



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31893

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION relating to taxation; stating an intent to adopt legislation imposing a local sales and use tax at the maximum rate authorized to fund investments in affordable and supportive housing.

**Notes:**

**Filed with City Clerk:** 8/14/2019

**Mayor's Signature:** 8/14/2019

**Sponsors:** Mosqueda,Herbold

**Vetoed by Mayor:**

**Veto Overridden:**

**Veto Sustained:**

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** patrick.wigren@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	07/23/2019	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
1	Council President's Office	07/25/2019	sent for review	Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee						
1	City Council	07/29/2019	referred	Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee			
1	Housing, Health, Energy, and Workers' Rights Committee	08/01/2019	adopt				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Committee recommends that City Council adopt the Resolution (Res).						

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In Favor: 4 Chair Mosqueda, Vice Chair Juarez, Member Bagshaw, Alternate Herbold

Opposed: 0

1 City Council 08/12/2019 adopted Pass

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:

In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Pacheco, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 08/13/2019 submitted for Mayor  
Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

1 Mayor 08/14/2019 Signed

1 Mayor 08/14/2019 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 08/14/2019 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION 31893**

A RESOLUTION relating to taxation; stating an intent to adopt legislation imposing a local sales and use tax at the maximum rate authorized to fund investments in affordable and supportive housing.

WHEREAS, existing sources of funding for affordable housing and permanent supportive housing are insufficient to meet the needs of all individuals and families experiencing housing cost burden, displacement, and homelessness in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Seattle residents and families experiencing severe housing cost burden, displacement, and homelessness are disproportionately people of color; and

WHEREAS, investments in affordable housing provide access to opportunity for low-wage workers and their families, increase mobility from poverty, and foster inclusive communities accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, investing in permanent supportive housing is a proven, cost-effective, and humane solution to provide stability, security, and access to critical health and social services for people exiting homelessness; and

WHEREAS, for over 35 years, the Seattle Office of Housing has invested in affordable housing and permanent supportive housing across the city; and

WHEREAS, The City of Seattle recognizes the urgent need to increase investments in the production, preservation, and ongoing operation and maintenance of affordable housing and permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, solving the homelessness and affordability crisis requires partnership between federal, state, regional, and local government; and

1 WHEREAS, during the 2019 session, the Washington State Legislature enacted SHB 1406  
2 (published as Chapter 338, Laws of 2019) that authorizes cities that have enacted a  
3 qualifying local tax, such as The City of Seattle’s 2016 housing levy under RCW  
4 84.55.050, to impose a local sales and use tax of 0.0146 percent; and

5 WHEREAS, the local sales and use tax will be credited against the state sales and use tax so that  
6 the total tax paid by the consumer will not increase; and

7 WHEREAS, the local sales and use tax revenue shall be spent on acquiring, rehabilitating, or  
8 constructing affordable housing or supportive housing and other related expenditures as  
9 authorized by Chapter 338, Laws of 2019; and

10 WHEREAS, the local sale and use tax revenue shall be used to assist persons whose income is at  
11 or below sixty percent of the median income of the City; and

12 WHEREAS, Chapter 338, Laws of 2019 authorizes The City of Seattle to issue general  
13 obligation or revenue bonds to carry out the purposes of the legislation and to pledge the  
14 revenue collected by the local sales and use tax to repay the bonds; and

15 WHEREAS, Chapter 338, Laws of 2019 requires that a city that desires to impose the tax must  
16 adopt a resolution of intent to adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the  
17 tax within six months of the effective date of Chapter 338, Laws of 2019; and

18 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle desires and intends to exercise its authority to impose the  
19 maximum tax authorized under Chapter 338, Laws of 2019; and

20 WHEREAS, This resolution constitutes the resolution of intent required by Chapter 338, Laws of  
21 2019; NOW, THEREFORE,

22 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
23 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

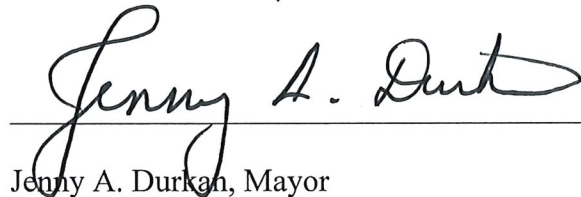
1           Section 1. The City of Seattle declares its intent to adopt legislation to impose the  
2 maximum capacity of the sales tax authorized by Chapter 338, Laws of 2019 and in accordance  
3 with the requirements and constraints established by Chapter 338, Laws of 2019.

1 Adopted by the City Council the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019,  
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
3 August, 2019.

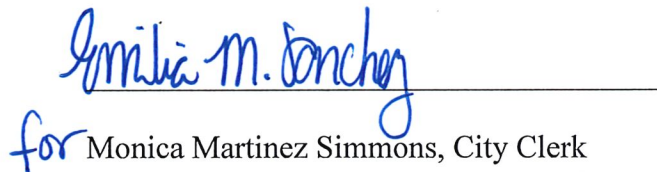
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5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

6 The Mayor concurred the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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8 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

9 Filed by me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2019.

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11 for Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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