

City Council Study Session, September 7, 2021
 Finance and Asset Management, Tax Office
 Attachment B, Code Change Detail

Proposed Tax Code Changes Relating to Square Footage Tax
(to be retroactive to January 2, 2013)

Code Section	Description of Proposed Change	Reason for Proposed Change
4.09.050(A)(1)	Add verbiage to clarify digital products and intangibles for purposes of calculating “adjusted gross receipts.” This language was previously located in 4.09.100(F).	Clarify intent of 2012 legislative changes related to digital products and intangibles by placing language adopted in 2012 in a more easily identifiable location for taxpayers.
4.09.090(A)	Change verbiage to be consistent with actual definition of “adjusted gross receipts” in 4.09.050(A)(1).	Gain consistency between tax code provisions and long standing administrative policy.
4.09.100	Remove second sentence of introductory paragraph.	This sentence is no longer necessary. The deductions for square footage tax are now included in the definition of “adjusted gross receipts” contained in 4.09.050(A)(1).
4.09.100(F)	Remove verbiage to comport with language of model ordinance.	This deletion ensures consistency with the language of the model ordinance. The last sentence is also no longer necessary as the deductions for the square footage tax are now included in 4.09.050(A)(1).

Other Proposed Tax Code Changes
(prospective)

4.09.077(F)	Add the effective date to comport with	Corrects a Scrivener’s error and ensures language is
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language of the model ordinance.

consistent with model ordinance.

4.09.090(I)

Change verbiage to be consistent with exemption language in model ordinance and RCW 48.14.020(5) with respect to insurance producers.

Ensures exemption language is consistent with language of of the model ordinance and RCW 48.14.020(5) which prohibits cities from taxing insurance producers.

4.09.100(N)

Change verbiage to be consistent with actual title of the applicable code exemption.

Gain consistency in tax code language.