



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE _____
COUNCIL BILL _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Transfer Tax and Collection Tax; repealing Ordinance 122199 relating to the General Fund, Parks Fund, and Solid Waste Fund.

WHEREAS, Section 5.48.055 of the Seattle Municipal Code authorizes two taxes related to solid waste based on tonnage of that waste: subsection 5.48.055.A authorizes a tax on everyone engaged in, or carrying on, the business of operating a garbage transfer station or transferring solid waste generated in or outside the City from one mode of transportation to another (Transfer Tax); and subsection 5.48.055.B authorizes a tax on everyone engaged in, or carrying on, the business of collecting certain non-recycled solid waste within the City (Collection Tax); and

WHEREAS, the Transfer Tax and the Collection Tax are referred to collectively in this ordinance as the Solid Waste Taxes; and

WHEREAS, Seattle City Charter Article XI, Section 3, authorizes ten percent of all license and fee revenues to be deposited in the Parks Fund; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the City determined through Section 8 of Ordinance 123177 that it was in compliance with Seattle City Charter Article XI, Section 3, and initiated a change to accounting practice in the 2009 Second Quarter Supplemental Budget Ordinance 123067, Section 1, Item 1.9, to continue compliance through a more simplified process; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 122199, which directs the City to deposit ten percent of Tonnage Taxes to the Parks Fund, is rendered redundant by this practice; and

WHEREAS, the Tonnage Tax currently supports clean City programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Mayor and the City Council that Solid Waste Taxes will continue to be used in support of clean City programs, supplemented by general funds as is reasonable; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Ordinance 122199, relating to the General Fund, Parks Fund, and Solid Waste Fund, authorizing the annual deposit into the Solid Waste Fund and Parks Fund, and passed by the City Council on August 14, 2006, and signed by the Mayor on August 17, 2006, is repealed in its entirety. The repealed contents of Ordinance 122199 are included as Attachment A to this ordinance.

Section 2. 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 _____, 2015, and

signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this

_____ day of _____, 2015.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2015.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachment A: Ordinance 122199