

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,  
RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING EMERGENCY ACTIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER TO  
TEMPORARILY LOWER THE PARKING AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (PBIA)  
ASSESSMENTS FOR 2021 AND EXTENDING THE DUE DATE FOR PAYMENT OF THE 2020  
AND 2021 PBIA ASSESSMENTS TO HELP MITIGATE THE SEVERE ECONOMIC IMPACT DUE  
TO THE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Olympia City Council enacted Ordinance No. 7233 declaring a state of public health emergency, and that the Olympia City Council will take all actions within its powers and resources to protect the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens and businesses of the City of Olympia during the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic to mitigate the consequences of the illness and public health emergency taking place and to maintain essential public services such as police, fire, public works and public utilities such as water and solid waste collection; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 7233 found that the significant public health and safety issues for the City of Olympia and its citizens, residents and businesses necessitates urgent actions to mitigate the risks and threat to public health and safety and the City's economy caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council declared a continuing state of public health emergency by enacting Ordinance No. 7246 on June 16, 2020, Ordinance No. 7248 on September 15, 2020, and Ordinance No. 7266 on December 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, OMC 3.62.030 levies an annual special assessment on downtown businesses to fund the Parking and Business Improvement Area (PBIA), which funds support the PBIA's mission to assist in creating a vibrant, dynamic business environment and enhancing the reality and perception of downtown by visitors, residents and business owners; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the effort to mitigate the severe economic impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses within the PBIA boundaries were granted a deferral of 2020 PBIA assessments, in accordance with the City's emergency declaration; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 2021 PBIA assessments will come at a difficult time for many; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2021, under the authority granted by Ordinance No. 7233 and as extended by Ordinance Nos. 7246, 7248 and 7266, the City Manager authorized reduction of the 2021 PBIA assessments by 44% based on a staff proposal that funds the PBIA Ambassador Program with year-end reserves, which will offset the reduced 2021 assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, by supplementing the PBIA's 2021 budget with year-end reserves and temporarily reducing the annual assessment rates, Council can relieve financial strain on Downtown businesses;

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

**Section 1.** The City Manager, pursuant to his emergency authority under Ordinance No. 7266, has directed the 2021 Parking and Business Improvement Area assessments be reduced by 44%, and has extended the due date of the 2020 and 2021 PBIA assessments to March 31, 2021.

**Section 2.** The Olympia City Council hereby ratifies and confirms the emergency actions of the City Manager already taken to lower the 2021 PBIA assessments by 44% and extend the due date of the 2020 and 2021 PBIA assessments to March 31, 2021.

**Section 3.** Further, the Olympia City Council also ratifies and confirms the emergency action of the City Manager pursuant to Ordinance No. 7266 to supplement the PBIA's 2021 budget with City year-end reserves to temporarily reduce PBIA annual assessment rates in accord with deferring collection of said assessments to March 31, 2021.

**PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber  
CITY ATTORNEY