



Finance Committee

Briefing on Commercial Parking Tax Options and Impacts

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Receive a briefing on the options and impacts of commercial parking taxes. Briefing only. No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive a briefing on and discuss Commercial Parking Taxes.

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Background and Analysis:

The Commercial Parking Tax (CPT) allows cities to impose a tax for the act of parking a vehicle in a parking facility operated by a commercial parking business which charges fees for non-reserved parking stalls. The goals of the CPT are (1) to discourage drive-alone commuting and (2) to generate revenue for transportation purposes. Staff will present scenarios estimating potential annual revenue generated by a CPT in Olympia using other Washington cities' tax structures, constraints on how revenue may be allocated, and potential impacts.

Neighborhood/Community Interests:

Department of Enterprise Services noted that this tax will impact union contract negotiations.

Options:

Information only.

Financial Impact:

Using existing CPT tax structures of ten Washington Cities, staff estimates potential revenue for the City of Olympia spanning between \$186,615 and \$1,049,915 annually. See attached table for comparison of Washington Cities CPT rates.

Attachments:

Comparative Commercial Parking Tax Table

[Link to RCW](#)