

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
STATING ITS INTENTION TO CHANGE THE OLYMPIA PARKING AND BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA ASSESSMENT RATE AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE
HEARING ON SUCH RATE CHANGE**

WHEREAS, RCW chapter 35.87A permits municipalities to create parking and business improvement areas to “aid general economic development and neighborhood revitalization, and to facilitate the cooperation of merchants, businesses, and residential property owners which assists trade, economic viability and livability”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this authority, the Olympia Parking and Business Improvement Area (“PBIA”) was established by the City Council in November, 2005, by Ordinance No. 6375, in order to provide funding for various programs for improving downtown parking, a clean and safe program to make downtown cleaner and more welcoming and to improve the public’s perception of safety, to provide for streetscape beautification, clean-up, public arts programs, way finding signs, and administration and staff support, a business recruitment and retention program, and a commercial marketing program; and

WHEREAS, a levy of special assessments, applicable to businesses within the boundaries of the PBIA, was adopted to finance the programs of the PBIA and, with some modifications over the years, have been imposed on businesses within the PBIA every year since the PBIA was established except for 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is common for municipal ordinances that establish parking and business improvement district programs to have a renewal or recertification clause that triggers a periodic program review, either through a full recertification/re-petitioning process, a “sunset” provision, or a required action by the municipal legislative body to renew the program; the ordinance that established Olympia’s PBIA, Ordinance No. 6375, included language to this effect, but it was removed by Council action in 2010 (Ordinance No. 6721); and

WHEREAS, City Finance Department staff estimate that the PBIA fund balance will be approximately \$80,000 to begin 2026; and

WHEREAS, the PBIA Advisory Board reached a consensus in December 2024 to evaluate the program for 2025; as of October 2025, PBIA has selected a contractor to perform that evaluation, with project completion happening in February 2026; leading to a consensus and recommendation that 2026 is a program evaluation/implementation year, in which a levy rate of \$0 should be charged to businesses within the PBIA boundaries to allow time to relaunch a revamped PBIA; and

WHEREAS, the proposed levy to keep the rate of \$0 charged to businesses within the PBIA boundaries for 2026, while the evaluation/implementation takes place; and

WHEREAS, under RCW 35.87A.140, any change in parking and business improvement area assessment rate must be approved by the legislative body of the municipality; prior to such approval, the legislative body must adopt a resolution on intention to change the rate and then must hold a hearing on the

proposed rate change, which must be held not fewer than 15 days following adoption of the resolution announcing the change;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

1. The Olympia City Council hereby intends to set the PBIA assessment rate for 2026 to \$0.
2. December 16, 2025, at 6:00PM, or thereafter as stated upon the City Council's agenda, at the Olympia City Council Chambers, 610 4th Ave E, Olympia, Washington, is set as the time and place for the hearing on the proposed rate change, such date being not fewer than 15 days after the passage of this Resolution.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY