

### 3.62.030 Levy of Special Assessments

To finance the programs authorized in OMC [3.62.020](#), and in recognition of the special benefits created thereby, a special assessment is hereby levied upon and shall be collected annually from all the businesses and multi-family residence owners / operators ("Ratepayers") in the Parking and Business Improvement Area described in OMC [3.62.010](#), as authorized by RCW [35.87A.080](#), except non-profit corporations or organizations. Assessments shall not be pro-rated. The special assessments shall be levied upon the Ratepayers in Zones A, B and C according to the rates established as follows:

Business Type	Zone A			Zone B			Zone C		
	Large	Medium	Small	Large	Medium	Small	Large	Medium	Small
Restaurant/Retail	\$750	\$500	\$250	\$600	\$400	\$200	\$300	\$200	\$150
Professional/Service	\$400	\$300	\$200	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$200	\$150	\$150
Financial Institutions	\$750			\$600			\$300		
Lodging/Apartments	30 or less rooms = \$200; 31-50 rooms = \$300; 51+ rooms - \$400								
Personal Care Services	Minimum \$150 plus \$75 per station above 2 stations with a cap of \$500								

#### Definitions:

**Business.** Means any person, group or entity, including but not limited to a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability partnership or limited liability corporation, that engages in business with the object of gain, benefit, or advantage to the person, group or entity, or to another person or class, directly or indirectly. "Engages in business" as used herein shall have the meaning set forth in Olympia Municipal Code Section 5.04.040.N.

**Employee.** Any person whose work is devoted to the ongoing operation of a business or multi-family residence. As used in this ordinance, "Employee" includes a person with an ownership interest in a business, regardless of whether that person is paid a salary or wages.

**Financial Institution.** Means a bank, savings and loan, credit union, or similar institution.

**Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).** A position or positions requiring work equal to or exceeding forty (40) hours per week.

Large // Medium // Small. Based on employee count: FTE's (Full time Equivalent)

- Small 1-3 FTE's
- Medium 4-6 FTE's
- Large 7+ FTE's

Lodging. Means engaging in the business defined in OMC Section 5.04.040.MM.3.f. Examples include the rental of rooms by the day or week to community visitors. "Lodging" also means the rental or lease of a residential dwelling unit, if such unit is contained within any building or buildings containing four (4) or more residential units or any combination of residential and commercial units, whether title to the entire property is held in single or undivided ownership or title to individual units is held by owners who also, directly or indirectly through an association, own real property in common with the other unit owners.

Non-profit corporation or non-profit organization. "Non-profit corporation or non-profit organization" means a corporation or organization in which no part of the income can be distributed to its members, directors, or officers and that holds a current tax exempt status as provided under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may hereafter be amended, or is specifically exempted from the requirement to apply for its tax exempt status under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or as may hereafter be amended. Where the term "non-profit organization" is used, it is meant to include non-profit corporations.

Personal Care Service Business. Means a hair salon, barber shop, manicurist, tanning salon, acupuncturist, massage therapist, esthetician, exercise studio, yoga studio, Pilates studio, soothsayer, and the like.

Professional Services Businesses. Means Architects, Engineers, Attorneys, Dentists, Doctors, Accountants, Optometrists, Realtors, Insurance Offices, Mortgage Brokers and most other businesses that require advanced and/or specialized licenses and/or advanced academic degrees.

Restaurant. Means a business that sells prepared foods and drinks.

Retail. Means a business that engages in sales at retail and / or retail sales, as those terms are defined in Olympia Municipal Code Section 5.04.040.MM.1.a and .1.c - .1e, but does not include the provision of any services. "Retail" includes, as an example, the buying and reselling of goods, such as that engaged in by clothing stores, shoe stores, office supplies, etc.

Service Business. Means a business that engages in retail services, as that term is defined in Olympia Municipal Code Section 5.04.040.JJ, or engages in the activities set forth in OMC 5.04.040.MM.1.b, MM.2, MM.3a - e, MM.4, and MM.6-7. Examples include repair shops, automotive-oriented service businesses, computer repair and support, tech support services, entertainment businesses such as theaters, etc.

(Ord. 6721 §1, 2010; Ord. 6691 §1, 2010; Ord. 6375 §3, 2005).