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Friends,

I have read through the ordinance to be made public tomorrow. Not bad! I have a couple of suggestions:

1. Page 1. The title: replace “AN ORDINANCE imposing an income tax on high-income residents; providing solutions for lowering the property tax burden and the impact of other regressive taxes, replacing federal funding potentially lost through President Trump’s budget cuts, providing public services, including housing, education, and transit, and creating green jobs and meeting carbon reduction goals; and adding a new Chapter 5.65 to the Seattle Municipal Code.” with

AN ORDINANCE funding solutions for homelessness and housing, education, and climate change, and federal budget cuts, and addressing regressive taxes, by imposing an income tax on high-income residents with individual incomes above \$250,000 per year all as described below; and adding a new chapter to Title 5 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

2. Page 5 5.65.101 replace: “A. All receipts from the tax levied in this Chapter 5.65 shall be restricted in use and shall be used only for: (1) lowering the property tax burden and the impact of other regressive taxes; (2) replacing federal funding potentially lost through President Trump’s budget cuts; (3) providing public services, including housing, education, and transit; (4) creating green jobs and meeting carbon reduction goals; and (5) administering and implementing the tax levied by this Chapter 5.65.” With

“All receipts from the tax levied in this Chapter 5.65 shall be restricted in use and shall be used only for: addressing the Homelessness State of Emergency; lowering the property tax burden and the impact of other regressive taxes; replacing federal funding potentially lost through Trump budget cuts; addressing the Homelessness State of Emergency; providing public services, including housing, education, and transit; creating green jobs and meeting carbon reduction goals; and administering and implementing the tax levied in this Chapter 5.65.”

3. Page 8 5.65.070 add to “A. Amended returns Tax returns under this Chapter 5.65 must be filed by resident taxpayers whose total income is subject to a rate above zero percent in subsection 5.65.030.B, regardless of whether any tax is owed.” add

A resident taxpayer who files Internal Revenue Service Form 1040EZ is presumed not to meet this criterion and, thus, is not required to file a tax return with the City.

4. Do we need to write in the city seeking a data share agreement with the IRS?
5. Should we consider reserve fund language, or drop it in recognition that this just goes into the general fund?
6. Are we forgetting about writing in an oversight committee?

Note that I recognize that we could edit the draft before it is finalized!

Thanks for all your work.

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