



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 118370

Record No.: CB 118370

Type: Ordinance (Ord)
124757

Status: Attested by City
Clerk

Version: 1

In Control: City Clerk

File Created: 04/06/2015

Final Action: 04/24/2015

Title: AN ORDINANCE increasing civil assessments for failure to timely file reports;
amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 2.04.330.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Burgess

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	04/06/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	04/08/2015	sent for review	Education and Governance Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Education and Governance Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	04/13/2015	referred	Education and Governance Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Education and Governance Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Education and Governance Committee	04/15/2015	pass				Pass
	Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).						
	Notes:						

In Favor: 2 Chair Burgess, Vice Chair Bagshaw

Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 04/20/2015 passed Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:

In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember
Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember O'Brien,
Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 04/21/2015 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

Notes:

1 Mayor 04/24/2015 Signed

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed

Notes:

1 Mayor 04/24/2015 returned City Clerk

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned to the City Clerk

Notes:

1 City Clerk 04/24/2015 attested by City
Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk

Notes:

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 124757
COUNCIL BILL 118370

AN ORDINANCE increasing civil assessments for failure to timely file reports; amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 2.04.330.

WHEREAS, one of the chief purposes of Seattle's Election Campaign Contributions Code is to provide timely information on the contributions to and expenditures by political committees; and

WHEREAS, the civil assessment for failing to timely file campaign reports has not changed in almost 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission believes that the civil assessments are no longer significant enough to deter committees from failing to file timely reports;

NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.04.330, last amended by Ordinance 118569, is amended as follows:

2.04.330 - Late filing—Civil assessments.

A. The City Clerk shall stamp, write on, or mark mechanically or electronically on each statement or report filed under this chapter the date and time it is received.

B. Failure to file any statement or report on the date due or mail the same to the City Clerk, postage prepaid, on the date due, shall subject a candidate, campaign treasurer, political committee or officer of a political committee to a late filing penalty, as follows:

1. A civil assessment of ~~((Ten Dollars (\$10)))~~ \$50 for each day that the report is due but not filed for failing to make a timely filing;

2. A civil assessment of ~~((Fifty Dollars (\$50)))~~ \$150 per day for any statement or report that is due within ~~((seven (7)))~~ 30 days of an election for each day the statement or report is not filed up to and including election day; and

3. A civil assessment of ~~((Ten Dollars (\$10)))~~ \$50 per day that any other statement or report is due and is not filed, and for each day after election day a statement or report in subsection 2.04.330.B.2 is due and remains unfiled.

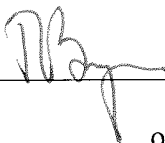
Failure to file each statement or report is a separate infraction.

C. A filing received by mail shall be deemed filed on the date of the postmark. A filing received by facsimile or electronically shall be deemed filed when the transmission has been completely received. The Commission may adopt rules to specify how that receipt date and time is determined in each medium. It shall be a defense that a filing made solely by mail was lost in the mail.

D. The Executive Director shall determine and collect the amounts due. A person aggrieved by a determination of the Executive Director may appeal to the Commission. The decision of the Commission after a hearing shall be final.

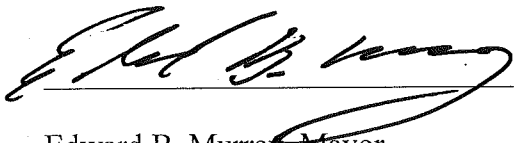
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 20th day of April, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 20th day of April, 2015.



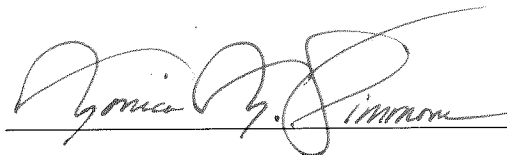
President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 24th day of April, 2015.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 24th day of April, 2015.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE increasing civil assessments for failure to timely file reports; amending
Seattle Municipal Code Sections 2.04.330.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation increases from \$50 to \$150 the maximum penalty for late filing a report in the closing days of an election campaign, and increases from \$10 to \$50 the maximum penalty for late filing a report at any other time.

Background:

At its January meeting, the Commission decided that the late-filing penalties – which have not changed since 1997 – were no longer at a level that deterred campaigns from filing late reports.

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

Other Implications:

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

No.

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

N/A.

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

No.

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

N/A.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

Wayne Barnett
SEEC Civil Assessments FISC
March 12, 2015
Version #1

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:

N/A.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

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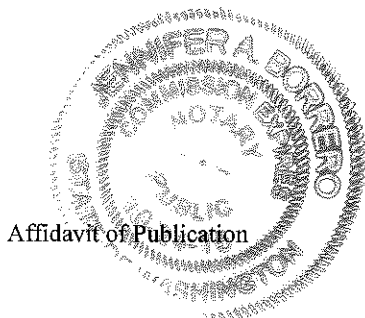
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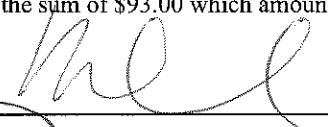
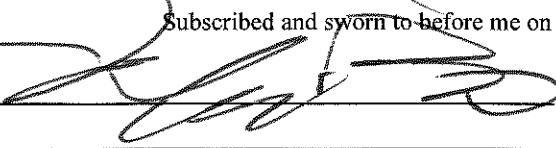
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on
05/07/2015 
Notary public for the State of Washington,
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State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

Title Only Ordinances

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on April 20, 2015, 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. 124755

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

ORDINANCE NO. 124756

AN ORDINANCE relating to funding for housing and community development programs; adopting the City of Seattle 2015 Annual Action Plan to the 2014 - 2017 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development and authorizing its submission to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; authorizing acceptance of grant funds from that department for programs and activities included in the Annual Action Plan; modifying appropriations to various departments and budget control levels in the 2015 Adopted Budget; and ratifying and confirming prior acts, all by a three-fourths vote of the City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 124757

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ORDINANCE NO. 124758

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Stormwater Code; amending Sections 22.800.040, 22.805.050, and 22.805.060 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 124759

AN ORDINANCE relating to grant funds from non-City sources; authorizing the Director of Transportation to accept specified grants and execute related agreements for and on behalf of the City; amending Ordinance 124648, which adopted the 2015 Budget, including the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP); changing appropriations to the Seattle Department of Transportation; adding a new project; revising allocations for certain projects in the 2015-2020 CIP; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, May 7, 2015.

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