

**FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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**Legislation Title:**

AN ORDINANCE relating to increasing the commercial parking tax; and amending a section in Chapter 5.35 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

**Summary of the Legislation:**

This legislation raises the Commercial Parking Tax by 2.5%, effective January 1, 2016. Revenues from these new taxes will be deposited in the Transportation Fund and used for transportation purposes in accordance with RCW 82.80.070.

**Background:**

The City of Seattle levies a tax on fees collected by commercial parking lots, as authorized by RCW 82.80.030. The proceeds from this tax are dedicated to transportation purposes. The current rate for the commercial parking tax is 12.5% of parking fees. The rate was last increased on January 1, 2011, from a prior rate of 10.0%.

Please check one of the following:

**This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

**This legislation has financial implications.**

**Appropriations:**

None.

Appropriations Notes:

This legislation does not provide appropriations. Future appropriation would be required in the 2016 Budget, or in supplemental budget actions, in order to provide the expenditure authority necessary to use the revenues generated by the rate increase.

**Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement Resulting from this Legislation:**

<b>Fund Name and Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Revenue Source</b>	<b>2015 Revenue</b>	<b>2016 Revenue</b>
Transportation Fund (10310)	SDOT	Commercial Parking Tax	\$0	\$6,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,500,000</b>

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes:

Anticipated revenue from the Commercial Parking Tax increase is based on current projections of the existing tax.

**Total Regular Positions Created, Modified, or Abrogated through this Legislation, Including FTE Impact:**

None.

Position Notes:

This legislation anticipates that these new taxes will be administered with existing resources.

**Do positions sunset in the future?**

N/A.

**Spending/Cash Flow:**

N/A.

Spending/Cash Flow Notes:

This legislation does not authorize spending. Future legislation is anticipated to authorize the expenditure of the additional funds raised.

**Other Implications:**

**a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?**

This legislation establishes new taxes.

**b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?**

Not implementing this legislation would eliminate a source of City of Seattle revenue which could be used to purchase transit service hours.

**c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

This legislation impacts SDOT, which would receive funding from the proposed taxes. Appropriations for these departments will need to be approved in the 2016 Budget or in a supplemental budget action.

**d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or**

**similar objectives?**

Additional funding for transportation purposes could be generated by the Seattle Transportation Benefit District (STBD), which would then contract with the City of Seattle for the purchase of transportation projects and services. The STBD is authorized to collect vehicle license fees and sales taxes.

**e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No.

**f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No.

**g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No.

**h) Other Issues:**

None.

**List attachments to the fiscal note below:**

None.