

ORDINANCE NO. 2002-12-101

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, AMENDING BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 6.06.050, TO MODIFY THE TAX RATE ON THE GROSS INCOME OF WATER, SEWER, AND STORM AND SURFACE WATER UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham (the "City") has an existing tax on certain business activities; and,

WHEREAS, the tax on the total gross income of water, sewer, and storm and surface water utilities needs to be modified;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1: Chapter 6.06 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

6.06.050 - Occupations Subject To Tax - Amounts

There are levied and shall be collected annual license fees or occupation taxes against the persons on account of the business activities, and in the amounts to be determined by the application of the rates against gross income, as follows:

- A. Telephone Business. [Unchanged]
- B. Telegraph Business. [Unchanged]
- C. Gas Suppliers. [Unchanged]
- D. Electric Light and Power. [Unchanged]

E. **Water Suppliers.** Upon every person, including any water department, engaged in or carrying on the business of selling or furnishing water for domestic or commercial purposes, a fee or tax equal to eleven and one-half percent (911-1/2%) of the total gross income from such activity, such tax to be paid covering each month's business activity and to be paid within 30 days following the conclusion of the next preceding month. Such tax shall be applicable to the extraterritorial revenues of such businesses if their principal place of business is situated within the corporate limits of Bellingham and if the system which generates the extraterritorial revenue is interconnected with a portion of the system located within the city and at least 75% of the total system (by value) is located within the City of Bellingham.

- F. Cable Television. [Unchanged]

G. **Sewer Collection and Treatment.** Upon every person, including any sewer utility, engaged in or carrying on the business of collecting and creating sewerage waste within the city, a fee or tax equal to eleven and one-half percent (911-1/2%) of the total gross income from such activities, such tax to be paid covering each month's business activities, and to be paid within 30 days following the conclusion of such month.

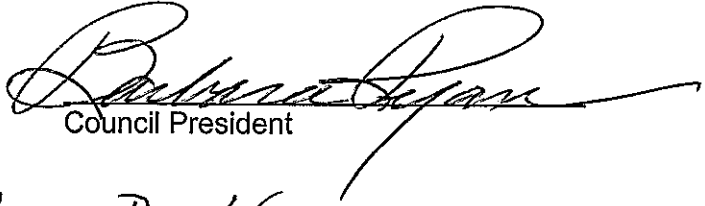
- H. Municipal Golf Course. [Unchanged]

I. Cellular Telephone Business. [Unchanged]


J. Storm and Surface Water. The City's storm and surface water utility shall pay a tax equal to ~~eleven~~ nine and one-half percent (9 1/2%) of the total gross income from the utility, such tax to be paid covering each month's business and to be paid within thirty (30) days following the conclusion of such month.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2003.

PASSED by the Council this 16TH day of DEC., 2002.


Council President


APPROVED by me this 30th day of December, 2002.


Mayor

Attest:


Finance Director

Approved as to form:


Office of the City Attorney

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