

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON,
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE PROPOSITION NO.
1 LEVY LID LIFT, TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ELECTORATE AT AN ELECTION TO
BE HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2021**

WHEREAS, Thurston County Medic One Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift will be presented to the voters at an election on August 3, 2021, with the following official Ballot title:

THURSTON COUNTY MEDIC ONE
PROPOSITION NO. 1
LEVY LID LIFT

The Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County adopted Ordinance No. 16014 concerning property taxes for Medic One emergency medical care and services. This proposition would increase the 2022 regular property tax levy for emergency medical care and services to \$0.35/\$1,000 of assessed value (approximately \$0.06 increase); set the limit factor for calculating levy rates in each of the years 2023 through 2027 at 107%, or approximately \$0.03/\$1,000 per year; provide that the levy for 2027 would be used to compute limits on levies after 2027 under chapter 84.55 RCW; and exempt eligible senior veterans and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County, Washington has determined that it is in the interest of Thurston County to raise additional funds for Medic One emergency medical services essential to the public health, life, and property of its residents; and

WHEREAS, RCW 84.55.050(2) provides for the levy of regular property taxes in an amount exceeding the limitations specified in chapter 84.55 RCW, if such increased levy is authorized by a ballot proposition approved by a majority of the voters at a primary or general election held within the taxing district (a "levy lid lift"); and

WHEREAS, if approved, this proposition would authorize Thurston County to increase the County's regular property tax levy for Medic One emergency care and services in 2022 from the current amount of \$0.289 to \$0.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, with an increase computed annually by applying a limit factor of 107% each year, or approximately \$0.03 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year, for the years 2023 through 2027; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County Proposition No. 1 exempts qualified seniors, veterans, and disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that Medic One supports a comprehensive County-wide tiered emergency management system, which includes 12 fire departments, two ambulance companies, two hospitals, and approximately 700 providers, and serves over 291,000 people across 727 square miles; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 permits the City Council to take a position on a ballot measure at an open public meeting so long as notice of the meeting includes the ballot title and number of the ballot measure, and that those expressing an opposing view are afforded an approximately equal opportunity to express an opinion at a public hearing prior to action by the City Council;

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

Section 1. The Olympia City Council hereby expresses its support of Thurston County Medic One Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift to be presented to the electorate at the election on August 3, 2021.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage by the City Council.

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this _____ day of _____ 2021.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mark Barber
CITY ATTORNEY