

**CITY OF BURIEN
AGENDA BILL**

Agenda Subject: Adopting the 2012 Property Tax Levy		Meeting Date: November 28, 2011								
Department: Finance Department	Attachments: 1. Ordinance 557	Fund Source: Activity Cost: Amount Budgeted: Unencumbered Budget Authority:								
Contact: Kim Krause, Finance Director										
Telephone: (206) 439-3150										
Adopted Work Plan Priority: Yes No X	Description: N/A									
<p>PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION: The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss and potentially adopt the 2012 Property Tax Levy.</p> <p>BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action & discussion):</p> <p>Pursuant to State law, the Council establishes the the Property Tax Levy annually. By law, the annual amount of increase is limited to the lesser of 1% or inflation. This year’s inflation rate was 2.755%; therefore, the City is limited to a 1% increase, which is approximately \$71,135. However, the City has received notification from the King County Assessor’s Office that the preliminary assessed valuation is 9.23% lower than 2011. Due to this reduction, the City can only collect the statutory limit of \$1.60, which is approximately \$470,000 less than 2011. Ordinance 557 adopts the Property Tax Levy.</p> <p>Based on the most current data provided by the King County Assessor’s Office, staff’s 2012 property tax levy recommendation is based on the following calculation:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">2011 Property Tax Levy:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,143,996</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plus new construction:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22,723</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plus relevel for prior year refunds:</td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">20,560</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012 Property Tax Levy:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,187,279</td> </tr> </table> <p>The rounded up amount of the 2012 Property Tax Levy is \$7.2 million. The Levy rate based on the allowable levy: \$1.60 (will result in approximately \$6.65 million)</p> <p>OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Ordinance No. 557, setting the 2012 Property Tax Levy Rate. • Do not approve Ordinance No. 557, setting the 2012 Property Tax Levy Rate, in which case the levy will remain at the 2011 level. 			2011 Property Tax Levy:	\$7,143,996	Plus new construction:	22,723	Plus relevel for prior year refunds:	20,560	2012 Property Tax Levy:	\$7,187,279
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Administrative Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance No. 557 setting the 2012 Property Tax Levy										
Committee Recommendation: N/A										
Advisory Board Recommendation: N/A										
Suggested Motion: Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 557.										
Submitted by: Kim Krause, Finance Director										
Administration _____	City Manager _____									
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CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 557

A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, LEVYING THE GENERAL TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BURIEN IN KING COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2012, ON ALL PROPERTY BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL, IN SAID CITY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO CARRY ON THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF SAID CITY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Burien has met and considered its budget for the 2011 and 2012 calendar years; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council held a final public hearing on November 28, 2011, to consider revenue sources and expenditures for the second year of its 2011-2012 biennial budget; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Burien's actual levy amount from the previous year was \$7,113,467; and,

WHEREAS, the population of the City of Burien is more than 10,000; and,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 2012 Levy Rate. There shall be and hereby is levied on all real, personal, and utility property in the City of Burien, in King County, current taxes for the year commencing January 2012, in the amount specified below:

Regular Tax Levy of \$7,113,467

The dollar amount of the increase over the actual levy amount from the previous year shall be \$0 which is a percentage increase of 0% from the previous year. This increase is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, newly constructed wind turbines, any increase in the value of state assessed property, any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

The said taxes herein provided for are levied for the purpose of payment upon the general bonded indebtedness of the City of Burien, for the construction of capital facilities and for the maintenance of the departments of the municipal government of the City of Burien for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012.

Section 2. Notice to King County. This ordinance shall be certified to the proper County officials, as provided by law, and taxes herein levied shall be collected to pay to the Finance Director of the City of Burien at the time and in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Washington for the collection of taxes for noncharter code cities.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force five days after publication of this ordinance or a summary thereof in the official newspaper of the City, as provided by law.

Section 4. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011, AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011.

CITY OF BURIEN

Joan McGilton, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Craig D. Knutson, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk:
Passed by the City Council:
Ordinance No.
Date of Publication: