

# Amazon Tax

Social housing, the Green New Deal, and Jobs  
Funded by Taxing Seattle's Largest Businesses

Councilmember  
Kshama Sawant's  
legislation will raise  
**\$300 million / year**  
from the biggest  
corporations to fund  
social housing and a  
Green New Deal.

**97%**  
of Businesses  
Pay Nothing

22,000

Companies:

All businesses with  
payrolls under \$7  
million/year

All small and  
medium-sized  
businesses

Non-profit  
organizations

Grocery stores

Government and  
educational  
employers

**3%**

of Seattle  
businesses pay

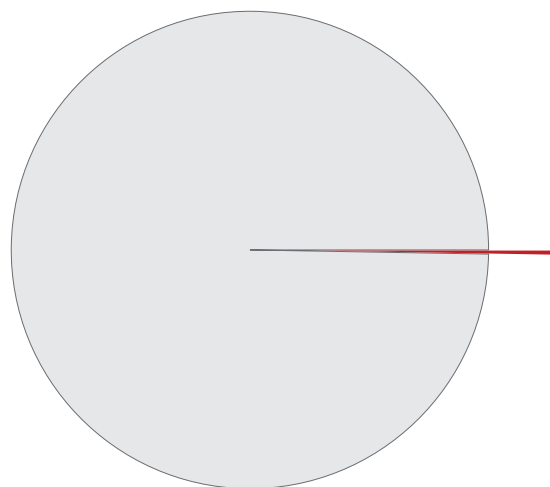
Only the  
**Largest  
Businesses**

about 825, are  
subject to the tax of  
0.7% on their  
corporate payroll

**This tax on corporate payroll will raise**

**\$300 Million**  
EVERY YEAR

Big businesses  
subject to the tax  
have Seattle-based  
revenues of **\$90  
billion / year.**



The tax amounts to,  
on average,

**0.3%**

of corporate  
revenue

“ Companies like the one I work for - Amazon - are going to fight us hard. We are going to have to build a powerful, broad movement to win the \$300 million/year Amazon Tax. - **Matt Smith, Amazon cargo handler**

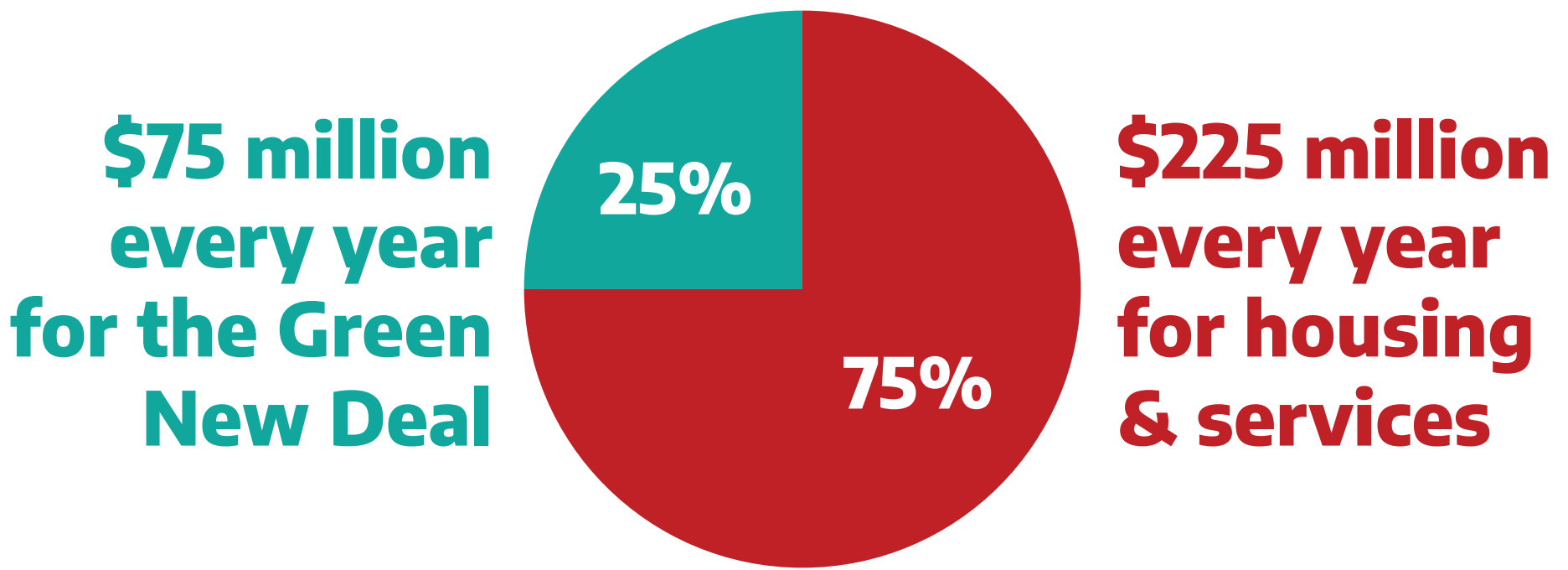


Companies here have reaped billions because Washington state has the most regressive tax system in the nation. It's time for Amazon and other major corporations to pay their fair share.

**- Councilmember Kshama Sawant**



We will invest 75% of the tax on corporate payroll in **affordable, publicly controlled housing**, and 25% to advance Seattle's **Green New Deal**.



**We Will Build  
8,000**

**New Affordable Social  
Homes in the Next 10 Years**



**Nearly two & a half times  
the construction rate of  
affordable housing...**



**...than the  
Seattle  
Housing Levy**

**Homes for the working class**, for people experiencing homelessness, people in low- and moderate-income jobs, and retirees on fixed incomes.

**Publicly owned or controlled housing** to ensure that rents are permanently affordable and will go up no more than the rate of inflation.

**Union-built homes** under union-negotiated community workforce agreements, with prevailing union wage rates, priority hire for local workers, and apprenticeship opportunities for young people, especially women and people of color from economically distressed neighborhoods.

**Sustainable, green-built homes** to meet the standards of our Green New Deal.

Upgrade tens of thousands of homes to  
**Green New Deal Standards**



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