



Seattle Tax Advisory Group

Date: Tuesday, September 4th, 2019 10:00 am

Location: Seattle Municipal Tower (700 Fifth Avenue)
40th Floor—Conference Room 4096

Attendees:

Mark Watterson, Tax Audit Manager, City of Seattle
Joseph Cunha, City Tax Administrator, City of Seattle
Kevin Fitzpatrick, FileLocal Program Manager, City of Seattle
Brian Collins, Tax Policy Analyst, City of Seattle

MaryAnne Olmstead, Director of Finance and Accounting, Virginia Mason
Brian Aragon, Indirect Tax Compliance, Amazon
Rachel Le Mieux, Partner, Peterson Sullivan LLP
Dan Robillard, Expedia

Minutes:

FileLocal Update. An update on FileLocal progress was given. FileLocal still has five cities that are looking into joining in 2020. Kevin reviewed the Seattle sign up metrics and 90% of the cities that initial sign up in FileLocal complete the process and go on to file returns. Overall, 70% of users that complete email validation file first tax return in FileLocal. YTD license attachment is around 75% and more license renewals are expected.

Model Ordinance Update (Service Apportionment) Updates. AWC has received written feedback from the AWB concerning the model ordinance. AWC is meeting after this meeting to discuss the feedback. There were some minor presentation/grammatical errors that will be easily rectified. There were some other substantial comments that the AWB recommended that do not affect the ordinance but impact the legislative history/intent. Once the Cities have discussed and are in agreement, the model Ordinance will be posted on the AWC website. We are moving forward with our SMC updates.

Model Rule and Stakeholder Meetings Updates. A Model Rule that incorporates the changes of SHB 1403 has been drafted by a workgroup from the AWC. This Draft Model Rule was posted on the AWCs website yesterday (September 3) for review and comment. A notification was sent out to targeted Seattle Stakeholders for the upcoming stakeholders meeting on September 8th and October 9th. After comments are received from the stakeholder meeting, Seattle will schedule its formal rulemaking hearing. The members of the TAG were on the list of contacted Stakeholders.