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RESOLUTION NO. 1182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX ON RETAIL BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the State of Washington currently collects a State business and occupation tax, and

WHEREAS, taxes are one of the most important factors influencing business location decisions, and

WHEREAS, most cities adjacent to, and within the immediate vicinity of Edmonds currently do not collect a local business and occupation tax, and

WHEREAS, a Business and Occupation tax could serve to make existing businesses in Edmonds less competitive, and dissuade new businesses from locating in the City of Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, a Business and Occupation tax, as a gross receipts tax, unfairly places significant tax burdens on start-up businesses, and therefore frustrates job creation, business prosperity, and economic development, and

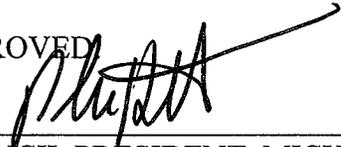
WHEREAS, the Edmonds City Council wants to retain the City's relative competitive position to other nearby cities, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council affirms its opposition to, and will not establish, a Business and Occupation Tax on retail business and professions as a part of the 2009-2010 budget process. This resolution does not apply to taxes imposed on utilities.

RESOLVED this 3rd day of November, 2008.

APPROVED



COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MICHAEL
PLUNKETT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 10/31/2008
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