

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX AMOUNT AND THE AMOUNT OF INCREASE FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2021.

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council held a public hearing on November 10, 2020, to consider the City of Olympia ad valorem tax levy for 2021 collections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after the hearing and after duly considering all relevant evidence and testimony presented, has determined that the City of Olympia requires an increase in property tax revenue from the previous year, in addition to the increase resulting from additions of new construction and improvements to property, areas added by annexation, and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, in order to discharge the expected expenses and obligations of the City in its best interest; and

WHEREAS, the City issued bonds to pay for a Fire Station, Fire Training Facility, and Equipment, such bonds approved by voters in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City has a need for an additional \$25,643.79 for public safety, law enforcement, policy training and recruitment, code enforcements, mental health, Community Court service and other general governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has been advised by the Thurston County Treasurer that the City of Olympia is eligible for a refund levy of \$183,382.43 related to the general levy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has been advised by the Thurston County Treasurer that the City of Olympia is eligible for a refund levy of \$15,856.45 related to the Fire Station bond levy; and

WHEREAS, although the City may wish to levy taxes for the year in an amount less than the maximum allowed under its legal levy limit, future levy capacity shall be protected as provided for in RCW 84.55.092, calculated in future years as though the maximum lawful levy amount allowed by the levy limit had been levied, as set forth in WAC 458-19-065; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed a resolution finding substantial need to levy the ad valorem tax above the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to certify the amount to be raised by taxation on assessed valuation with the clerk of the county legislative authority by November 30, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A \$215,438.17 increase in the regular property tax levy is hereby authorized for levy amounts to be collected in 2020, which is an increase of 1.1351135% from the previous year.

This is exclusive of additional revenue resulting from new construction, improvements to property, any increase in the value of state assessed property, and any annexations that have occurred and refunds made.

Section 2. There is hereby fixed as the amount of property tax collections necessary to raise an amount equal to the estimated expenditures less the total estimated revenue from all sources other than ad valorem taxation, the following sum:

OLYMPIA	AMOUNT
General Expense Levy (Regular Property Tax Levy)	\$19,426,110.38
Administrative Refund Levy, General Expense Levy	<u>\$183,382.43</u>
Subtotal General Expenses Levy	\$19,609,492.81
Excess Levy (Fire Station Bonds)	\$1,047,500.00
Administrative Refund Levy, Excess Levy	<u>\$15,856.45</u>
Subtotal Excess Levy	\$1,063,356.45
Grand Total	\$20,672,849.26

Section 3. On or before November 30, 2020, the City Clerk shall file with the Clerk of the Thurston County Board of Commissioners a certified estimate of the total amount to be raised by the ad valorem tax levied herein on property within the City of Olympia.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or application of the provisions to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

Section 5. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication, as provided by law.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber

CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED:

APPROVED:

PUBLISHED: