

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE FEBRUARY 13, 2018, SPECIAL ELECTION, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT PURSUANT TO RCW 82.14.530 TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING AND HOUSING-RELATED SERVICES.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings and Determinations. The following recitals are hereby adopted as legislative findings and determinations made by the City Council of the City of Olympia (the "Council"). The Council makes the following findings and determinations:

- a. The City has a critical need for additional funding to provide housing and housing-related services for the homeless, or persons in danger of being homeless.
- b. Housing affordability and homelessness is a growing problem in Thurston County and the City of Olympia which requires prompt attention to reduce human suffering for vulnerable populations of our citizens.
- c. Many of the region's most vulnerable homeless end up on the streets of downtown Olympia without access to basic needs of safe housing, reliable food sources, and medical or mental health services.
- d. Thurston County coordinated entry providers have developed a vulnerability index tool to help define and prioritize use of City funds.
- e. Vulnerable persons are defined as persons that are susceptible to reduced or impaired health, housing, financial or social stability outcomes because of current experience or historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination, disability, chronic illness, and/or systemic barriers.
- f. Downtown Olympia serves as the service hub for many county-wide homeless services, and has increasingly been impacted by the growing number of homeless, many of whom have untreated mental illness or substance abuse issues.
- g. The City's recently completed Downtown Strategy revealed homelessness as the leading concern for the viability of Olympia's downtown area.
- h. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction reports that for the 2015-2016 school year that 444 students in local school districts were identified as homeless.
- i. The Olympia City Council formed the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability in February 2017 to study, review and take public input on issues relating to homelessness and other critical housing related services.
- j. RCW 82.14.530(1)(b)(i) provides that if a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or less has not imposed the full tax rate under RCW 82.14.530(1)(a) of a sales and use tax not to exceed one-tenth of one percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used in the case of a use tax, then any city legislative authority located in that county may submit an authorizing proposition to the city voters at a special or general election authorizing a sales and use tax increase of not

more than one-tenth of one percent, provided that a minimum of sixty (60) percent of the moneys collected under RCW 82.14.530 be used for the following purposes:

- (i) Constructing affordable housing, which may include new units of affordable housing within an existing structure, and facilities providing housing-related services; or
- (ii) Constructing mental and behavioral health-related facilities; or
- (iii) Funding the operations and maintenance costs of new units of affordable housing and facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or newly constructed evaluation and treatment centers; and that the affordable housing and facilities providing housing-related programs in (a)(i) above may only be provided to persons within any of the following population groups whose income is at or below sixty (60) percent of the median income of the county wherein the city imposing the tax is located:
 - a. Persons with mental illness;
 - b. Veterans;
 - c. Senior citizens;
 - d. Homeless, or at-risk being homeless, families with children;
 - e. Unaccompanied homeless youth or young adults;
 - f. Persons with disabilities; or
 - g. Domestic violence survivors.

The remainder of the moneys collected under RCW 82.14.530 must be used for the operation, delivery, or evaluation of mental and behavioral health treatment programs and services or housing-related services.

- k. The legislative authority of the city imposing the tax has the authority to issue general obligation or revenue bonds within the limitations now or hereafter prescribed by the laws of this state, and may use, and is authorized to pledge, up to fifty (50) percent of the moneys collected under this section for repayment of such bonds, in order to finance the provision or construction of affordable housing, facilities where housing-related programs are provided, or evaluation and treatment centers described in RCW 82.14.530(2)(a)(iii) and no more than ten (10) percent of the moneys collected under RCW 82.14.530 may be used to supplant existing local funds.
- l. The City Council is seeking new revenue dedicated to providing affordable housing and housing-related services as provided by RCW 82.14.530.
- m. The City Council determines that it is in the best interest of the City and promotes the health, safety and welfare of its residents to submit to the voters a proposition authorizing the one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax pursuant to RCW 82.14.530.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Housing and Housing-related Services Sales and Use Tax. The Council directs the submission of a proposition to the voters of the City substantially as set forth in this Resolution to authorize the City to impose pursuant to RCW 82.14.530 a Sales and Use Tax of one-tenth of one percent to create the "Olympia Home Fund."

SECTION 3. Use of Tax Proceeds. If approved, a minimum of sixty (60) percent of the moneys collected under RCW 82.14.530 shall be used for the housing and housing-related purposes as defined in RCW 82.14.530(2)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii), and the remainder of the moneys collected shall be used for the operation, delivery, or evaluation of mental and behavioral health treatment programs and services or housing-related services as required by RCW 82.14.530(2)(c). The City shall use

the regional coordinated entry system, to the extent it exists, as a primary tool to prioritize, aid and assist the most vulnerable populations and persons as is consistent with state law.

SECTION 4. Calling of Election. The City Council requests that the Thurston County Auditor call and conduct a special election in the City, in the manner provided by law, to be held therein on February 13, 2018, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City, for their approval or rejection, the question of whether or not the City shall impose the additional Sales and Use Tax permitted by RCW 82.14.530. If such proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the City shall be authorized to impose the additional Sales and Use Tax and to use the revenues as authorized by this Resolution.

SECTION 5. Ballot Proposition. The City Clerk/Treasurer is authorized and directed to certify, no later than December 15, 2017, to the Thurston County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in the City, a copy of this Resolution and the proposition to be submitted at that election in the form of ballot title prepared by the City Attorney pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, as follows:

**CITY OF OLYMPIA
PROPOSITION NO. 1**

The City Council of the City of Olympia adopted Resolution No. _____ concerning a sales and use tax increase pursuant to RCW 82.14.530. If approved, this proposition would authorize the City to impose an additional sales and use tax of 0.1%, as permitted by state law. The City's proceeds shall be used for the Olympia Home Fund to construct affordable and supportive housing and housing-related purposes, including mental and behavioral health-related facilities, and for costs for operations, maintenance, delivery, and evaluation of mental health programs and services, or housing-related services, as allowed by RCW 82.14.530. Should the proposition be:

APPROVED
REJECTED

For purposes of receiving notice of any matters related to the ballot title, as provided in RCW 29A.36.080, the Council hereby designates its City Attorney as the person to whom such notice shall be provided.

SECTION 6. General Authorization. The proper City officials are authorized to perform such duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the question of whether or not the additional Sales and Use Tax shall be submitted to the voters.

SECTION 7. Authorization for Publication and Distribution of Local Voters' Pamphlet. In accord with RCW 29A.32.210, the Olympia City Council authorizes the publication and distribution by the Thurston County Auditor of a Local Voters' Pamphlet for the foregoing ballot proposition at a special election to be conducted on February 13, 2018.

SECTION 8. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be severable from the remaining provisions of this Resolution, and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 9. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage as provided by law.

SECTION 10. Ratification. Any action taken consistent with the authority of this Resolution, after its passage but prior to the effective date, is ratified, approved, and confirmed.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING this _____ day of October, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY