

**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**ORDINANCE** 126250  
COUNCIL BILL 119959

AN ORDINANCE imposing a revenue measure of 0.15 percent sales and use tax for transportation purposes as authorized by Seattle voters at the November 3, 2020 election; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 36.73, provides for establishment of transportation benefit districts by cities and counties and authorizes those districts to levy and impose various taxes and fees to generate revenues to support transportation improvements that benefit the district and that are consistent with state, regional, or local transportation plans and necessitated by existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels; and

WHEREAS, City of Seattle Ordinance 123397 created the Seattle Transportation Benefit District for preserving and maintaining transportation infrastructure; improving public safety; implementing elements of the Seattle Transportation Strategic Plan and other planning documents; investing in bicycle, pedestrian, freight mobility, and transit enhancements; and providing people with choices to meet their mobility needs; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2016, by Ordinance 125070, The City of Seattle (“City”) assumed the rights, powers, immunities, functions, and obligations of the STBD as authorized under RCW 36.74.030; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2020, by Ordinance 126115, the City placed Proposition 1 on the November 3, 2020 ballot authorizing a 0.15 percent sales and use tax through March 31, 2027, as a replacement for the Seattle Transportation Benefit District measure that passed in 2014 and expires on December 31, 2020; and

1 WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, City of Seattle Proposition 1 was approved by a majority of  
2 qualified Seattle electors; and

3 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle intends to implement programs necessary to implement  
4 Proposition 1, as defined in Ordinance 126115, including purchase of King County Metro  
5 Transit services with over 65 percent of stops within Seattle; transit access for low-  
6 income residents, workers, seniors, and youth; transit infrastructure maintenance and  
7 capital improvements; and emerging mobility needs related to COVID-19 response and  
8 recovery, and closure of the West Seattle High Bridge; NOW, THEREFORE,

9 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

10 Section 1. A 0.15 percent sales and use tax is established, as authorized by Ordinance  
11 126115, and consistent with RCW 36.73.040 and 36.73.065, to be collected by the Washington  
12 State Department of Revenue, as set forth in RCW 82.14.0455. This sales and use tax will expire  
13 on March 31, 2027.

14 Section 2. The revenues generated by this sales and use tax shall be used in accordance  
15 with the purposes set forth in Ordinance 126115.

16 Section 3. The Finance Director is authorized to provide any necessary notice to the  
17 Department of Revenue in order to effectuate the sales and use tax enacted by this ordinance no  
18 later than April 1, 2021, in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 and 82.14.055, and to execute, on  
19 and behalf of The City of Seattle, any necessary agreement with the Department of Revenue for  
20 the collection and administration of the tax enacted by this ordinance.

21 Section 4. Any notice given or agreement executed by the Finance Director as authorized  
22 by Section 3 of this ordinance prior to the effective date of this ordinance is ratified and

1 confirmed. Action necessary to ensure collection of this sales and use tax starting April 1, 2021,  
2 is ratified and confirmed.

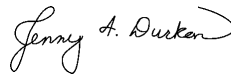
3 Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by  
4 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it  
5 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

6 Passed by the City Council the 7th day of \_\_\_\_\_ December \_\_\_\_\_, 2020,  
7 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 7th day of  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ December \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.



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

11 Approved by me this 11th day of December, 2020.



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13 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

14 Filed by me this 11th day of December, 2020.



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16 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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