

A resolution scheduling a hearing on a Charter amendment ballot measure ordinance to limit property tax increases

Because Clark County Councilors serve as representatives of the Citizens of Clark County whose economic wellbeing, public health, safety and welfare could be affected by excessive property tax increases; and

Because affordable housing is made less affordable by additional property tax increases that could negatively impact senior citizens and others on a fixed income; and

Because stable and reasonably predictable property taxes provide economic stability in contrast to unprecedented, extraordinary, and unanticipated property tax increases; and

Because a vote of the people can provide a means for citizens to authorize higher than normal property tax increases when appropriate; and

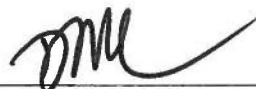
Because Clark County has adopted a Charter that may be amended by a vote of the people if the five member Board of Clark County Councilors, seated in January 2016, approve an ordinance to place a proposed amendment on the November 2016 ballot, now therefore:

BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Clark County Councilors hereby schedules a public hearing on March 22, 2016 at 10am to consider the attached Charter amendment ballot measure ordinance that limits property tax increases unless first approved by a vote of the people.

Signed this 1st day of September, 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
FOR CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON



David Madore, Chair

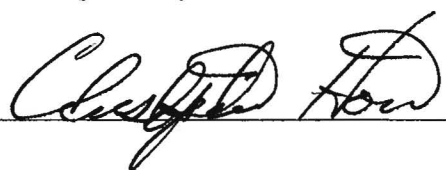
ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Approved as to Form Only
ANTHONY F. GOLIK
Prosecuting Attorney

Tom Mielke, Councilor

By 

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2 **would limit property tax increases**

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17 **Because** Clark County has adopted a Charter that may be amended by a vote of the
18 people after the Board of Clark County Councilors places a proposed amendment on a
19 General Election ballot, now therefore:

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21 **BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS OF**
22 **CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

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24 The Board of Clark County Councilors hereby approves adding the following proposed
25 Charter amendment to the November 2016 General Election ballot:

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27 Total Clark County property tax levy increases in any given fiscal year, including banked
28 capacity, excluding new construction and property improvements, shall not exceed 1%
29 above the previous year's total property tax levy, unless first authorized by a county-
30 wide vote of the people.

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32 **ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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34 (insert signature blocks)