



Payroll Expense Tax
Stakeholder Meeting Notification

Beginning January 1, 2021, the City of Seattle will impose a payroll expense tax on each business within Seattle with \$7 million or more in Seattle-based payroll in the previous year.

Important information regarding the payroll expense tax:

- The tax is imposed on businesses with \$7 million or higher in Seattle payroll in the previous year.
- The tax is imposed on the business, not the employee.
- The tax rates are based on the current year's employee compensation.
- The tax is imposed in addition to any license fee or tax imposed by the City, the State, or other governmental entity.

The License & Tax Administration held a virtual Stakeholder Meeting on September 16, 2020, about the new tax and the development of rules to administer the Seattle Payroll Expense Tax next year. The meeting was well attended and we received many helpful comments and questions.

As a follow up to that meeting, stakeholders are invited to attend a second virtual meeting about how to comply with Seattle's new Payroll Expense Tax.

Seattle Payroll Expense Tax Stakeholders Meeting

Oct 7, 2020, 10:00a.m. – Noon

Event address for attendees:

<https://seattle.webex.com/seattle/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed65656b059cd2fe4da4264f8222b2581>

Join by phone: 408-418-9388, Access Code: 146 683 2877

Please click on the WebEx link above to RSVP to this meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to provide comment, please provide your written comments to brian.collins@seattle.gov or to:

City of Seattle, License and Tax Administration

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This is not a formal rulemaking hearing, rather it is an opportunity to learn more about the tax and to pose questions you may have. A formal rulemaking hearing will be set in the future to adopt a final rule for Seattle's Payroll Expense Tax.

For additional information on Seattle's payroll expense tax please see Ordinance Number 126108 at: <http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/>.

If you have questions, email tax@seattle.gov or call our general information line at 206-684-8484.