

2012 Seattle City Council Green Sheet

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Budget Action Title: Pass C.B. 117311 - the solid waste tonnage tax ordinance.

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Council Bill or Resolution: C.B. 117311, gray tab 25

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Budget Action description:

This green sheet recommends passage of C.B. 117311 (tab 25 in the gray budget legislation notebook), the solid waste tonnage tax ordinance.

The tonnage tax is charged for solid waste brought to City transfer stations. As the main station user, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) pays about 72% of the City’s tonnage taxes and private haulers pay the rest. C.B. 117311 increases the tonnage tax 14% per year from 2012 through 2014 to fund streetside litter and public place recycling activities that were mistakenly excluded from Clean City costs in recent years, \$142,000 of abandoned vehicle reporting activities formerly funded by non-tonnage tax General Subfund (GSF), and account for an updated calculation of overhead costs for Clean City activities.

The Council Bill increases tonnage taxes from \$8.69 per ton in 2011 to \$12.87 per ton in 2014, generating about \$552,000 more in 2012 and \$1.87 million more in 2014 than without the proposed tax increase.