

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR
THE OLYMPIA HOME FUND.**

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is a noncharter code city organized and existing under the Optional Municipal Code in Title 35A RCW, and possesses all the rights, privileges and powers granted thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the City has a critical need for housing and housing-related services for the homeless, or persons in danger of being homeless; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council recognizes that 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; and

WHEREAS, 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, including administration and planning; and

WHEREAS, the City Council had initially considered asking voters to impose a property tax levy in accord with RCW 84.52.105 to fund housing and housing-related services for the homeless or persons in danger of being homeless, which statute requires that prior to collecting a property tax levy for affordable housing that a community must adopt an Administrative and Financial Plan that indicates generally how the funds from such a tax measure will be used; and

WHEREAS, at a City Council meeting on June 20, 2017, the Olympia City Council directed staff to prepare a resolution outlining the City Council's intent to consider placing a sales and use tax ballot measure on the Special Election ballot in February 2018 for housing and housing-related services, providing that Thurston County did not invoke its authority to do so pursuant to RCW 82.14.530 on or before October 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017, the Olympia City Council adopted Resolution No. M-1887 recognizing the regional need for housing and housing-related services for the homeless and persons in danger of being homeless, and that the Council would monitor whether Thurston County would exercise its statutory authority by October 9, 2017 to place a ballot proposition before the county's voters as provided in RCW 82.14.530, and if not, then the Olympia City Council would consider placing a ballot proposition before the City's voters as to whether the City's sales and use tax should be increased by one-tenth of one percent for housing and housing-related services at a special election to be conducted in February 2018; and

WHEREAS, although an Administrative and Financial Plan is not required by RCW 82.14.530, the Olympia City Council believes such a plan is prudent and necessary to a successful program for housing and housing-related services; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council has reviewed the Administrative and Financial Plan as proposed by the Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Housing Affordability, and as prepared with City staff's assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative and Financial Plan generally sets out how the funds for housing and housing-related services will be used by the Olympia Home Fund and how the program will be operated, in advance of the voters' consideration of the sales and use tax ballot measure in February 2018 that would create the Olympia Home Fund, if approved by the City's voters; and

WHEREAS, at a Study Session of the Olympia City Council on October 17, 2017, the Council reviewed the draft of the Administrative and Financial Plan, and provided comments and direction to staff to prepare and bring forward a revised final draft reflecting the Council's instructions;

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

1. That the Olympia City Council hereby adopts and approves the Administrative and Financial Plan for the proposed Olympia Home Fund.
2. That said Administrative and Financial Plan shall be used in connection with the Olympia Home Fund, should the City's voters approve a ballot measure to be presented at a Special Election on February 13, 2018, concerning whether to increase the City's sales and use tax by one-tenth of one percent to use for housing and housing-related services, as provided by RCW 82.14.530.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 24th day of October, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY