

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Business and Tax Regulations Code - Administration of Vacancy Tax]

Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to add provisions to administer the Vacancy Tax.

Existing Law

Existing law provides for the administration of most of the City's taxes. These administrative provisions include definitions; the Tax Collector's audit and collection authority; filing and payment requirements; rules for refunds and lawsuits; penalty, interest, and citation provisions; and taxpayer confidentiality provisions, among others.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would extend these provisions, as applicable, to the Vacancy Tax, passed by the voters at the March 3, 2020 election. In general, this ordinance would require persons subject to the Vacancy Tax to file annual tax returns and make annual tax remittances to the Tax Collector. In addition, each owner, lessee, and sublessee of ground floor, street-facing commercial space in those neighborhood commercial districts and neighborhood commercial transit districts to which the Vacancy Tax applies would be required to file annual informational returns with the Tax Collector. The annual tax and informational returns and tax remittances would be due on the last day of February following each calendar year for which the Vacancy Tax is imposed.

Background Information

The Vacancy Tax, which originally was effective January 1, 2021, was temporarily suspended through December 31, 2021.

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