

ORDINANCE NO. 464

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, INCREASING THE CABLE UTILITY TAX TO 6% OF GROSS RECEIPTS AND AMENDING SHORELINE MUNICIPAL CODE 3.32.030

WHEREAS, the City’s long-term financial projections indicate budget gaps starting in 2008, as expenditures exceed revenue growth; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue providing the same level of essential services to the Shoreline community it is necessary to implement new revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, the City currently assesses a 1% utility tax on cable television; and

WHEREAS, the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 requires that a city utility tax rate not be “unduly discriminatory against cable operators and subscribers”; and

WHEREAS, the City utility tax on all other utilities operating in Shoreline is 6%; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the public interest is best served by an increase of cable utility taxes from 1% to 6%, to close the projected short term and long term budget gaps and to retain the current levels of City services.

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Shoreline Municipal Code 3.32.030, Utility Occupation Activities Subject to Taxation, is amended to read as follows:

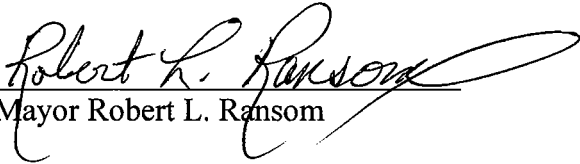
Upon every person within the City in the following activities; as to such persons, the amount of the tax due with respect to such business in the city shall be equal to the gross income of the business, multiplied by the following applicable rates:

Activity	Tax Rate
A. Gas Distribution Business	6%
B. Telephone Business	6%
C. Cellular Telephone Service	6%
D. Cable Television Service	1% 6%
E. Solid Waste Collection Business	6%
F. Water Distribution Operation	6%
G. Sewerage Operation	6%
H. Paging Service	6%

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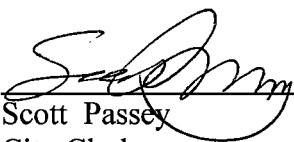
Section 2. Publication , Effective Date. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. The ordinance shall take effect and be in full force July 1, 2007.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 26, 2007.




Mayor Robert L. Ransom

ATTEST:



Scott Passey
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Ian Sievers
City Attorney

Date of Publication: March 29, 2007
Effective Date: July 1, 2007