

**HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT
King County, Washington**

RESOLUTION 20-12-16E

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHLINE WATER DISTRICT, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, TO MODIFY AND INCREASE CERTAIN DISTRICT FEES AND CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF BURIEN TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE CITY'S EXCISE TAX

WHEREAS, Highline Water District ("District") is a special purpose water district authorized and existing pursuant to Title 57 Revised Code of Washington ("RCW"); the District owns and operates a water utility system and provides retail water service to customers located within the District's corporate and approved water service area boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burien passed Ordinance No. 744 on November 2, 2020 levying an excise tax in the amount of 8.0% on the District's gross income from the provision of furnishing or selling water distribution services within the City of Burien, effective January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the excise tax is an additional expense for the District to perform water distribution services solely within the City of Burien; and

WHEREAS, it is inequitable for District ratepayers located outside the City of Burien to bear the cost and burden of the City's excise tax; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify and increase certain District fees and charges for customers within the District's water service area within the City's boundaries to collect such excise tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, as follows:

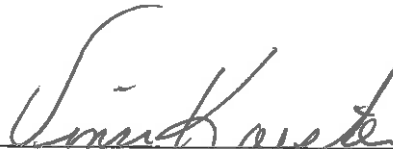
1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein in full by this reference.
2. All District fees and charges subject to the excise tax are hereby modified and increased, by an amount necessary to cover the full cost of such excise tax, including any Washington State public utility tax on such fees and charges.
3. In determining the District fee or charge subject to the excise tax, revenue derived from a governmental function performed by the District, such as the provision of fire suppression facilities, fire hydrants or street lights, shall be subtracted from and/or not included in the calculation of District gross income subject to the excise tax.
4. District staff are authorized and directed to amend the District's Code to incorporate the provisions of this Resolution and to modify the District's fees and charges in the future in the event the excise tax rate is changed or modified by the City. The District's bills for water service may reflect the nature and extent of these additional charges.
5. This resolution shall be effective January 1, 2021.

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Highline Water District, King County, Washington, at an open public meeting held on the **16th** day of **December 2020**.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




Vince Koester, President



Polly Daigle, Commissioner



Kathleen Quong-Vermeire, Commissioner



Todd Fultz, Secretary



Daniel Johnson, Commissioner

Agenda Item No.: 5.5
Agenda Date: 12/16/20
Reviewed By: M.E.

RE: Resolution authorizing modifying and increasing certain District fees and charges to pass through Burien excise tax and related fees and charges.

CATEGORY	
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<i>Administrative</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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FINANCIAL						
<i>Expenditures?</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Budgeted?</i>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Amount:</i>					\$	_____

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 20-12-16E

COMMENTS:

The City of Burien enacted Ordinance No. 744 on November 2, 2020 levying an excise tax in the amount of 8% on the District's gross income from the provision of water utility services within the City, effective January 1, 2021.

It is necessary to modify and increase certain District fees and charges applicable within the District's water service area located within the City's boundaries to collect such Excise Tax.