



Legislation Text

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE** \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL BILL \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the levy of regular property taxes by The City of Seattle for collection in 2020, representing an increase above the regular property taxes levied for collection in 2019; 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 2020 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 2020 authorizes an increase above the amount of regular property taxes levied for collection in 2019; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.120, after proper notice was given, the City Council held public hearings on October 3, 2019 and October 22, 2019, to consider The City of Seattle's 2020 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 2020 are authorized in the amount reflected in the ordinance introduced as Council Bill 119691. 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 2020 collection represents an increase above regular property taxes levied for collection in 2019 (excluding the "refund fund levy" in both instances) of \$16,900,564, which is a 3.25 percent increase. These regular property tax levies for collection in 2019 and 2020 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 its passage and prior to its effective date is 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 \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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