

CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 711

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES; SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO LEVY REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATIONS OF RCW 84.55; SETTING FORTH THE TEXT OF THE BALLOT PROPOSITION; DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO TAKE THOSE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

RECITALS

The City Council (the "Council") of the City of Woodland, Washington (the "City"), makes the following findings:

WHEREAS, Chapter 84.55 of the Revised Code of Washington limits the incremental increase on the amount of regular property taxes to 1% of the highest prior levy amount. This limitation is known as the "levy lid."

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050(2) allows a City to increase the regular property tax levy in amounts exceeding the levy lid. The 1% lid on the levy can be lifted if a City submits the proposition to the voters and the increase is approved by a majority of voters. The proposition shall be at a special election held within the city on the same date as the State general election.

WHEREAS, because the levy lid prevents the City of Woodland from raising sufficient revenue to fund additional police coverage, the City Council finds that it is essential and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare that the City raise additional funds to support law enforcement, specifically, to fund the salaries, benefits and equipment for the hiring of two additional police officers and a police sergeant position and other general police equipment over multiple years.

AND, WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the current revenues available to the City are insufficient to provide for this purpose, and has therefore determined that it is in the interests of the City and its residents to submit a levy lid lift proposition to the voters for their approval or rejection and that, if approved, the final levy will be used to calculate the limits of future levies.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose and Calling of Election.

The City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to submit to the qualified voters of the City, at a special election to be held in conjunction with the State general election on November 5, 2019, a proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levy for collection in 2020 for the exclusive purpose of funding law enforcement services by an

amount greater than otherwise permitted under Chapter 84.55 RCW. If this proposition is approved, the City Council will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, an increase in regular property taxes.

Section 2. Description of Ballot Measure Limited Purpose.

To fulfill the exclusive purpose identified in this resolution, the City Council seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(1) for a permanent levy lid lift. The proposed increase will result in an incremental increase in the regular property tax rate of \$0.6270 of assessed value, for a total estimated levy rate of \$2.4700 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2020. The dollar amount of the levy in 2020, will be \$576,001 and shall be used for the purpose of calculating future levy lid limitations for subsequent levies as provided under Chapter 84.55 RCW. The increased levy amounts shall be used solely to fund additional law enforcement positions and police equipment.

Section 3. Ballot Proposition.

The Auditors of Cowlitz County, Washington, and Clark County, Washington (the "Auditors"), are hereby requested to place on the November 5, 2019 general ballot, in the manner provided by law, a proposition in substantially the following form, subject to confirmation and editing by the Woodland City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071 or per recommendations of the Auditors, so long as the Proposition as edited is consistent with the Council's intent.

The Auditors, as the City's *ex officio* supervisors of Elections, are hereby requested to call and conduct said election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, and submit to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

City of Woodland, Washington

Proposition 1

Levy Lid Lift for Law Enforcement Personnel and Equipment

The Woodland City Council adopted Resolution No. 711 to fund law enforcement. If approved, this proposition will fund the hire of three officers and general police equipment. This proposition authorizes a permanent 2020 regular property tax rate increase of \$0.6270/ \$1,000, for a total levy rate of \$2.4700/ \$1,000 assessed value. The 2020 levy amount shall be used to calculate future levy limits. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes []

No []

Section 4. Notices Relating to Ballot Proposition.

For purposes of receiving from the Auditor notice of the exact language of the ballot proposition required by RCW 29A.36.080, the City Council hereby designates: (a) Peter Boyce, City Administrator, (360) 225-8281, boycep@ci.woodland.wa.us; (b) Mari Ripp, City Clerk-

Treasurer, (360) 225-8281, rippm@ci.woodland.wa.us; and (c) Frank Randolph, City Attorney, (360) 423-5220, randolph@walstead.com, as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided.

Section 5. Authorization to Deliver Ordinance and Perform Other Necessary Duties.

The Clerk (or his/her designee) is authorized and directed, no later than August 6, 2019, to certify a copy of this Resolution and transmit said certified copy to the Cowlitz County Auditor and Clark County Auditor and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end, including but not limited to the Resolution Cover Sheet and other relevant materials, that the proposition described in this resolution should appear on the November 5, 2019 ballot.

Section 6. Severability.

If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions, or of the levy or collection of the taxes authorized herein.

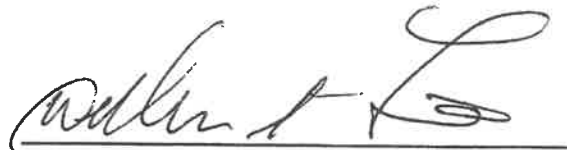
Section 7. Effective Date.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2019.

CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON

Approved:




William A. Finn, Mayor

Attest:



Mari E. Ripp, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form only:



Frank F. Randolph, City Attorney