

**Amendment 1 to Resolution 31957**

**Select Budget Committee**

**Sponsor: Councilmember Mosqueda**

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Amend to the recitals to RES 31957 as follows:

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020, the City Council (“Council”) adopted the ordinance introduced as Council Bill (CB) 119810, authorizing the collection of a new payroll expense tax (“payroll tax”) to be imposed beginning January 2021; and

WHEREAS, the new payroll tax is anticipated to generate about \$214.3 million in proceeds in 2021, as shown in the spending plan included as Attachment 1 to this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2020, the Council adopted the ordinance introduced as CB 119811, establishing the categories of spending authorized for use of the proceeds generated from the payroll tax; and

WHEREAS, the affordable housing crisis, homelessness emergency, and now the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic and unemployment emergencies, in Seattle are deeply impacting the lives of people throughout Seattle and the region and disproportionately harms people of color, immigrants, the LGBTQ community, indigenous peoples’ communities, disabled community members, and women, who already struggle against entrenched inequality; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to advocating and working with public and private funders of housing to modify housing policies to support development of housing with enhanced green building and labor standards; and

WHEREAS, the new tax will generate significant funds that will increase the construction and preservation of new permanently affordable housing units for low-income households to address the housing affordability and homelessness crisis, will contribute to reducing Seattle's climate pollution, and will in the process support living-wage jobs, and in doing so will help the City make the necessary changes to shift Seattle's economy to be more equitable and ecologically sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the new payroll tax is expected to provide new and sufficient revenues to allow the City, in 2021, to replenish emergency funds used in 2020 to make public assistance available to households and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 civil emergency and to provide resources to maintain services and provide longer terms solutions to address the inequities exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis; NOW, THEREFORE,

<p><b>Effect:</b> This amendment adds a recital confirming the City's commitment to advocate and work with other public and private housing funders to modify housing funding policies to support the development of housing with enhanced green building and labor standards.</p>
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