



Seattle Tax Advisory Group

December Meeting Minutes:

Date: June 06, 2017

Location: Seattle Municipal Tower (700 Fifth Avenue) 40th Floor, Conference Room 4090

Attending Members:

Joseph Cunha, Tax Administrator, City of Seattle

Kevin Fitzpatrick, FileLocal Program Manager

Glen Lee, Finance Director, City of Seattle

MaryAnne Olmstead, Director of Finance and Accounting

Mark Watterson, Tax Audit Manager, City of Seattle

Rachel Le Mieux, Partner, Peterson Sullivan LLP

Ingrid Suydam, Manager, Indirect Tax, Starbucks

Tom Pucci, Senior Director of Tax, Expedia

FileLocal Update. FileLocal is looking to get all Seattle taxes integrated into its online filing application by third quarter 2017. Everett is looking to get its tax filing into file local by end of third quarter also. FileLocal has received a request from another city that would like to get on board into file local as well. FileLocal usage continues to increase quarter to quarter.

Update on Apportionment Guideline Document Workgroup. A draft has been completed and is in review internally with Seattle staff and will then be put out to the Cities for input. Cities will discuss the guidelines further at the Tax Managers meeting at the end of June. We will then try to get a draft out to the TAG members for any feedback and input a couple weeks after the Tax Managers meeting.

Sugar Sweetened Beverages Ordinance. The SSB tax ordinance that was passed by City Council on June 5, 2017. A copy of the ordinance was requested and will be provided. General discussion on the bill; measure of tax, exclusions, and the small manufacturer exemption. There will be a rule drafted and stakeholder meetings will be held over the coming months.

Personal Income Tax. The City of Seattle council is looking to pass an ordinance to impose a tax on personal income tax on persons. The details of the ordinance are still being discussed.

Life Science Deduction. The life science deduction is due to sunset July 7. There has been no sign it will be renewed. Letters have been mailed were mailed in May to those who had previously reported the deduction to remind that the deduction will expire on July 7.

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Next Steps

- a. City will continue working toward a draft of the service guidelines.
- b. Meeting times for 2017 to be announced in end December/January.