SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 118568

Record No.: CB 118568
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Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2016, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2015; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts

Notes:

Sponsors: Licata

Attachments:

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	Date
Filed with City Clerk:	
Mayor's Signature:	
Vetoed by Mayor:	
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Veto Sustained:	

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History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	09/28/2015	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Mayor's leg transmitted to Council. to the City Clerk
Notes:

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	11/12/2015	sent for review	Budget Committee			

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Budget Committee
Notes:

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Budget Committee	11/16/2015					
1	Full Council	11/16/2015	referred	Budget Committee			

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Budget Committee
Notes:

Ver-sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Budget Committee	11/23/2015	pass				Pass

Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).
In Favor: 9 Chair Licata, Member Bagshaw, Member Burgess, Member Godden, Member Harrell, Member O'Brien, Okamoto, Member Rasmussen, Member Sawant

			Opposed: 0		
1	Full Council	11/23/2015	passed		Pass
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote and the President signed the Bill:			
	Notes:				
			In Favor: 9	Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant	
			Opposed: 0		
1	City Clerk	11/30/2015	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor	
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor			
	Notes:				
1	Mayor	12/01/2015	Signed		
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was Signed.			
	Notes:				
1	Mayor	12/01/2015	returned	City Clerk	
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk			
	Notes:				
1	City Clerk	12/01/2015	attested by City Clerk		
	Action Text:	The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.			
	Notes:				

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 124930

COUNCIL BILL 118568

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2016, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2015; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts

WHEREAS, to increase regular property taxes, RCW 84.55.120, as approved by the voters of the State of Washington in "Referendum 47" on November 4, 1997, requires the City to enact a separate ordinance indicating the change in taxes from the previous year in terms of percentage and total amount; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle proposes to make its regular property tax levy for collection in 2016 in the amount reflected in the companion ordinance to this Bill, which is commonly known as the "Long Property Tax Ordinance"; and

WHEREAS, the Long Property Tax Ordinance for 2016 authorizes an increase above the amount of regular property taxes levied for collection in 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, after proper notice was given, the City Council held public hearings on October 6, 2015 and October 20, 2015, to consider The City of Seattle's 2016 budget and the regular property tax levy to support it; and

WHEREAS, notice of the City Council's consideration of this ordinance has been provided in the usual manner for other proposed City ordinances; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Regular property taxes for collection in 2016 are authorized in the amount reflected in the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 118567. Not including increases resulting from the addition of new construction, construction of wind turbine facilities classified as personal property, improvements to property, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, the regular property tax levy for 2016 collection represents an increase above regular property taxes levied for collection in 2015 (excluding the "refund fund levy" in both instances) of $61,139,424, which is a 17.10% increase. These regular property tax levies for collection in 2015 and 2016 include regular property tax "levy lid lifts" previously approved by the voters of The City of Seattle.

Section 2. Any act pursuant to the authority of this ordinance taken after the passage of this ordinance is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. 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 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015.

President ________ of the City Council

Approved by me this 1st day of December, 2015.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 1st day of December, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	Executive Contact/Phone:
CBO	Dave Hennes/4-0537	Dave Hennes/4-0537

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2016, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2015; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation: This legislation, commonly known as the "Short Property Tax Ordinance" reflects changes in the regular property taxes in terms of dollars and percentages. It is a companion to the ordinance authorizing Seattle's property tax levies, commonly known as the "Long Property Tax Ordinance."

Since the approval of Referendum 47 in November 1997, state law has required that taxing jurisdictions adopt, by a majority of their legislative body, a separate ordinance authorizing regular property tax increases, other than increases due to certain excluded assessed property values identified below. The ordinances must show the authorized increase in terms of both dollars and percentages. Due to the exclusion of increases due to new construction, construction of wind turbine facilities classified as personal property, improvements to property, the value of state-assessed property, and refund adjustments to the levy amount, the actual year-over-year change in the City's regular levy will differ from the calculated change in this legislation. Seattle's Long Property Tax legislation, which is the authorizing legislation for the City's property tax levy, provides a more detailed description of Seattle's actual property tax levy and revenues.

In addition to the 1 percent increase in the regular non-voted property tax levy, the Families & Education levy lid lift and the Library levy lid lift proposed in the attached Bill, the City of Seattle's 2015 levy for collection in 2016 includes a first year levy amount of $95,000,000 for the recently approved Seattle Transportation levy lid lift and a first year levy amount of $3,000,000 for the recently approved Election Vouchers levy lid lift. One lid lift expired in 2015, the Bridging the Gap Transportation levy. Altogether, this year's levy represents an increase of $61,139,424 (17.10 percent) above 2015. As noted above, this does not include the "refund fund levy," or additional taxes resulting from new construction, construction of wind turbine facilities classified as personal property, improvements to property, or an increase in the value of state-assessed property.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

____ **This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.**

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

__X_ This legislation has direct financial implications.

Please see the Fiscal Note to the 2016 Long Property Tax Ordinance, which authorizes the actual property tax levies.