



RESOLUTION NO. 38781

1 A RESOLUTION relating to business and occupation tax; authorizing the
2 execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the cities of Bellevue, Everett,
3 Seattle, and Tacoma to establish the "Washington Multi-City Business
4 License and Tax Portal Agency" for the purpose of streamlining business
and occupation tax collection and licensing activities; and approving other
actions related thereto.

5 WHEREAS the City is authorized by state law to issue City business
6 licenses and collect business and occupation and other City taxes, and
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8 WHEREAS the cities of Seattle, Tacoma, Bellevue, and Everett
9 (collectively, the "Original Principals") have worked for over two years to
10 investigate and develop a mechanism to allow businesses to more easily and
11 efficiently apply for local business licenses and file local taxes, while retaining
12 control over local licensing and tax collection functions and policies, and
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14 WHEREAS the Original Principals seek to accomplish these goals by
15 facilitating the creation of an internet web application gateway ("Portal") where
16 tax collection and business licensing functions can be collectively administered
17 and businesses operating in multiple cities can use a "one-stop" system for tax
18 payment or business license application filing, and
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20 WHEREAS the Original Principals have engaged in extensive outreach
21 with other cities, state legislators, taxpayers, and the business community to
22 understand the interests of these stakeholders in relation to development of the
23 Portal, and

24 WHEREAS the Original Principals have negotiated the terms of an
25 Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement") that, if approved, will establish an
26 intergovernmental entity in the form of a governmental nonprofit corporation, as



1 authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Ch. 39.34 RCW, to be known as
2 the “Washington Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal Agency” (“Portal
3 Agency”), and

4 WHEREAS the Portal Agency will oversee the development and
5 operation of the Portal, promote economies of scale in the provision of an
6 exclusively governmental function, and ensure continued control by each
7 participating city of its tax and licensing policy and local tax collection activities,
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9 WHEREAS the initial signatories to the Agreement and initial members of
10 the Portal Agency will be the four Original Principals, which will serve on the
11 Executive Board of the Portal Agency and oversee its operations and finances,
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13 WHEREAS it is anticipated that, over time, additional cities may seek to
14 join the Portal Agency as principals and signatories to the Agreement or may
15 seek services as subscribers through contracting with the Portal Agency, and

16 WHEREAS, pursuant to a competitive procurement process in which staff
17 from all the Original Principals participated, the City of Seattle entered into a
18 contract with eGov Systems, a Louisiana Corporation, for the development,
19 operation, and maintenance of the Portal software program, related data
20 storage, and other matters, and

21 WHEREAS the City of Seattle intends to assign the contract with eGov
22 Systems to the Portal Agency once the Portal Agency is established, and
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WHEREAS the project schedule calls for the Portal Agency nonprofit corporation to be legally established in the first quarter of 2014 and to begin online operations in the third quarter of 2014, and

WHEREAS the Agreement is authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act and the Nonprofit Miscellaneous and Mutual Corporations Act set forth in chapters 39.34 and 24.06, respectively, of the Revised Code of Washington;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Bellevue, Everett, Seattle, and Tacoma, and Articles of Incorporation, to establish the Washington Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal Agency for the purpose of streamlining business and occupation tax collection and licensing activities, said Interlocal Agreement and Articles of Incorporation to be substantially in the form of the documents on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney