



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 118370

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124757

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Title: AN ORDINANCE increasing civil assessments for failure to timely file reports; amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 2.04.330.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Burgess

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: Emilia.Sanchez@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	04/06/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	04/08/2015	sent for review	Education and Governance Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Education and Governance Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	04/13/2015	referred	Education and Governance Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Education and Governance Committee						
	Notes:						
1	Education and Governance Committee	04/15/2015	pass				Pass
	Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).						
	Notes:						

In Favor: 2 Chair Burgess, Vice Chair Bagshaw

Opposed: 0

1 Full Council 04/20/2015 passed Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:

In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 04/21/2015 submitted for Mayor

Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

Notes:

1 Mayor 04/24/2015 Signed

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed

Notes:

1 Mayor 04/24/2015 returned City Clerk

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned to the City Clerk

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1 City Clerk 04/24/2015 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk

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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 124757
COUNCIL BILL 118370

AN ORDINANCE increasing civil assessments for failure to timely file reports; amending Seattle Municipal Code Sections 2.04.330.

WHEREAS, one of the chief purposes of Seattle's Election Campaign Contributions Code is to provide timely information on the contributions to and expenditures by political committees; and

WHEREAS, the civil assessment for failing to timely file campaign reports has not changed in almost 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission believes that the civil assessments are no longer significant enough to deter committees from failing to file timely reports;

NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.04.330, last amended by Ordinance 118569, is amended as follows:

2.04.330 - Late filing—Civil assessments.

- A. The City Clerk shall stamp, write on, or mark mechanically or electronically on each statement or report filed under this chapter the date and time it is received.
- B. Failure to file any statement or report on the date due or mail the same to the City Clerk, postage prepaid, on the date due, shall subject a candidate, campaign treasurer, political committee or officer of a political committee to a late filing penalty, as follows:

1 1. A civil assessment of (~~Ten Dollars (\$10))~~ \$50 for each day that the report is due
2 but not filed for failing to make a timely filing;

3 2. A civil assessment of (~~Fifty Dollars (\$50))~~ \$150 per day for any statement or
4 report that is due within (~~seven (7))~~ 30 days of an election for each day the statement or
5 report is not filed up to and including election day; and

6 3. A civil assessment of (~~Ten Dollars (\$10))~~ \$50 per day that any other statement
7 or report is due and is not filed, and for each day after election day a statement or report
8 in subsection 2.04.330.B.2 is due and remains unfiled.

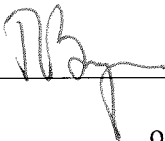
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10 Failure to file each statement or report is a separate infraction.

11 C. A filing received by mail shall be deemed filed on the date of the postmark. A
12 filing received by facsimile or electronically shall be deemed filed when the transmission
13 has been completely received. The Commission may adopt rules to specify how that
14 receipt date and time is determined in each medium. It shall be a defense that a filing
15 made solely by mail was lost in the mail.

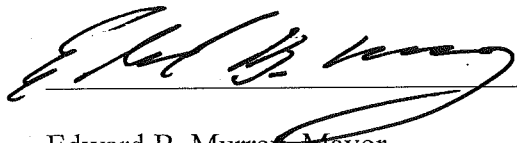
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17 D. The Executive Director shall determine and collect the amounts due. A person
18 aggrieved by a determination of the Executive Director may appeal to the Commission.
19 The decision of the Commission after a hearing shall be final.
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1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

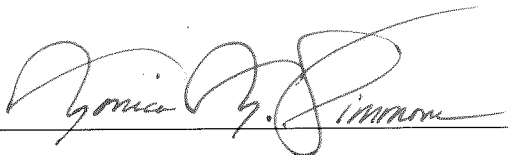
4 Passed by the City Council the 20th day of April, 2015, and
5 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
6 20th day of April, 2015.

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10 President _____ of the City Council

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12 Approved by me this 24th day of April, 2015.

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16 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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18 Filed by me this 24th day of April, 2015.

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22 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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