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD) Proposition 1 was approved by a majority of qualified electors of the STBD and authorized up to a one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax and an annual vehicle license fee of up to an additional $60 per registered vehicle with a $20 rebate for low-income individuals, for the purposes of funding Metro Transit service in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the low-income rebate authorized by STBD Proposition 1 applies to qualified low-income individuals as defined in RCW 36.73.015; and

WHEREAS, at the time voters approved STBD Proposition 1, RCW 36.73.015 set the low-income eligibility threshold at 45 percent of the median household income in the STBD, adjusted for household size; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington enacted Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987 (ESSB 5987), which became effective on July 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Section 311 of ESSB 5987 amended RCW 36.73.015 to allow the STBD to set the low-income eligibility threshold at or below 75 percent of the median household income in the STBD, adjusted for household size; and

WHEREAS, Section 309 of ESSB 5987 amended RCW 36.73.065 to allow the STBD to change the rebate program, provided that the STBD follows its material change policy (STBD Resolution 3) and that the change does not reduce the percentage level or rebate amount; and

WHEREAS, the STBD relies on an Interlocal Agreement with The City of Seattle to carry out the obligations of the STBD; and

WHEREAS, the low-income eligibility threshold for The City of Seattle's utility discount programs is 70 percent of the median household income of the State of Washington, adjusted for household size;

WHEREAS, aligning the STBD's low-income eligibility threshold to match The City of Seattle's low-income eligibility threshold will promote greater efficiency in identifying qualified low-income individuals and reduce administrative costs for the program; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEATTLE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD THAT:**

Section 1. The low-income eligibility threshold for the Seattle Transportation Benefit District's Vehicle License Fee rebate program is 70 percent of the median household income of the State of Washington, adjusted for household size.

Adopted by the Seattle Transportation Benefit District Governing Board the 28th day of September, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 28th day of September, 2015.

Chair, STBD Governing Board

Filed by me this 28th day of September, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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