

ORDINANCE NO. 127

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 116, PASSED SEPTEMBER 11, 1969; INCREASING THE TRANSIT SUBSIDY TAX FROM 50 CENTS PER HOUSING UNIT TO 75 CENTS PER HOUSING UNIT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID TAX OF DECEMBER 1, 1969; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY:

Section 1. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 116, passed September 11, 1969, is amended to read as follows:

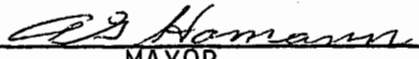
"Section 3. Pursuant to Chapter 39.95 of the Revised Code of Washington and commencing December 1, 1969, an excise tax, hereinafter called a 'transit subsidy tax,' in the amount of seventy-five cents (75¢) per month per housing unit is hereby levied against and shall be collected from each person within the City of Lacey who is served and billed by the City water utility. Revenues received from this tax shall be used for transit purposes only. The City Council by subsequent ordinance or ordinances may raise or lower such tax and in setting the amount of such tax shall be governed by the financial needs of the transit system in its operation, expansion and improvement. In no case shall the tax herein authorized be raised by the City Council to exceed One Dollar (\$1.00) for each month for each housing unit as hereinafter defined. Water customers whose facilities do not include any housing unit shall each pay the same rate as established for housing units. The term 'housing unit' as used herein means the residence or living quarters of one or more persons living together or in one family. If any

structure or portion thereof contains one or more housing units and the occupants thereof are not each billed for the water service furnished by the City for such unit, the person who is billed for such water service shall be deemed to be served and billed therefor and shall be billed and shall pay the monthly tax on each living unit as herein levied and provided for on each and every such housing unit or units. All city water customers with the City shall be thus taxed except the United States of America and the State of Washington. The billing for the tax hereby levied shall be rendered by the Water Department of the City of Lacey at the same time as each regular water service billing is rendered, and the billing for such item shall be included as an item in each service billing and shall be identified as the transit subsidy tax. Payment of such tax shall be made at the time payment is made for water service. All proceeds from such transit subsidy tax and all revenues from the bus system shall be forthwith paid into a fund hereby established and designated as the 'Transit Fund.' Money so received and deposited in said fund shall be used only for the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the public bus transportation system established by this ordinance. If the City shall cease operation of a transit system, the tax herein imposed shall be deemed rescinded as soon as all transit obligations have been met. It shall be unlawful for any person served by and billed for any water ^{Service}~~system~~ to refuse to pay the transit subsidy taxes herein required. Any person who violates the provisions of this

section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$100.00.'

Section 2. This amendatory ordinance shall go into effect five days after passage and publication as provided by law.

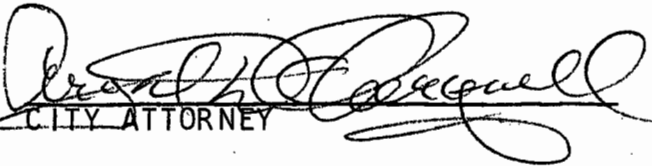
PASSED BY THE COUNCIL and SIGNED BY THE MAYOR this 17th day of December, 1969.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY