



**Project title:** An Ordinance levying the General Taxes for the City of Everett for Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2020, on all Taxable Property both Real and Personal, Subject to Taxation Thereon

**City Council Agenda Item Cover Sheet**

**Council Bill #**

CB1910-49

**Agenda dates requested:**

10/16/2019

Briefing  X  
Proposed action  
Consent  
Action  
Ordinance  X  
Public hearing  
 X Yes  No

**Budget amendment:**

Yes  X No

**PowerPoint presentation:**

X Yes  No

**Attachments:**

Ordinance

**Department(s) involved:**

Finance

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**Consideration:** Property Tax Ordinance

**Project:** N/A

**Partner/Supplier :** N/A

**Location:** N/A

**Preceding action:** N/A

**Fund:** General Fund and Emergency Medical Services Fund

**Fiscal summary statement:**

The 2020 property tax levy estimate is:

Regular Levy: \$38,506,835.84

Emergency Medical Services Levy (EMS) \$ 9,521,598.32

**Total** \$48,028,434.16

The Ordinance includes a one percent increase in the regular levy, which equals \$377,158.35 and a 1% increase in the EMS levy, which equals \$92,293.05.

**Project summary statement:**

In order to establish the annual property tax levies for the General Fund and Emergency Medical Services Fund, City Council must adopt an ordinance that identifies the levy amount, and both the dollar increase and percentage increase over the prior year's levy. As a matter of practice, we estimate the amounts to be used and ask the Assessor to determine and use the correct rates for property taxes. The ordinance includes the levies for the Regular Levy, which supports general fund services, and the EMS Levy, which supports EMS services.

**Initialed by:**

Department head  
  
Administration

Council President

**Recommendation (exact action requested of Council):**

Adopt an Ordinance levying the general taxes for the City of Everett for fiscal year commencing January 1, 2020, on all taxable property, both real and personal, subject to taxation thereon.



**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance Levying the General Taxes for the City of Everett for Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2020, on All Taxable Property, Both Real and Personal, Subject to Taxation Thereon, for the Purpose of Raising a Portion of the Revenue to Carry on City Operations for the Ensuing Year, as Required by the Charter of the City of Everett and the Laws of the State of Washington

**WHEREAS,**

- A. The City Council of the City of Everett duly and regularly adopts as required by law the estimate of the amounts required to meet the public expense and the amount to be raised by taxation for ensuing year.
- B. The City Council of the City of Everett is considering its budget for the calendar year 2020.
- C. The City Council, in the course of considering the budget for 2020, reviews all sources of revenue and examines all anticipated expenses and obligations.
- D. The City Council finds that in order to meet the rising cost of providing essential public services, a substantial need exists to increase regular property tax collections by one percent as provided for in RCW 84.55.0101.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF EVERETT DOES ORDAIN:**

**Section 1.** That there be, and hereby is, levied upon real and personal property in the City of Everett, subject to taxation thereon, a general property tax for municipal purposes commencing on January 1, 2020, as follows:

**REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

The Everett City Council hereby authorizes the property tax levy for collection in the year 2020 at \$38,092,993.00 (including a \$377,158.35 increase in dollar amount, which is a 1% increase over the amount of taxes lawfully levied by the City in 2019), plus an estimated \$400,000.00 from new construction, improvements to property, annexations, and changes in state-assessed property, and \$13,842.84 resulting from a refund levy, for a total of \$38,506,835.84.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

The Everett City Council hereby authorizes the property tax levy for collection in the year 2020 at \$9,321,598.32 (including a \$92,293.05 increase in dollar amount, which is a 1% increase over the

amount of taxes lawfully levied by the City in 2019, plus an estimated \$200,000.00 from new construction, improvements to property, annexations, and changes in state-assessed property, for a total of \$9,521,598.32.

**Section 2.** That the City Clerk be, and hereby is, directed to certify to the County Assessor a copy of this ordinance in order that the same be extended upon the general assessment roll of said County, in the same manner and at the same time that the levy for the State and County taxes is extended.

**Section 3.** That said taxes shall be collected and paid to the City Treasurer at the same time and in the same manner as provided by the laws of the State of Washington relating to collection of taxes in first class cities.

**Section 4.** The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any internal references.

**Section 5.** The City Council hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, it is the intent of the City Council that it would have passed all portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

**Section 6.** The enactment of this Ordinance shall not affect any case, proceeding, appeal or other matter currently pending in any court or in any way modify any right or liability, civil or criminal, which may be in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance.

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Cassie Franklin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sharon Fuller, City Clerk

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

VALID: \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLISHED: \_\_\_\_\_

EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_