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AN ORDINANCE relating to the tax code; amending Chapter 6A.20 of the Tacoma Municipal Code, entitled "Admission Tax," to remove the exemption provided to those attending events sponsored by non-profit organizations in Section 6A.20.030.E; and require non-profit organizations with annual admission revenues over \$250,000 to collect a 5 percent tax on all admission charges exceeding \$250,000 effective July 1, 2012.

WHEREAS Chapter 6A.20 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), "Admissions Tax," generally requires persons paying an admission charge to pay a 5 percent tax on the charge, to be collected by the person receiving the payment and on behalf of any sponsor providing the event, and

WHEREAS Chapter 6A.20 TMC has allowed exemptions to the 5 percent tax on admission charges for persons attending events sponsored by non-profit organizations for over fifty years, and

WHEREAS in an effort to ensure fairness and equity among non-profit organizations sponsoring various types of entertainment in the City and to avoid placing an undue burden of collecting the admissions tax upon smaller non-profit organizations, the proposed amendments to Chapter 6A.20 TMC will remove the exemption provided to those persons attending events sponsored by non-profit organizations as set forth in Section 6A.20.030.E TMC, and will require non-profit organizations to collect the 5 percent tax on annual admission revenues exceeding \$250,000 effective July 1, 2012, and

WHEREAS these proposed changes were reviewed at the November 16, 2011, Government Performance and Finance Committee meeting and the November 22, 2011, City Council study session; Now, Therefore,



BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That Chapter 6A.20 of the Tacoma Municipal Code is hereby amended,
as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Debra Caspi

Deputy City Attorney

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