The City of Seattle - Legislative Department

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ORDINANCE 121837

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Chinatown/International District Parking and Business Improvement Area; increasing the assessment rates; and amending Ordinance 117174, as previously amended by Ordinance 120614, in accordance therewith.

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1994, the City Council passed Ordinance 117174, which created the Chinatown/International District Parking and Business Improvement Area (CIDBIA) for the purpose of enabling businesses within the CIDBIA to enhance conditions for the operation of those businesses; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2001, the City Council passed Ordinance 120614, providing for an increase in the CIDBIA assessment rates, effective January 1, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the services that are provided by the CIDBIA as set forth in Chapter 35.87A RCW are seen as beneficial to the community; and

WHEREAS, the CIDBIA Board of Directors has requested an increase in the CIDBIA assessment rates to keep pace with inflationary increases since 1994 in the cost of providing services, according to the Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interests of both the CIDBIA and the City to adjust the CIDBIA rate structure in order to provide those services; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3 of Ordinance 117174, as most recently amended by Ordinance 120614, is further amended as follows:

Section 3. Levy of Special Assessments. To finance the programs authorized in Section 2, there is levied upon, and shall be collected from the business and property owners in the Chinatown/International District Parking and Business Improvement Area described in Section 1, an annual special assessment, measured by the type of use and rate of assessment in the following table, subject to the calculations and limitations in Sections 4, 5, and 14:
### Annual Assessment Formula

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>I. Retail/Commercial uses</td>
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<td>Ground Floor</td>
<td>$(-1.1) \ .13/sq ft</td>
<td>$(-0.8) \ .098/sq ft</td>
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<td>Upper Floor</td>
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<td>II. Wholesale/Manufacturing</td>
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<td>III. Car/Truck Sales &amp; Service</td>
<td>$(-0.4) \ .046/sq ft</td>
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<td>IV. Commercial Parking</td>
<td>$((-5.41)) \ 6.55/space</td>
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<td>V. Property Owner</td>
<td>$((-0.5)) \ .066/sq ft of land</td>
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<td>$((-81.19)) \ 98.25/year</td>
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<td>VII. Train Stations</td>
<td>$((-108.25)) \ 131.00/year</td>
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<td>VIII. Non Profit tax-exempt corporation</td>
<td>$((-108.25)) \ 131.00/year membership</td>
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<td>(26 USC 501(c)(2) or (3))</td>
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<td>IX. Housing</td>
<td>$((-6.50)) \ 7.86/unit</td>
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<td>X. Duplex/Single Homes</td>
<td>$((-6.50)) \ 7.86/home</td>
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<td>XI. Full Service Hotels</td>
<td>$((-21.65)) \ 26.20/room</td>
<td>$((-16.24)) \ 19.65/room</td>
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Section 2. Section 4 of Ordinance 117174, as previously amended by Ordinance 117610, is further amended as follows:

Section 4. Calculation of and limitations upon assessments.

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(e) The minimum assessment of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) will be applied to every business organization and property within the boundaries except for the owners of homes, including condominiums, or duplexes, which shall be assessed at a minimum rate of ((Six)) Five Dollars Twenty-four Cents ($((6.00)) 5.24) per home, and family associations, which will be assessed at an annual rate of ((Seventy-Five)) Ninety-eight Dollars Twenty-five Cents ($((75.00)) 98.25).

Section 3. The assessment rates provided for in Section 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2005.

Section 4. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.
Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 20th day of June, 2005, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 20th day of June, 2005.

[Signature]
President of the City Council

Approved by me this 29th day of June, 2005.

[Signature]
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 30th day of June, 2005.

[Signature]
City Clerk
FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department: Executive Administration
Contact Person/Phone: Gregg Johanson/3-9833
DOF Analyst/Phone: Eve Sternberg/6-1119

Legislation Title:
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Chinatown/International District Parking and Business Improvement Area; increasing the assessment rates; and amending Ordinance 117174, as previously amended by Ordinance 120614, in accordance therewith.

- **Summary of the Legislation:**
The proposed legislation will increase the assessment rates for the Chinatown/International District Parking and Business Improvement Area (CIDBIA), to keep up with inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

- **Background:**
Through Ordinance 117174, the City established the CIDBIA in 1994. The same year, the City adopted Ordinance 117198, correcting an inadvertent omission in the original ordinance by establishing a commencement date for levying of assessments. The following year, the City adopted Ordinance 117610, providing for minimum assessment levels. In late 2001, the City adopted Ordinance 120614, which provided for an 8.25% assessment rate increase, effective January 1, 2002. There has been no subsequent increase in the assessment rates for the CIDBIA.

On October 8, 2004, the ratepayer advisory board for the CIDBIA formally requested that the City increase rate assessments by 22.75%. The CIDBIA ratepayer advisory board seeks the proposed rate increases to maintain current service levels, offsetting the effects of inflation on service costs. The Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Metropolitan Area has increased by approximately 31% since the CIDBIA was established in 1994. The 2002 rate increase was for 8.25% across the board. The rate increase proposed through this Council Bill provides for the balance of 22.75%.

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Gregg Johanson  
March 29, 2005  
DEA Chinatown/International District BIA Rate Increase ORD  
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- **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**
  
  None to the City. The City would continue to administer the CIBIA, which would operate at current rate levels.

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  None. RCW 35.87A.140 requires the City to adopt an ordinance to change assessment rates for a parking and business improvement area. Improvement area services are in addition to, and not a replacement of, basic City services, and are funded by assessments on the properties that benefit from the services. If the legislation is not passed, CIBIA services will be provided at a level feasible with revenues from current rates. Over time, inflation will erode the level of service the CIBIA is able to provide to ratepayers.

- **Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements?**  
  Yes. A resolution of intention, establishing a hearing date, is before the City Council.

- **Other Issues:** None.

*Please list attachments to the fiscal note below:* None.
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This ordinance also makes technical corrections to the minimum assessments provided for in Ordinance 117610, in which there were inadvertent errors made regarding the minimum rate assessments for homeowners and family associations. Those errors did not affect the actual rates charged to these two groups.
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- **Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements?** Yes. A resolution of intention, establishing a hearing date, is before the City Council.

- **Other Issues:** None.
Please list attachments to the fiscal note below: None.
April 5, 2005

Honorable Jan Drago
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Drago:

The attached proposed Council Bill would increase the assessment rates for the Chinatown/International District Parking and Business Improvement Area (“CIDBIA”). The CIDBIA ratepayer advisory board requested the rate increases proposed in this legislation to offset the effects of inflation on the costs of providing parking and business improvement services. A public hearing on the proposed rate increase, as required by RCW 35.87A.140, is planned to be held before the City Council Finance and Budget Committee in April 2005.

The CIDBIA was created in 1994 to provide services that promote business, including litter control, security, special public events, and parking amenities. The assessments levied upon ratepayers within the CIDBIA have been raised only once before, in 2002. The proposed increases bring assessment rates into line with inflationary increases since 1994 in the cost of providing services. The inflationary adjustment is based upon the Consumer Price Index.

Providing for an increase in assessment rates will allow the CIDBIA to continue providing valuable services for businesses in the Chinatown/International District community. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Ken Nakatsu at 684-0505, or Teri Allen at 684-5226.

Sincerely,

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council
STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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No. TITLE ONLY

Affidavit of Publication

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

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was published on

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of $106.00, which amount has been paid in full.

[Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

07/05/05

[Signature]

Notary public for the State of Washington, residing in Seattle
State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

ORDINANCE NO. 121843
AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

ORDINANCE NO. 121842
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Parks and Recreation, concerning West Seattle Golf and Recreation Area; accepting a Quit Claim Deed from Charlotte Mason/Barrow Revereable Living Trust, in accordance with King County Superior Court Agreed Judgment No. 012-35533-0 REA, to quiet title to land held for park and recreation purposes.

ORDINANCE NO. 121841
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Seattle Parks and Recreation Department; accepting a Quit Claim Deed from Seattle Pacific University to the City of Seattle conveying any right, title, or interest in improvements at Interbay Athletic Field.

ORDINANCE NO. 121840
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Burke Gilman Trail; accepting deeds from Adventure Trail, Inc. and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company.

ORDINANCE NO. 121839
AN ORDINANCE relating to the Ship Canal Trail; accepting deeds and easements, transferring jurisdiction of certain real property near the Ballard Bridge from the Seattle Public Utilities Department to the Seattle Department of Transportation; authorizing the execution and delivery of deeds of right to the State of Washington; authorizing the acquisition of property and acceptance of deeds; and authorizing the execution and delivery of a crossing easement agreement.

ORDINANCE NO. 121838
AN ORDINANCE relating to community development in the Central Area; transferring jurisdiction of land at 20th Ave. South and South Jackson, known as parcel 1 of the Yesler/Atlantic Neighborhood Improvement Project, from the Office of Housing to the Department of Flats and Facilities, making a related cash transfer from the Emergency Subfund to the Community Development Block Grant Matching Fund, amending the 2006 Table of Proposed Projects in the 2006-2008 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development to allocate increased funding resulting from such transfer, increasing appropriations to the Office of Economic Development in the 2005 Budget; and ratifying and confirming prior acts, all by three-quarters vote of the City Council.

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Publication ordered by JUDITH PIPPIN, City Clerk.

[Signature]