

Amendment #11 to Resolution 31760 - DRAFT

Sponsor: CM Herbold

Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development and Arts Committee

Improving Utility Tax Data on Customer Bills: Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) utility tax expenditures are deposited into the City's General Fund to use for any municipal purpose. The Customer Review Panel's letter to Council mentioned a concern with the transparency of utility tax information on customer bills. This amendment requests SPU restructure bi-monthly utility bills to clearly reflect the portion of the invoice related to utility taxes. Council also requests SPU report back to Council with a recommended course of action prior to implementing changes to customer bills.

- Council requests Central Staff reconcile all amendments and re-number sections to reflect the cumulative impact of all changes to the resolution.

Section [intentionally left blank]. Utility Tax Billing Information. Council requests Seattle Public Utilities evaluate the transparency of utility billing information including the portion of a customer's bill attributable to state and local utility taxes, the specific state and local tax rates and how state and local entities use utility tax funds, and report back to Council with a recommendation for potential changes to utility bills based on the transparency evaluation and timing for implementation. Council requests Seattle Public Utilities provide a recommended course of action in writing to the Chair of the appropriate Council committee no later than April 15, 2018 addressing the concerns outlined by SPU's Customer Review Panel in its letter to Council dated June 1, 2017.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2017,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of
_____, 2017.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Seattle Public Utilities Strategic Business Plan Update 2018-2023

Exhibit 1 - Customer Review Panel Comment Letter

Exhibit 2 - Financial Forecast Overview and 2018-2023 Baseline

Exhibit 3 - Action Plans and Savings/Deferrals Summary

Exhibit 4 - Customer Outreach Report
