An ordinance to place a Charter amendment on the November 2016 ballot that would 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 after the Board of Clark County Councilors places a proposed amendment on a General Election 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 approves adding the following proposed Charter amendment to the November 2016 General Election ballot:

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

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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