



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 119402

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In Control: City Clerk

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Title: AN ORDINANCE related to funding for the Equitable Development Initiative and affordable housing; creating a fund for short-term rental tax revenue.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: O'Brien

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments: Mayor's Letter on Returning Bill Unsigned

Drafter: patrick.wigren@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

Yes

No

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Council President's Office	10/31/2018	sent for review	Select Budget Committee			
	Action Text:		The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Select Budget Committee				
	Notes:						
1	City Council	11/05/2018	referred	Select Budget Committee			
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Select Budget Committee					
	Notes:						
1	City Council	06/24/2019	re-referred	Finance and Neighborhoods Committee			
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was re-referred. to the Finance and Neighborhoods Committee					
1	Finance and Neighborhoods Committee	06/26/2019	discussed				
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was discussed in Committee.					

1 Finance and Neighborhoods Committee 07/10/2019 pass as amended Pass

Action Text: The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB).
In Favor: 4 Chair Bagshaw, Vice Chair González , Member Harrell, Alternate O'Brien
Opposed: 0

2 City Council 07/22/2019 passed Pass

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

Notes: ACTION 1:

Motion was made by Councilmember Pacheco and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 119402, by amending Section 2, as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The Motion failed by the following vote:

In Favor: 1 - Pacheco
Opposed: 7 - Bagshaw, González, Harrell, Herbold, Mosqueda, O'Brien, Sawant

ACTION 2:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 119402.

In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant
Opposed: 1 Councilmember Pacheco

2 City Clerk 07/25/2019 submitted for Mayor's signature Mayor

2 Mayor 08/02/2019 returned unsigned
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned unsigned.

2 Mayor 08/02/2019 returned City Clerk

1 City Clerk 08/02/2019 attested by City Clerk
Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.



City of Seattle
Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

FILED
CITY OF SEATTLE
19 AUG -2 PM 4:47
CITY CLERK

August 2, 2019

Monica Martinez Simmons
Seattle City Clerk
600 4th Avenue, 3rd Floor
Seattle, WA 98124

Dear Ms. Martinez Simmons,

I have returned Council Bill 119402 unsigned, understanding it will become law.

Having proposed it in last year's budget, I share Council's interest in using Short-Term Rental Tax revenues to further expand important City investments for community-initiated equitable development projects. However, we do need to pay the overhead associated with the program. Passing legislation that creates \$1.1 million in additional spending without identifying additional revenue or corresponding budget reductions is not a sound approach to building a fiscally responsible budget. Compounded with the \$6.3 million deficit created by Council Bill 119402 and the new, ongoing funding commitments of \$1.9 million directed for human services provider wages in Council Bill 119542, this bill will require cuts or decisions contrary to the 2020 Endorsed Budget.

I strongly support the Equitable Development Initiative (EDI) Program. My Proposed 2020 Budget will ensure EDI funding continues to be expanded.

Sincerely,

Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle

CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125872

COUNCIL BILL 119402

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5 AN ORDINANCE related to funding for the Equitable Development Initiative and affordable
6 housing; creating a fund for short-term rental tax revenue.

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8 WHEREAS, on November 13, 2017, the City Council passed Ordinance 125442, authorizing a
9 tax on every person engaging within Seattle in the business of being a short-term rental
10 operator, with specific direction on how the proceeds generated from the short-term
11 rental tax should be expended; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2018, the Governor signed House Bill (HB) 2015, modifying the
13 lodging excise tax under RCW 36.100.040 to remove the exemption for premises with
14 fewer than 60 lodging units and to impose the tax on short-term rentals; and

15 WHEREAS, HB 2015 requires that a public facilities district within a county with a population
16 of 1,500,000 or more must make quarterly payments to a city in which a convention and
17 trade center is located from tax revenue from short-term rentals collected by a public
18 facilities district only if: (1) the city had authorized on or before December 31, 2017, a
19 tax on engaging in the business of being a short-term rental operator; and (2) the city has
20 repealed the ordinance authorizing a tax on engaging in the business of being a short-term
21 rental operator; and

22 WHEREAS, as a result of HB 2015, the public facilities district that operates the Washington
23 State Convention Center will impose the lodging tax under RCW 36.100.040 on short-
24 term rentals in Seattle; and

1 WHEREAS, in order to receive the tax revenue from short-term rentals as authorized by HB
2 2015, on June 4, 2018, the City Council passed Ordinance 125594, thereby repealing
3 Ordinance 125442, repealing the City’s short-term rental tax that would have been
4 imposed under Chapter 5.54 of the Seattle Municipal Code beginning January 1, 2019;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, HB 2015 requires that the payments made to a city must be used to support
7 community-initiated equitable development and affordable housing programs, as
8 determined by the city in its sole discretion; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 Section 1. A new Short-Term Rental Tax Fund is created in the City Treasury effective
11 January 1, 2020, to which proceeds remitted to The City of Seattle (“City”) from the Washington
12 State Convention Center Public Facilities District (“District”), from revenues collected by the
13 District derived from short-term rental activity within the City, must be deposited, and from
14 which expenditures may be paid for the purposes described in Section 2 of this ordinance. The
15 purpose of creating the Short-Term Rental Tax Fund is to separately account for revenues
16 received from the District and expended by City departments. The Fund shall receive earnings on
17 its positive balances and pay interest on its negative balances.

18 Section 2. The new Short-Term Rental Tax Fund shall receive revenues from the
19 payments made to the City from the District from revenue collected from short-term rentals in
20 Seattle. In accordance with HB 2015, the services funded by the proceeds of the short-term rental
21 tax shall support investments in affordable housing programs and community-initiated equitable
22 development projects, including but not limited to projects described in Resolution 31711. The
23 proceeds shall be used as follows:

1 A. The first \$5,000,000 of proceeds shall be directed to the Office of Planning and
2 Community Development for grants made to organizations for investments in community-
3 initiated equitable development projects. Grants made to organizations for community-initiated
4 equitable development projects can be used for community capacity building and project
5 development;

6 B. The next \$2,200,000 of proceeds shall be directed to debt service payments on
7 bonds issued for affordable housing projects until that debt is retired;

8 C. The next \$3,300,000 of the proceeds shall be directed to the Human Services
9 Department to support investments in permanent supportive housing;

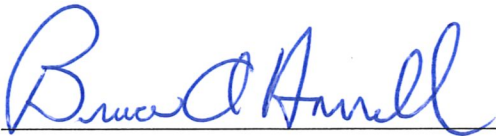
10 D. The next \$1,069,000 of proceeds shall be directed to the Office of Planning and
11 Community Development for consultant services, administration, and project management to
12 support the program that provides grants to organizations for investments in community-initiated
13 equitable development projects; and

14 E. Any remaining funds shall be directed to grants made to organizations for
15 investments in community-initiated equitable development projects.

16 Section 3. The Director of Finance is authorized to create other Accounts or Subaccounts
17 as may be needed to implement the Fund's purpose and intent as established by this ordinance.

1 Section 4. 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 22nd day of July, 2019,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 22nd day of
6 July, 2019.

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8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this _____ day of _____, 2019.

10 **Returned Unsigned
by Mayor**

11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 2nd day of August, 2019.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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